

FIELD TRIPS & SPECIAL EVENTS OPEN DOORS TO LEARNING

Do you remember a school field trip?

My first was as a Kindergarten student. The destination: Montauk Point. The trip was a moment of bonding between the Verne W. Critz Elementary School students and a day of fascinating exploration. I remember it 70 years later.

Exploring locations and activities outside the classroom, according to experts, creates better students. SCEF is committed to helping students develop through real-world experiences. We have funded many field trips in our Fall Grant Cycle. They are detailed in this mailing.

Every student comes to the classroom with a different world experience. The goal of SCEF is to provide experiences – a group project, special speaker, a field trip – in the classroom and out to

learn to be critical thinkers through a variety of activities. A field trip might seem to some as a “day off” but is actually a day of intrigue and learning. The same is true of a microphone system for the a cappella chorus at the middle school and the creation of a classroom library where students can settle in with a collection that includes titles in both English and Spanish.

We hope you will consider the efforts made by the Foundation to make ordinary days extraordinary days for children in the district as you prepare your year-end donations. We promise to use your gift to brighten the school day and engage our students in exciting ways.

Sincerely,
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The foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization committed to improving opportunities for all students in the South Country School District. Its mission is to promote educational initiatives by providing supplemental financial support for projects and programs that fall outside of the District budget.

FALL 2024 GRANT SUMMARIES *More Than \$72,730 Awarded for Educational Projects!*

KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING WITH PHONICS HOMESCHOOL CONNECTION

\$,1523.53 • Brookhaven Elementary School
Students are given book bags so that they can bring home the books that they are reading in class.

WHAT TIME IS IT? IT'S MATH TIME

\$990.32 • Kreamer St. and Verne W. Critz Elementary
Using a variety of Math tools will allow struggling learners to have the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of Math concepts.

ESTIMATION STATION

\$284.35 • Kreamer St. and Verne W. Critz Elementary
The estimation station will allow students to learn about the importance of the math skill of estimating.

ENL CONNECTIONS THROUGH STORYTELLING AND ART

\$1,700.00 • Bellport High School
Provide funding for a project for 11th-12th ENL students to attend the NYC Whitney Museum student program.

FUTURE FLYERS AT FRANK P LONG

\$2,934.91 • Frank P. Long Intermediate School
Will enhance student engagement and understanding of programming through hands-on experiences with drones.

EXPLORING NATURE AND AGRICULTURE: KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP TO THE FARM

\$2,970.00 • Brookhaven Elementary School
Students will learn about the life cycles of plants and animals, sustainable farming practices, and the importance of agriculture in our daily lives.

GUEST SPEAKER - FOUND OBJECT KNIT SCULPTURE ARTIST

\$1,281.87 • Bellport High School
Artist Kathleen Granados will discuss her career as a sculptor, exploring her artistic process in fiber arts and her innovative use of reclaimed materials.

COMMUNITY MURAL - WORKING WITH GRAF LAB STUDIOS

\$3,000.00 • Bellport High School
The grant would allow approximately 30 students in the Art honor society the opportunity to participate.

ENGLISH 11TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO BROADWAY FOR THE GREAT GATSBY

\$1,950.00 • Bellport High School
50 English students will go to see *The Great Gatsby* at the 1681 Broadway Theatre on April 3, 2025 at 2pm.

THEATER THREE: DOROTHY'S ADVENTURE OF OZ

\$1,663.00 • Kreamer Street Elementary School
More than 50 Kindergarten students will travel to Theatre Three in Port Jefferson to attend a performance of *Dorothy's Adventure* in March.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION: HOW TO MAKE A PIZZA

\$870.00 • Kreamer Street Elementary School
Kindergarten students will write a "how-to" book after a cooking class at Café Castello on Main Street, Bellport.

LET'S GET COOKING IN THE HOME SWEET HOME CENTER

\$229.96 • Kreamer Street Elementary School
Funds from this grant will be used to buy fake kitchen equipment.

INDY CAR MAKER SPACE PROJECT

\$483.90 • Kreamer Street Elementary School
This grant funds the purchase of three robot kits.

COMMUNITY/DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES

\$2,670.00 • Bellport High School
Students with disabilities enrolled in the 12:1:2 Life Skills program and 12:1:4 Autism program will learn outside the classroom while exploring social activities such as bowling and movie theaters.

COLOR PRINTERS FOR LIFE SKILLS CENTER

\$988.38 • Bellport High School
This grant provides for three color printers for the Life Skills Classrooms.

