

GRANTS TOP \$21,700 IN THE 2019 SCEF WINTER GRANT CYCLE

With the grants awarded in the 2019 SCEF Winter Grant Cycle, BHS students learned about microloans, attended the Virtual Enterprise International Youth Business Summit, and organized field trips for immigrant students to NYC. Frank P. Long students learned about art and music from visiting artist, Efen Andaluz, took virtual reality field trips, and used technology to think critically and creatively! The Elementary school students had opportunities to attend a theatre production, learn about science through bubbles, explore ecosystems and animal adaptations on a boat tour, work on their STEAM skills, learn about Hispanic heritage through dance, visit the Suffolk County Farm, and become strong independent readers! All these efforts could only have come to fruition with the great support of the community.

Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley
Donna Cimino, Janet Cardinale,
Jill DeRosa, Melissa Fels, Tracy Behl
Verne W. Critz Elementary School
\$1,200.00

Second graders at Verne W. Critz will attend a theatre production of "Flat Stanley" by author Jeff Brown who has written a series about a boy who is flattened by his bulletin board in a nighttime mishap. Students will also write letters to family and friends about their reading adventures into the fate of young Stanley.

Bubblemania
Aimee Volk
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$1,170.00

Students discover how bubbles form through surface tension during an assembly program offered by Casey Carle. The program is offered in two back-to-back assemblies. Ms. Carle has also created a curriculum of several classroom activities to back up the science concepts presented at the assembly.

Sea Life Ecosystem Exploration
Aimee Volk, Trish Bartkewicz
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$1,725.74

The 3rd grade classes at Kreamer explored ecosystems and animal adaptations while on a tour boat travelling the Peconic and Flanders Rivers. The tour tied in with 3rd Grade Science Curriculum.

Hooray for Good Behavior
Deidre Wittman
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$139.89

Whole Brain Teaching Methods guide students to respect themselves, respect others, be responsible, be a good friend and participate in the classroom. Prizes are chosen from a treasure box as students are rewarded for achieving the desired behaviors. The rewards are based on accumulated points earned for good behavior. The prizes include stress toys, yoyo's necklaces and bracelets.

Visiting Artist Efen Andaluz
Mandy Hoffman
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$500.00

Visiting Artist Efen Andaluz will deliver two assemblies and demonstrate his unusual, multifaceted art work. He uses paints and brushes, rap and video to create works of art that intrigue and fascinate.

Ready, Set, Build
Deidre Wittmann
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$389.64

Entering Kindergarten students at Kreamer Street will receive bags filled with basic school supplies – crayons, scissors and pencils – to take home along with basic worksheets to examine their school readiness. The bags will be given to them at the conclusion of their DIAL screening. The focus of the grant is to encourage a home-school connection. Parents will work with the pre-Kindergarteners on the assignments.

Lights, Robots, Action
Gina Benzie
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$1,034.83

Students will design remote-control gear bots and build and design with light-up bricks using new supplies in the school's S.T.E.A.M. Lab. The grant calls for the purchase of a Master Set of Light-Up Building Blocks and a remote control for robots.

Let's Be Mindful
Gina Benzie
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$900.00

Mindfulness materials will provide 1st grade students, through sensory tools, with the opportunity to be able to participate in mindfulness activities. These activities will increase their ability to regulate emotions, decrease stress, anxiety and depression. It will focus their attention and allow them to observe their thoughts and feelings.

Flamenco Ole!

Natalie Baeza, Steven Davila,
Tirsa Oliva, Meredith Milana,
Jessenia Morales, Sonia Orfin,
Michelle Procida, Brenda Tejeda,
Jessica Weinberg

Brookhaven Elementary School
\$2,000.00

Students at Brookhaven Elementary School will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with another visit from the Sol y Sombra Spanish Dance Company. The performance, titled "Flamenco, Ole" focuses on the many cultures that come together through Flamenco music and dance.

