

Fall 2012 Grants: Technology, Math magicians, Field trips and more...

Some students will be encouraged to “act like math magicians.” Others will explore a museum in New York City. And, staying closer to home, a timely field trip to Montauk Point will help students see first hand the results of the ocean’s erosion. These are just a few of the exciting, innovative programs approved in the 2012 fall grant cycle.

A Click is Worth a Thousand Words

Lisa Nabi, Joseph Tortora
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$1,998.21

Instant assessment of student progress is the goal of this grant. The grant will pay for software and 32 SMART Response remotes to be used with SMART boards already in classrooms. The benefits include exposure to new technology, rapid assessment of student program and a reduction in the costs for paper and toner.

A Journey through Erosion: Montauk’s Lighthouse

Aimee Volk, Eileen White,
Suzanne Olivotti-Dodge,
Donna Warshaw, Joe Tortora
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$1,275.04

Students will study erosion at the Montauk Lighthouse. The grant pays for two buses, student admissions and adult admissions. The grant will come at the conclusion of a unit on erosion. Students will learn how air and water break down the earth’s minerals resulting in erosion. The field trip will include a visit to the museum, tower and beach.

Think Like a Star! Act Like a Magician!

Shawana Vega
Kremer Street Elementary School
\$602.56

Math fluency for challenged students is the goal of this grant. The concept is to provide math games that students can take home or to the school math center to improve skills. Students will be allowed to sign out math games on topics such as measurement, telling time and word problems. The funding request is for an assortment of games and markers.

Functional Community Life-Skills Learning Experience

Danielle Aiello, Lorine Nolan,
Michelle Dunn, Jennifer Samin,
Jen Tully
Kremer Street Elementary,
Frank P. Long Intermediate,
Bellport Middle School
\$2,000.00

Five classes for students with multiple disabilities will travel to a supermarket, restaurant, theater and other settings as part of a life-skills curriculum that is geared to foster language and communication skills and also help students make a concrete connection between classroom learning and hands-on experience. The grant pays for bus transportation to the various locations and for admission fees and food.

Students Instantly Respond: SMART Response Interactive

Tracy Behl
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$1689.21

This grant will fund the purchases of two dozen “clickers” for existing SMART boards. This technology increases spontaneity and interest in the daily classroom setting. These sets of clickers can be used by several special education classes at a time, as these class sizes are smaller. The goal is to improve individual achievement and comprehension.

The Junkman and His Junk Music

Eric Roeske
Bellport High School
\$1,000.00

Renowned percussionist/composer Donald Knaack, known as “The Junkman,” will work with Bellport High School students for two days in a workshop designed to create an original composition to be performed on instruments made from “junk” or other recycled materials. The two-day residency includes classrooms workshops concluding with an assembly concert at the high school.

American Museum of Natural History Field Trip

William Corbett
Bellport High School
\$2,000

Honors and Regents Earth Science students will visit the American Museum of Natural History in New York. As part of a technological component of the trip, students will report and record their observations, presenting them to the class upon their return. Approximately 75 students will participate. The grant will pay for museum admission, and transportation.

Readers Become Leaders

Nicole O’Leary, Becky Huey,
Kimberly Gosselin
Brookhaven Elementary School
\$1,470.59

This grant addresses the needs of remedial reading students at Brookhaven Elementary School. The grant will be used to purchase “guided reading books” that are designed to assist students in reading more complex text.

Fostering a Love of Reading

Stephanie Pirozzi
Kremer Street Elementary School
\$668.12

This grant provides for the purchase of more than 50 books that are considered to be highly engaging and thus will help instill a love of reading. The books will be used during “read-a-louds”, small group instruction and independent practice.

A View into a New World: SMART Cameras

Donna Warshaw
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$1,398.00

This grant is for the purchase of two SMART Document Cameras for use in Cluster B. The cameras enable teachers to project information from a hard copy, such as a newspaper story, to the SMART board in seconds. The cameras will be used primarily in the fifth grade classes but may be signed out to other classes when not in use. This equipment will improve spontaneity during classroom lessons as well as improving attention.

Dance Lessons

Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area
\$2,000.00

The Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area is seeking funds to continue a successful dance lesson program. The ten week session is for children between the ages of five and 12 and will run twice weekly. Participants will learn ballet, jazz and hip hop. They will also work on posture, balance, coordination, turns, jumps and rhythms.