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Upcoming Grant Liaison Overview Meeting

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Computer Lab, Bldg. 3 - Session Times in Grant Liaison Memo

Upcoming Grant Writing & Application Assistance Clinic

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Computer Lab, Bldg. 3

"Mini-Training" begins at 4:30 p.m. - Identifying Funding Resources & Determining Eligibility

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Grants Alert Newsletter

PASCO COUNTY SCHOOLS

GRANTS INFORMATION, RESEARCH & EVALUATION

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Welcome to the Research and Evaluation Department's first issue of the GRANT ALERT NEWSLETTER for the 2010-2011 school year. This newsletter will inform of the most current Grant Opportunities with Deadlines in addition to many other fundraising, donation, award and recognition opportunities. This information is made available via e-mail and may also be downloaded from the district Grant Information website at:

<http://rande.pasco.k12.fl.us/Pages/grants.html>

The Grant Information website also provides a listing of many funding opportunities that are available on an ON-GOING basis for your review. In addition, the Grant Wrangler headline widget featured on the website is a resource to find funding for projects and updated every 2 weeks by Grant Wrangler. Please check the Grant Information website for additional web resources on how to develop and write successful grant proposals and other updated potential grant sources, as well!

School-based personnel applied for nine grants over \$1,000 totaling more than \$63,000.00 during the 2009-2010 school year. Three grant applications were awarded as of June 2010 bringing approximately \$25,000.00 in additional funds into the district. I look forward to continuing to assist schools with grant projects you will be working on during the 2010-2011 school year in support of your school improvement and/or professional development goals. Please do not hesitate to contact my office for guidance in following District guidelines when submitting grant applications to funding organizations.

GRANT TIP OF THE MONTH: SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Grants over \$1,000 must be approved by the School Board before they can be submitted to the funding organization. The District School Board meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted).

Time Line:

- Completed grant packets must be submitted to Grants Management Specialist in the Research & Evaluation Department for review no later than Friday, two weeks and two days before the next School Board meeting. The grant must also receive budget approval from the Internal Audit and Grants Department BEFORE being submitted to Research & Evaluation.
- Research and Evaluation submits the grant to Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Services at least one week and two days before the next School Board meeting for review and final approval to submit to the District School Board.

In other words, you will want to try to complete your grant application at least a month before it is due to the funding organization so that all District guidelines may be met for School Board approval of your proposal.

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Florida Master Naturalists Information

Congratulations to Seven Springs Middle School (SSMS), Hudson Middle School (HMS), and James M. Marlowe Elementary on receiving the first school-based grant awards for the 2010-2011 school year! SSMS received a Florida Learn & Serve Renewal Grant totaling \$15,000.00; HMS received grants from Target and Dollar General totaling just over \$6,000.00; and, Marlowe Elementary received a Dollar General Grant totaling \$3,000.00. In addition, Food & Nutrition Services received Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grants for Lacoochee & Rodney B. Cox Elementary Schools.

FREE INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES/EVENTS

Elementary

Eco Boys and Girls - developed by Maria Snyder, are illustrated characters intended for children in **grades PreK to Grade 2**. The Eco Boys and Girls teach children the value of respecting their environment by practicing recycling and conservation, and respecting other people and creatures who inhabit the earth by showing love and care for them. By providing varied experiences across all learning domains and models for caring for the earth, the Curriculum Guide and Activity Sheets help children begin their journey to becoming environmentally responsible adults.

<http://www.neamb.com/home/4701.htm>

All Levels

Read for the Record 2010

Florida teachers and students are invited to join millions of record-breakers around the world to **Read for the Record on Oct. 7, 2010**, featuring Ezra Jack Keat's classic book, *The Snowy Day*. Last year, more than 120,000 Floridians registered their participation in the Read for the Record campaign and this year it's even easier to join in the largest shared reading experience. Through the new charitable initiative We Give Books, **the Pearson Foundation will donate brand-new books to children in need when the book is read online**. Everyone who reads the book at www.wegivebooks.org is automatically registered toward the new world record. For more information about this year's Read for the Record campaign, visit www.readfortherecord.org or www.wegivebooks.org.

