

**Homewood Foundation for Educational Excellence**  
**Summary of 2009-2010 Grant Awards**  
**June, 2009**

**Exploring Habitats of the World.** As part of their study of the district's science curriculum, Lisa Rost's 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade class will research and produce movies about various habitats around the world. This grant will fund the purchase of books and movie-making software.

Grant Awarded: \$477.12  
Submitted by: Lisa Rost, Cathy Ward

**A Visit with Revealers Author, Doug Wilhelm.** After reading the acclaimed novel, "The Revealers," the 7<sup>th</sup>-grade class at James Hart will be given the opportunity to discuss the book with its author, Doug Wilhelm, via videoconference technology.

Grant Awarded: \$725.00  
Submitted by: Jeanette Nichols

**Summer Reading Bridge.** First-grade teacher Connie Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade teacher Patti Jo Boehm will implement a series of activities designed to encourage their students to continue reading over the summer months.

Grant Awarded: \$313.00  
Submitted by: Connie Johnson and Patti Jo Boehm

**Sew Perfect.** A comprehensive two-year sewing program tied to Illinois state standards will be developed for the Daily Living Skills Home Economics class at James Hart.

Grant Awarded: \$715.62  
Submitted by: Kathy Call

**2<sup>nd</sup>-Grade Book Club.** A diverse selection of chapter books appropriate for various reading levels will be purchased to be read and discussed in small group settings.

Grant Awarded: \$300.00  
Submitted by: Georgene Spoonhour

**"H" is for Home Sweet Homewood.** With help from the entire 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade, Lisa Rost's class will write and publish an alphabet book called, H is for Home Sweet Homewood. Featuring historical places, famous people and local businesses that make Homewood unique, the book project will enhance the 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade unit on Homewood's history.

Grant Awarded: \$1,547.85  
Submitted by: Cindy Rosenstein and Lisa Rost

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**Learning Musical Composition.** The music department at James Hart and Millennium Schools will purchase *Finale*, a music writing software program, to aid student musicians in playing and writing music.

Grant Awarded: \$188.00  
Submitted by: Sara White

**Enhancing the Churchill School Library.** Multiple copies of the 2010 Monarch Award Nominee books will be purchased for the school library.

Grant Awarded: \$669.22  
Submitted by: Debbie Sandow and Christine Schmidt

**Enhancing Writing Skills with “Storyworks Magazine.”** Subscriptions to Scholastic’s “Storyworks Magazine” will be purchased for each 4<sup>th</sup>-grade classroom.

Grant Awarded: \$1,361.26  
Submitted by: Debbie Sandow and Lisa Yoshino

**Readers’ Theater.** Patricia DeBoer’s 1<sup>st</sup>-grade class will create performances with puppets to improve fluency and overall reading achievement.

Grant Awarded: \$749.40  
Submitted by: Patricia DeBoer

**Bringing Junior Great Books to Gifted Education.** Materials will be purchased to supplement the Junior Great Books program, a reading program that provides reading comprehension, critical thinking and writing, for use with the district’s gifted education students in grades K-6.

Grant Awarded: \$1,750.00  
Submitted by: Cindy Rosenstein, Joanne Obszanski, Beth Palmer, Katie Nigro, Gail Huizinga

**Project 64: Art Instruction for Preschoolers and Kindergartners.** Willow School’s early childhood, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten staff will be trained in the Project 64 method of arts and fine motor skills instruction.

Grant Awarded: \$1,750.00  
Submitted by: Laura Drechsel, Donna Piazza, Marilyn Reed

**Project 64 Implementation: Purchase of ELMO Camera.** A document camera and LCD projector will be purchased to allow for implementation of the Project 64 program in the classroom.

Grant Awarded: \$650.00  
Submitted by: Laura Drechsel, Donna Piazza, Marilyn Reed

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**Technology-Based Learning Centers.** Technologies such as LeapPad Workstations will be purchased to create and pilot independent learning centers in two kindergarten classrooms.

Grant Awarded: \$1,750.00  
Submitted by: Pam Kappmeyer and Shannon Martin

**No Child Left Indoors: The Greening of District 153.** Crossing grades and schools, this project will bring together one 4<sup>th</sup>-grade and one 1st-grade classroom to work on projects related to environmental education.

Grant Awarded: \$820.00  
Submitted by: Debbie Tarjan and Connie Johnson

**Chess Magnet School.** Accounts for the Chess Magnet School, an online chess training program, will be established for members of the James Hart Chess Club.

Grant Awarded: \$750.00  
Submitted by: Herb Ferguson

**Grab a Book by the Tale.** This grant will support Millennium School Library's "Booktalk" program by purchasing multiple copies of the books discussed.

Grant Awarded: \$1,750.00  
Submitted by: Rita Stenning

**"Wii" Support the Willow Way.** Two Nintendo Wii systems will be purchased to enhance Willow School's Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) efforts.

Grant Awarded: \$979.88  
Submitted by: Dominic Balmaseda

**"Wii" Support the Bulldog Behaviors.** Three Nintendo Wii systems will be purchased to enhance Churchill School's Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) efforts.

Grant Awarded: \$1,449.82  
Submitted by: Melanie Mandisodza and Nicole Cardillo

**Fluency Reading Centers.** Materials and equipment will be purchased to aid the teaching of reading fluency and comprehension in two 6<sup>th</sup>-grade classrooms.

Grant Awarded: \$1,604.05  
Submitted by: Carolyn Olson and Melaura Carattini

**Read at Home Backpacks.** Willow School's Media Center will create backpacks containing age-appropriate materials to encourage read aloud and shared reading activities at home.

Grant Awarded: \$750.00  
Submitted by: Bev Bell

**Ceiling Mounted Projectors.** Ceiling-mounted projectors will be purchased for two James Hart classrooms, allowing teachers to prepare and present materials from a variety of sources including the internet.

Grant Awarded: \$1,750.00  
Submitted by: Pat Goler, Renee Rycraft, Rosie Johanson

**Implementing Guided Reading at Churchill School.** Funds are provided to purchase books and other materials needed to allow teachers to form and work with small, reading groups based on students' reading levels.

Request: \$1,000.00  
Submitted by: Alison Gorbitz and Elizabeth Klappauf