



Westwood Educational Foundation
2008- 2009 Mini-Grants Awarded

WPS/SEPAC Social Skills Curriculum Pilot Program

This program will provide training for 5 educators in curricula that promotes social thinking strategies in Autistic children resulting in the initiation of a pilot program for 10-15 students.

SEPAC, Chairperson Speaker Series

This workshop will be offered to parents and educators, to provide a step by step overview of the development of an Individual Education Plan.

Westwood Chinese Cultural Night

An evening to promote cultural diversity within our community. Performances from various groups featuring Chinese dance and music.

Second Step Bullying Prevention Program

This grant will provide a bullying prevention program for teachers and students for implementation in grades K-5 at the Sheehan School.

Connecting Students with Environmental Education

Trailside Museum Naturalists will provide 6 workshops and follow up activities for 3rd grade class on earth science & field trip to Blue Hills.

Our Pond's Ecosystem

Grade 5 students study earth science and ecosystems, conducting in-depth projects on the pond behind the Martha Jones using science and art.

Trashformations - From Trash to Art

Work with Martha Jones Ecology Club to be more earth friendly and aware of the benefits of recycling materials through art projects.

Colonial Trades: Making Community Work, Historic New England Educators

Three interactive programs for the Downey third grade class to demonstrate life around the American Revolution and how families were effected.

Deerfield Community Health & Wellness Fair

A fair to educate families about the benefits of exercise, nutrition, preventative health, and general healthy living choices.

Living Voices, Island of Hope

An immigration based curriculum program to enhance 4th grade social studies program in all 5 elementary schools including a 45 minute workshop at each school.

Technology Workshop for Language Arts Teachers with Thomas Daccord

Workshop for 10 of the Thurston Middle School's Language Arts teachers on using computers and technology to learn and exhibit learning.

Playing It Safe Online: Internet Safety for Students and Parents

Features two presentations, one for students and one for parents on internet safety, online bullying and strategies for safe use.

The Return of Travis Roy

This grant will fund the keynote speaker, Travis Roy to present at Diversity Day. This presentation for 8th grade students is an integral part of the World of Difference Program.

Hale Outdoor Leadership Training Program

Hale Reservation will develop an outdoor leadership training program with the Westwood High School Outdoor Club providing 40 hours of training with their team building facilitators.

Monkey Helpers: A Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program

The "Monkey Helpers" presentation will educate the 8th grade class on spinal cord injury prevention and the challenges facing disabled people. This presentation will be part of the Diversity Day Program.

Revolutionary War, Encampment and Reenactment

This grant will fund a reenactment of an authentic Revolutionary War Camp. Rehoboth Militia Group will set up interactive tents for grades 3-5 including an Officers Tent, Weapons Tent, Cooking Tent, candle and lead ball making area.

Art in Motion: Hands-On-Learning for Hanlon Fifth Graders

This grant will provide funding for a science and math project resulting in the creation of an audiokinetic sculpture. Program includes trip to MIT for 5th grade class.

"ONE" Cultural Experience Odaiko New England

"Odaiko New England" Japanese drumming group will perform for the Deerfield school, thereby celebrating our multicultural society through music and rhythm.

Educational Series for Early Childhood Educators

Educational series of workshops will be provided to early childhood educators in Westwood and neighboring communities. Workshop topics will include interpreting results identifying and linking assessment data to instructional goals and strategies.

Congratulations to all Grant Award recipients!