

Grant Awards - 2006 Fall

For the second year running, the South Country Education Foundation has issued grants **totaling more than \$11,000** during a special Fall Grant Program. Grant monies have been awarded for projects enhancing many areas of study including mathematics, reading, art and science. The newly funded projects:

Strapless Heart Monitors and Video

Grant Amount: \$996.22

Trudi Milan

12 strapless heart monitors and a video for high school students participating in the Dance Dance Revolution program funded by the SCEF last year. Dance Dance Revolution encourages student fitness through an exciting dance program. The monitors will be used by students as they track their physical progress and fitness while performing 30 minute dance routines.

Math Olympics

Grant Amount: \$923.94

Aimee Volk, Connie Havens, Lisa Nabi

Fourth and fifth graders will participate in an Olympic-style event that judges skills in measurement, estimation and special reasoning. The grant money will be used to provide supplies and awards.

Character Counts Program

Grant Award: \$1,000

Michelle Procida

The grant will be used to purchase materials through the Josephson Institute of Ethics for use at the Brookhaven Elementary School. The Character Counts Program promotes ethical behaviors that are universal and non-discriminatory.

Character Counts Reading Bags

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Shelley Tooker/SDM

Students at the Verne W. Critz School will benefit from this grant that supplies each grade level classroom with one "Character Education Bag" that includes books, activities and writing supplies that relate to the district's Character Education Program.

Dance Around the World

Grant Amount: \$932

Linda Freiband

The Foundation is funding two separate assemblies at the Verne W. Critz Elementary School where students will learn about dance in other parts of the world. The object of the program is to create a deeper understanding among students of diversity and an awareness of global differences. This program is an adjunct to the district's character education program.

Project Rainforest

Grant Amount: \$800

Debra Poore

Film, music, puppets and scientific illustration will be employed to take students at the Verne W. Critz Elementary School on a multi-sensory journey through the endangered rainforest. The foundation is funding two assemblies.

SADD Conference

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Diane Coleman

The Foundation funding along with other funds will send two students to a summer conference for Students Against Drunk Driving. The Bellport High School students will participate in programs designed to develop leadership skills for SADD officers.

Wildlife Theater

Grant Amount: \$750

Aimee Volk

The Wildlife Conservation Society and the New York Zoos have created an interactive performance in which students explore the interdependence of plants and animals. Fourth graders at the Frank P. Long School will benefit from this grant.

'Be the Change' Assembly

Grant Amount: \$895

Bellport Middle School SDM Team

This assembly will be offered to Middle School students as part of the Character Education Week program planned at that school. Students will be encouraged to strive toward exemplary behavior.

Visiting Author

Grant Amount: \$900

Frank P. Long Reading Department

Frank P. Long students will meet author Ray Negron ("The Boy of Steel"). The program is designed to encourage students to make connections with literature through contact with an author.

Science Club

Grant Amount: \$780

Sharyn Plotnick & Matthew Gualtieri

Twelve Middle School Science Club members will have their entrance fees, experimental supplies and uniforms provided through this grant from the Foundation. The students will enter the Science Olympics and the Brookhaven National Laboratory Science Bowl where they will compete in events such as constructing a balloon launch glider, tower building and a fuel cell car.

Asian Brush Painting

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Juliette Marotta

A visiting artist will instruct Bellport High School art students in Asian Brush Painting. Approximately 65 students will benefit from this program which will focus on watercolor landscapes as well as Asian philosophy and culture.

Jazz Night

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Tim Hogan