

**The Homewood Foundation for Educational Excellence
Summary of 2008-09 Grant Awards
June, 2008**

SEEDkids Book Walk. The District's SEEDkids program will acquire a library of multicultural books for the 3rd-grade Book Walk activity.

Grant awarded: \$579.02
Submitted by: Jeanette Nichols

James Hart Environmental Courtyard. Support will be provided to purchase additional butterfly gardens, native plants, and to install a weather station.

Grant awarded: \$600
Submitted by: Sharon White, Jill Vagner, Krista Sparrow

Kids Can Cook Healthy. Willow School's Bee Healthy, Bee Smart Initiative will host a series of cooking classes in which parents and children will learn how to prepare easy and nutritional breakfasts and snacks.

Grant awarded: \$1,000
Submitted by: Dianne Lauterbach, Karen Schillings

Operation Read! Millennium School's Daily Living Skills class will receive support to purchase supplemental games and other materials to enhance student reading skills.

Grant awarded: \$743.70
Submitted by: Sarah Fies

Author Cynthia DeFelice to Visit 6th-Grade. Author of many children's books, Cynthia DeFelice, will visit Millennium School to discuss her novel, *Weasel*, a book that all 6th-grade students read during the school year.

Grant awarded: \$1,750
Submitted by: Sandra Smith, Gail Huizinga

Newspaper Club Cameras. James Hart's Newspaper Club will receive support to help purchase cameras necessary to the production of the Panther Paw Print.

Grant awarded: \$300
Submitted by: Tara Amin, Patricia Evans

History Alive! Funds are provided to purchase *History Alive!*, an activities-based program that will help social studies teachers at James Hart and Millennium Schools relate present day situations to previous times in U.S. history for their students.

Grant awarded: \$810
Submitted by: Jon Herron, Patricia Frampton

Willow Way Puppeteers. Second-grade students will participate in a program in which they perform a series of puppet shows for their fellow students that illustrate behavior rules and expectations of the school.

Grant awarded: \$1,749.93

Submitted by: Emily Larsen, Lisa Rost

Special Olympics Basketball Team Uniforms. Uniforms will be purchased for the district's Special Olympics basketball team.

Grant awarded: \$358

Submitted by: Grant Sikkema

Special Willow School Open House. Willow School will host a special back-to-school night so that parents can learn more about the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) being implemented by the district.

Grant awarded: \$500

Submitted by: Melissa Lawson