

SCEF APPROVES MORE THAN \$18,000 IN GRANTS

We are awarding a total of \$18,591.27 in grants for this school year. Despite not being able to have our annual cocktail part/auction, we are able to fund these grants with the generous support of our community through the years. These grants will reach a large population of students in the South Country School District.

2020 – 2021 HYBRID GRANTS

CEED GRANT

Art & Nature Group Inc. dba CEED

Sally Wellinger- Executive Director for Center for Environmental Education and Discovery

\$2,000.00

This request is to partially cover 10 programs by CEED. The rest of each grant will be covered by CEED. Some can be virtual but many are hands on or outside hikes and field trips. The teacher would apply to CEED, only one program will be offered per class unless less than 10 teachers request programs. Once a program is requested, CEED will provide the program proposal and once accepted by the teacher, an agreement will be given to the district along with an invoice that shows the cost was covered by the grant and/or CEED.

PLT4M FITNESS PLATFORM

Charles Maragioglio

Bellport High School

\$1,000.00

PLT4M is an online fitness platform that offers high school students an online curriculum that can be used on a phone, tablet or chrome book. They would have access to online courses and modules, videos and workouts. They will be able to input their results and they will be assessed by the teacher.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

Tracy Kellerman, Aimee Iulucci, Kelly Scott

Bellport High School

\$750.00

Every week, a homeroom class will be picked at random. Everyone in that homeroom will earn a prize. A trivia question will be asked and students with a correct answer will earn BHS gear from the school store, privilege passes, snacks, etc.

EXPANDING MULTICULTURALISM THROUGH A VIRTUAL TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

Jessica Weinberg

Brookhaven Elementary School

\$500.00

All students in grades K-3 would be able to travel around the world and become virtually immersed in a variety of cultures and topics. Teachers in all disciplines can find ways to build the background knowledge of their students through the use of interactive videos and research.

HOLOCAUST VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

Stephanie Factor

Bellport High School

\$1,200.00

After completing the reading of the book "Night" and other literature about the Holocaust, the students will take a virtual field trip with the Long Island Holocaust Museum where students will speak with and hear about stories of survival during the Holocaust. The second part of the grant is to pay for books for ENL students at various reading levels, about topics of interest to high school students.

KIVA CHALLENGE

Andrew Budris

Bellport High School

\$2,000.00

This is a continuing project that we supported for the past two years. It is a problem-based learning project that involves students researching the challenges associated with living in developing countries. Groups of students from the entire 9th grade will select a Kiva applicant and create a persuasive project for their classmates with the goal of winning the opportunity to loan actual grant money to their applicant.

3RD GRADEN SQUARE 1 TILE WALL

Kiara Braithwaite

Kreamer Street Elementary

\$895.00

Students will create personal ceramic tiles. They will be grouted and displayed on the walls of Kreamer Street Elementary. Student learning will be about art and about leaving a legacy.

POETRY ALIVE

Colleen Oates-Robesch – BHS Librarian

Bellport High School

\$990.00

This grant will fund three assembly shows presented via Google Meet during a single school day. Each show can accommodate 200-400 students in school and is for 35 minutes. This will be virtual. They are high-energy shows with two professional performers. The poems, memorized and performed theatrically, are found in popular textbooks and anthologies. They can visit individual classrooms to work directly with smaller groups.

INTERACTIVE STEM SCIENCE EQUIPMENT

William Corbett, Aimee Iulucci

Bellport High School

\$1,900.00

The equipment to be purchased is for two classrooms. It includes (2) Zoom H1n Portable Recorder, new Apple iPad 128gb 10-2, Ipevo v4k dual mode document camera, (2) Microsoft lifecam studio 1080pHS webcam. These will assist with upgrading education for students learning remotely.

PLAY WITH A PURPOSE

Krista Albrecht

Bellport High School

\$864.00

The grant would provide programs for students with moderate to severe disabilities a chance to build confidence while mastering skills through play. From basic sound and number identification, all through making independent living decisions. The presentation of the materials in a game format helps to keep learners' attention encouraging progression through skills. The school district already subscribes to some of these programs. The 9 licenses will be distributed to three teachers at Kreamer Street, one teacher at FPL, one teacher at BMS and four teachers at BHS.

ENRICHING SCIENCE PROJECT BASED LEARNING

Krista Albrecht, Tracy Kellerman, Charles Valentine

Bellport High School

\$1,692.72

This is a collaboration between the science, Life Skills, and 8:1:3 programs. This project will include multiple units of study on an appropriate level for 20 students with moderate to significant disabilities at Bellport High School. Activities such as Volcano discovery, Magnet Fun, Global Challenges, Electricity Lab, Specimen study, Magnification, Force and Motion, Science Truth or Myth and Chemistry Lab.

ADAPTIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT

Justin White

Bellport High School

\$2,000.00

This grant will be for adaptive equipment for students with disabilities enrolled in the 12:1:1 Life Skills program. Adaptive physical education is a specially designed program of developmental activities, games, sports, and rhythms suited to the interests, capacities, and limitations of students with disabilities who may not safely or successfully engage in unrestricted participation in the activities of the regular physical education program.

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS WITH CEED

Jane Quatralo

Bellport High School

\$1,000.00

A collaboration between the Life Skills, 8:1:3 programs and CEED Farm where 20 students will learn about their local environment, food chains, and their effect on the surrounding areas through presentations, workshops and virtual field trips.

ENGAGING EXPERIENCES IN A VIRTUAL YEAR

Ellen Hoffman

Bellport High School

\$600.00

This grant is for two virtual field trips for Honors College English classes affiliated with LI University. American Literature will have the opportunity to watch a Zoom production of "Moby Dick" and includes a talk back with the cast and director. World Literature will take a virtual field trip to the Holocaust Museum in DC. They will have a question and answer session with a Holocaust survivor.

ERGO TABLE TOP DESKS

Alyce Smith, Mary Petitt

Frank P. Long Intermediate School

\$1,199.50

One classroom at FPL will receive 25 Ergo Table Top Desks to be used virtually to improve working on their computers at a more ergonomic level as well as choose to sit or stand behind their desk while working by adjusting the desktop to a comfort level. These table top desks remain in school and they will become the property of the South Country Central School District.