

SCEF Grants - Spring 2005

The South Country Education Foundation is pleased to announce the grant winners for 2005. Ten grants to fund innovative programs and projects to benefit students in the South Country School District are being awarded. These grants, totaling over twenty-three thousand dollars will fund educational initiatives both in the district schools and in the surrounding community. These funds have been raised by generous donations to the foundation from community members, alumni, and local nonprofit organizations. Congratulations to all recipients.

“SEQ (STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY) PAST AND PRESENT” Sponsored by Dan O'Connor at Bellport High School. This two-phase project will trace the history of this club by the students through research, interviews of past leaders, picture taking and finally the publication of its findings for distribution to libraries and organizations.

“CARMANS RIVER MARITIME CENTER BOAT BUILDING PROJECT” Sponsored by Ralph Maust. A community based organization seeking to involve parent/child teams building kayaks while fostering closer ties between adult and child.

“THE SATURDAY LEARNING ACADEMY” Sponsored by Gabrielle Coyne, Crista Hasler, and Tim Maher at Bellport Middle School. Using 24 students (8 each grade) this Saturday morning program will motivate struggling students to improve achievement.

“GO WILD! READ! Parents As Reading Partners (PARP)” Sponsored by Kreamer St. Elementary PTA, Carolyn MacLellan PTA President at Kreamer St. Elementary School. By reading 15 minutes a day, the program will encourage parents, teachers, and students in grades K-3 to work together to make reading fun and to promote reading as an enjoyable lifelong activity.

“THREE 3rd GRADE THEMATIC MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY DAYS (1. FALL HARVEST DAY, 2. GOODBYE WINTER-HELLO SPRING DAY, 3. PIONEER DAY)” Sponsored by Susan Cook, Margie Siegmund, Heather Veitch, Sandy Winslow, Jackie Reduto, and Erica Whitenack at Verne W. Critz Elementary School. Using parent volunteers, teachers and students of the entire 3rd grade on thematic days, various activities are incorporated into the curriculum that fosters learning, cooperation, and fun.

“THE GARDEN CLUB” Sponsored by Peter C. Cisek at Frank P. Long Intermediate School. This year's project is to surround the newly located outdoor concert area with gardens that not only enhance the beauty of the courtyard but also involve the entire school community.

“THE WOODWORKERS CLUB” Sponsored by Peter C. Cisek at Frank P. Long Intermediate School. In this club the children work on various projects, building birdhouses, sitting benches etc. while learning important skills of measurement, mathematic, hand manipulations, and much more.

“PARENTING SKILL WORKSHOP” Sponsored by Pegi Orsino, Director at Family Support Center. This is an 8-week series of 2-hour parenting skills workshops to yield stronger families and students in our community. Participation will be limited to 25-30 parents.

“CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH APRIL 2006” Sponsored by Jayne Johnsen-Seeberger and Helaine Goldberg at Bellport High School. Using an interdisciplinary and diverse advertising campaign and activities to promote and tie several literary events and ideas together during the 2006 National Library Week (4/2-4/8/2006) and National School Library Media Month (April). It will highlight the artistic talents of the high school students enrolled in the classes "Intro to Advertising & Design" or "Digital Imaging" who will create original Posters and Bookmarks on the 2006 NY State Summer Reading theme.