Black Indian Tribe of Florida Announces Essay Contest

All Florida students in **grades three through 12** are invited to participate in the Black Indian Tribe of Florida "What My Vote Means To Me" essay contest. Students should compose an essay no longer than 300 words and explain what the right to vote for candidates for public office means to them. The deadline to submit an essay is Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, and the student's name, address, grade level, age and school name must be printed or typed on the first page. A total of six winners will be chosen – **two each from elementary, middle and high school levels** – and each winner will receive a \$200 cash prize. Essays can either be mailed to Dr. Belinda Noah, Chairman of the Black Indian Tribe of Florida, at P.O. Box 46535, Tampa, FL 33646 or e-mailed to noahindian@yahoo.com.

Constitution Day and Celebrate Freedom Week 2010

September 17, 2010 and September 20-24, 2010

In response to Public Law 108-447, which designated September 17 as "Constitution Day", the Florida Legislature designated the last full week in September as "Celebrate Freedom Week." The FLDOE has compiled the Governor's Proclamation, online resources, and a recommended reading list at

<http://www.fldoe.org/BII/Humanities/celebratefreedom.asp>

Constitution Day Resources

Oakhill Publishing Company, the printers of the Pocket Constitution and founders of ConstitutionFacts.com, has provided resources for teachers and educators to engage their students on Constitution Day. The toolkit on the site includes word finds, quotes, and other fun ways to teach students about the backbone of American government. The site is also holding a Constitution Day poster **contest for students K-12** to show their interpretation of the Constitution. Please visit www.constitutionday.cc for more information. A Constitution Day [Toolkit](#) and [Teacher's Guide](#) is also available from www.constitutionez.com

ReadWriteThink provides educators, parents, and afterschool professionals with access to the highest quality practices in reading and language arts instruction by offering the very best in free materials. Every lesson plan on ReadWriteThink has been aligned not only to the IRA/NCTE Standards for the English Language Arts but to individual state standards as well. Lessons are completely self-contained: Handouts, classroom-approved websites, and research information are provided if the lesson requires, and appropriate assessments are also included. <http://www.readwritethink.org/>

September 11

National Day of Service and Remembrance

In response to the events of September 11, 2001, people served in an unprecedented way. Building upon that spirit, and seeing service as a way for young people today to understand the events of September 11, Youth Service America encourages the launch of a fall Semester of Service on 9/11.

Rebuilding Community: A 9/11 Semester of Service

This 4-page module guides students through the process of planning a Semester of Service that launches on 9/11, and culminates on MLK Day of Service in January. The resource outlines the service-learning stages of Investigation, Preparation/Planning, Action, Reflection, and Demonstration/Celebration (IPARD/C), and introduces suggested activities for each stage. Download the resource at http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/ysa/Rebuilding_Community.pdf

This resource is designed to complement the **Semester of Service Strategy Guide**, a resource developed to help teachers and others working with youth to develop and implement a high-impact, strategic plan of action to engage young people in serving and learning in their communities over the course of a semester. Download the Semester of Service Strategy Guide at: <http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/semester/YSA-2010-strategy-guide.pdf>

Youth Service America will release additional 9/11 resources in August, including "9 for 9/11" with 9 themes for service projects to honor the 9th anniversary of 9/11.

More 9/11 Resources for Educators

Educational lesson plans about 9/11 and engaging in service will be made available nationwide to teachers online and as activity posters, developed by MyGoodDeed in partnership with Scholastic, the 4Action Initiative, the 9/11 Memorial, the Corporation for National and Community Service and HandsOn Network. Visit www.scholastic.com/MyGoodDeed to sign up to receive these materials when they are released.