Microloans to Underdeveloped Countries

Andrew Budris

Bellport High School
\$2,000.00

This project is for 9th grade Global History and Geography students. The students will conduct a project in association with the global anti-poverty organization www.kiva.org. In groups, the students will conduct a PBL (Project Based Learning) experience in which they act as a grant review committee. Grants of \$100 each will be awarded as microloans to projects in countries that have broad economic challenges resulting from their geography. Each student group will research different countries and loan candidates and present their findings in class. A panel of outside judges will review the presentations and determine the winning microloans. One winner from that group will receive a \$500 grant. The funds for the loans are provided by the SCEF grant.

The Animal Experience at the Suffolk County Farm & Education Center

Debra Stevenson

Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$2,065.16

This grant is to fund a field trip to the Suffolk County Farm for the five first grade classes at Kreamer Street. This field trip will enhance the first grade science curriculum by providing the children a farm tour by tractor and wagon. Children will visit and feed baby farm animals, visit the fields where crops are planted and learn about various uses of farm equipment. In addition, the children will have the opportunity to milk a pretend model of a cow after watching a demonstration on a real cow and they will also learn about the life cycle of the chicken, while having the opportunity to interact with baby chicks and hens.

Google Expedition Virtual Field Trips Take Kids to a New World

Mary Pettit, Aly Smith,
Patricia Kraker, Susanne Olivetti-Dodge,
Jordon Pepe, Tony Giresi

Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$1,924.94

This grant is for a virtual reality app called Google Expeditions. The app allows teachers and students to explore the world through over 900 virtual reality and 100 augmented reality tours, including underwater exploration, outer space, history and the arts, by turning the classroom into a museum, without leaving the classroom.

Launchpad by Playaway Takes Learning to a New Level

Kristin Mcerlean, Mary Pettit,
Aly Smith

Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$585.00

This grant is for a pre-loaded learning tablet created for children in a circulation environment that is aimed at specific content areas, critical thinking and creativity. There are also themed learning packs included within the system. Students can work independently or in small groups. All children will benefit, especially the ELL (English Language Learners) who will have concepts reinforced in their native language.

Launchpad by Playaway Takes Learning to a New Level

Bill Pettit, Rebecca Ruchman

Verne W. Critz Elementary School
\$584.95

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Choice and Voice for Independent Reading
Victoria Williams
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$1,255.00

This grant would be used to purchase reading materials from a Choice Library that includes a variety of genre, levels and interest to engage students reading just below grade level. The materials would be supplemental for reading interventions for grades 2-3. Students would have the opportunity to choose their independent books and have open ended discussions with their literacy coach.

Earning While Learning
Theresa Tietjen
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$101.72

This grant is for the purpose of purchasing a reward chest and prizes to promote a positive school-home connection and to motivate students to earn points through being ready to learn and showing good citizenship that will carry over into all curriculum areas.

VE Summit Bound
Sheila Y Smith
Bellport High School
\$2,000.00

This grant is to help students in the Virtual Enterprise program at the high school attend the VE International Youth Business Summit in Brooklyn. Students will add to their knowledge of marketing, sales, networking and more during the summit. They will set up a booth at the summit and VE judges will evaluate the booth, sales pitching and branding execution.

Informative Field Trips for Immigrant Students
S. Factor
Bellport High School
\$1,850.00

The grant writer has organized two field trips to New York City for students who have immigrated from other countries. The first is for high performing 11th and 12th graders who will visit the Tenement Museum in Manhattan and eat lunch in Seward Park. This museum trip will expose the students to what life was like for immigrants in the 1920's and 30's. The second trip, to Central Park and Central Park Zoo, will give students the chance to see exciting stops in the city. Most have only been to New York for immigration court appointments. They will keep diaries describing their experiences.

Ramping It Up!
Katherine Franke
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$341.31

This grant is for the purchase of the Ramps Exploration Set which adds additional materials for the school's S.T.E.A.M. lab using life size ramps. Children will be able to design and build pathways.