SENSORY INTEGRATED FIELD TRIPS

\$2,590.00 • Bellport High School
Students in all four Life Skills programs will go on two field trips.

FORENSIC SCIENCE FIELD TRIP TO RIVERHEAD JAIL

\$685.00 • Bellport High School
Students will visit the Jail and engage with Corrections Officers and prisoners on different topics.

BLAST OFF! TO THE VANDERBILT MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

\$1,302.00 • Frank P. Long Intermediate School, Cluster A - 5th grade
5th graders in Cluster A at FPL to take a field trip to the Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium.

BLAST! OFF TO THE VANDERBILT MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

\$1,302.00 • Frank P. Long Intermediate School, Cluster B - 5th grade See above.

BLAST! OFF TO THE VANDERBILT MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

\$1,344.00 • Frank P. Long Intermediate School, Cluster C - 5th grade See above.

LAKE PLACID NEW YORK STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

\$3,000.00 • Bellport High School
This grant request is for student leaders to attend the NYS Leadership Conference.

MUSEUM OF MATHEMATICS FIELD TRIP

\$1,862.50 • Bellport High School
This grant request is for students in a self-contained class to attend the Museum of Mathematics.

ESTABLISHING A 6TH GRADE DUAL LANGUAGE CLASSROOM LIBRARY

\$2,075.27 • Bellport Middle School
This grant is to increase the number of classroom books in English and Spanish.

LEISURE AND DAILY LIVING SKILLS FIELD TRIP

\$2,807.00 • Bellport High School
Students enrolled in the 12:1:2 Life Skills and 12:1:4 programs will be introduced to a variety of life experiences and opportunities, via field trips.

PHYSICS OF TOYS-FIELD TRIP TO THE LONG ISLAND SCIENCE CENTER

\$1,602.00 • Verne W. Critz Elementary School
60 kindergarten students experience physics in action.

THEATRE THREE FIELD TRIP - DOROTHY'S ADVENTURE OF OZ: A SENSORY EXPERIENCE

\$1,564.00 • Kreamer Street Elementary School
Students will visit Theatre Three to see a play.

EXPLORATION STATIONS

\$1,356.86 • Kreamer Street Elementary School
This grant will create engaging, interdisciplinary Kindergarten centers.

ABC-READ TO ME!

\$1,000.00 • Brookhaven, Verne Critz, Kreamer, and Southaven Schools
Some third-grade students will lead read-aloud programs at Southaven Universal Pre-K.

PLAY + LEARNING = TALKING

\$2,300.00 • Brookhaven Elementary School
Program promotes oral language, community building, and literacy for K-2 students through play-based centers.

AMPLIFYING PERFORMANCE WITH WIRELESS MICROPHONES

\$3,000.00 • Bellport Middle School
Seeking purchase of 24 microphone system for acapella members in order to amplify their performances.

INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH STEM WITH CUBELETS

\$2,899.00 • Verne W. Critz Elementary School
Use of Cubelets Clever Constructs with K-3 classes to explore STEM concepts including robotics, coding, and engineering.

4TH GR. HALLOCKVILLE MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

\$2,940.00 • Frank P. Long Intermediate School
Trip for all 297 4th grade students.

ENL FIELD TRIP TO THE PAST

\$3,000.00 • Bellport High School
This is a trip to Medieval Times in Lyndhurst NJ.

FACES OF SOUTH COUNTRY

\$1,713.00 • South Haven ECC
Photography students would like to take candid photos of Pre-K students at South Haven.

FIRST GRADE ART FIELD TRIP

\$2,206.20 • Brookhaven Elementary School
Students go to Mama Farms to see the works of an artist and also enjoy a nature walk to collect found materials.

ENHANCING ORAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN DUAL LANGUAGE KINDERGARTEN CENTERS

\$1,000.00 • Brookhaven Elementary School
Provide tools and decorations for small group oral language centers.

ENHANCING FINE MOTOR SKILLS THROUGH DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

\$1,000.00 • Brookhaven Elementary School
Aims to improve fine motor skills in kindergarten students through creative dual language activities.

VANDERBILT MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM AT KREAMER STREET

\$550.00 • Kreamer Street Elementary School

THIRD GRADE TILE PROJECT

\$900.00 • Kreamer Street Elementary School

WE PLAY, WE TALK, WE WRITE

\$1,900.00 • Kreamer Street Elementary School

RON CLARK ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

\$2,712.00 and \$2,712.00
Two teachers from Bellport Middle School will attend a two-day conference in Atlanta, Georgia.