The Greatest Places is a large-format 45 minute film that takes students on an educational journey to seven of the most geographically dynamic locations on Earth. Website is intended to extend inspiration and education about the geographically diverse regions and cultures related to the film: Amazon, Greenland, Iguazu, Madagascar, Namib, Okavango, Tibet. <http://www.greatestplaces.org>

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

Elementary

The Literacy Empowerment Foundation <http://www.lefbooks.org/>

MATCHING BOOK GRANTS

The Matching Book Grant Program offers Guided Reading and Independent Reading Collections. Guided Reading Collections consist of 6 copies each of 24 titles. Independent Reading Collections consist of one copy each of 144 titles. With each set of Guided Reading and/or Independent Reading Collections purchased at the regular price, an additional set of your choice will be included free of charge.

The size of matching grants available is \$20,000.00 per school. A school can now order \$40,000.00 worth of books and pay only \$20,000.00. (Any amount purchased from \$100.00 to \$20,000.00 will be matched.)

This is a limited time offer that requires no special screening or applications. **Offer expires December 31, 2010.**

http://www.lefbooks.org/matching_book_grants/

THE READING RESOURCE PROJECT

The Reading Resource Project is an ongoing program that runs throughout the year. The program distributes books FREE of charge for literacy programs. Recipients pay shipping, handling, and administrative costs, which is \$0.68 per book (\$68 per set of 100 books). Reading Resource Project books come in sets of 100 books per set. There will not be more than five copies of the same book in any set. Reading levels are available for Pre-K through Second Grade. Book selection and quantity is dependent upon availability, so there is no guarantee of specific titles. Books are sorted and shipped as close to a project's needs as possible, with regard to reading level and topic. Reading Resource Project books are available in a limited quantity on a first come, first served basis. Requests for quantities of less than 30 sets can be shipped within 3 to 4 weeks; larger orders may require a longer time period to fill.

http://www.lefbooks.org/matching_book_grants/

All Levels

Ezra Jack Keats Minigrant Program - Creative programs funded in the past have included: Ongoing pen-pal projects bringing disparate communities together, Multi-cultural portrait projects, - Art projects culminating in art shows, murals, or quilts, - Bookmaking, - Creation and performance of puppet shows, - Inter-generational journals. *These are examples...new ideas welcomed. **Minigrant Award = \$500 - Only one application will be considered from each school library. DEADLINE TO APPLY – SEPTEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR.**

<http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrant.html>

I Love My Librarian Award <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/lovelibrarian/home.cfm>

The Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times I Love My Librarian Award encourages library users to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, college, community college, or university librarians. Up to ten winners will be selected this year and receive a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque and \$500 travel stipend to attend an awards reception in New York hosted by The New York Times. In addition, a plaque will be given to each award winner's library. **Nominations are being accepted online only now through September 20, 2010.** Nominators of school librarians must be library users, e.g. students, teachers, principals, school administrators or staff members, or parents or caregivers of children at schools where the school library media specialist works. Winners will be notified by the week of November 8, 2010.

MATHEMATICS/S. T. E. M.

All Levels

Air Force Association <http://www.afa.org/af/aid/educator.asp>

The Educator Grant program promotes aerospace education activities in classrooms from kindergarten through twelfth grades. The program encourages development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum. The Association awards grants of up to \$250 to worthy projects that will significantly influence student learning. **Deadline is 4pm (Pacific Time) on Friday, November 10, 2010.**

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation

Funds materials needed to promote the teaching of science, mathematics, and technology. Grants will be considered on a quarterly basis in January, March, June, and September. Teacher must be a current AIAA Educator Associate member (free membership!). Grants are limited to a maximum of five Educator Associates per school.

<http://www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=244>

Toshiba America Foundation <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/index.jsp>

Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) grants fund the projects ideas and materials teachers need to innovate in their math and science classrooms. TAF is interested in funding projects designed by teachers or small teams of teachers for use in their own schools. Grade K-5 applications are accepted once a year on October 1st. Grade 6-12 applications for \$5,000 or less are accepted on a rolling basis, throughout the calendar year. Grant requests of more than \$5,000 are reviewed twice a year. Applications for grants of more than \$5,000 are due February 1st and August 1st each year.

(Ongoing grant on grant website - <http://rande.pasco.k12.fl.us/Pages/grants.html>)

Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology

In partnership with the College Board, the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology seeks to promote excellence by encouraging students to undertake **individual or team research projects**. It fosters intensive research that improves students' understanding of the value of scientific study and informs their consideration of future careers in these disciplines. Scholarships for winning projects **range from \$1,000 to \$100,000**. Project receipt deadline is Friday, October 1, 2010. <http://www.collegeboard.com/siemens/index.html>

SCIENCE/HEALTH/NUTRITION

High School

The Bauder Endowment for the Support of Physics Teaching

The Frederick and Florence Bauder Endowment for the Support of Physics Teaching was established to support special activities in the area of physics teaching. Activities that the grant can support include, but are not limited to:

Providing grants for the development and distribution of innovative apparatus for physics teaching

Providing funds to obtain and or build and support traveling exhibits of apparatus

Providing funds for local workshops. Up to \$500 will fund local workshops for teachers who spread the use of demonstration and laboratory equipment

Providing support for grant projects, provided the Bauder Fund recommends such projects and the AAPT Executive Board approves them.

Only AAPT members may apply. **Applications must be received by December 1, 2010.**

<http://www.aapt.org/Grants/bauderfund.cfm>

All Levels

Great Science Teacher Video Contest

Are you a great science teacher? **Prove it with Video** that explains one of these science concepts: Projectile Motion; Circular Motion; The General Theory of Relativity; Bohr's Model of the Atom; The Photoelectric Effect; Newton's 3rd Law of Motion; An important science topic of your choice. Entries will be judged on how well they convey the concept, communication style including visual aids, and how well it will inspire students to learn more. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in all 7 categories. **Contest deadline: October 21, 2010**

<http://www.engineering.com/USAScienceFestival.aspx>

Fuel Up to Play 60 http://enroll.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/funds_for_futp60.php

A competitive, nationwide funding program is available for schools who enroll in Fuel Up to Play 60 for the 2010-2011 school year. These funds can help your school jumpstart and sustain healthy nutrition and physical activity improvements. Funds may be used to support a range of different program-related activities, such as kickoff and launch, in-school promotions, student engagement and motivation, Play implementation, family engagement and tracking and measurement. Funds available from **from a minimum of \$300 up to a maximum of \$3,000** per school. **UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES: 10/1/2010, 12/1/10**

NFL goes Back to Football <http://www.nflrush.com/footballfriday>

As your classes resume in the fall, the NFL goes **Back to Football**. Take the first step towards becoming an **NFL PLAY 60 Super School**. Schools nationwide will be asked to demonstrate their NFL team pride on Friday, September 10th, and submit three (3) essays, each in 100 words or less, and 3-6 photos on NFLRUSH.com. There will be 34 winning schools designated as **NFL PLAY 60 Super Schools** that will receive a visit from an NFL player and a **\$10,000 NFL PLAY 60 health and wellness grant**. Schools are allowed to submit more than one entry. A school will be chosen in each of the 32 NFL markets plus an additional two schools that also can demonstrate their football spirit in a unique way. No Purchase Necessary to Enter. **Registration ends at 11:59:59 p.m. ET on 9/17/10. Entry Period starts 9:00:00 a.m. ET on 9/11/10 and ends 11:59:59 p.m. ET on 9/17/10.**

Splash! School Grant Program <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/education/schoolgrants/index.php>

"Splash!" grants, offered by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), provide teachers with funding of up to \$5,000 per school for classroom projects on water quality, water conservation, alternative sources, water supply, flood protection or watersheds. "Splash!" grants are available for public, private, charter and home school groups only on a reimbursement basis. **Applications due September 10, 2010.**

In addition to grants, the Brooksville-based SWFWMD offers teacher professional development, classroom presentations, virtual watershed excursions and curriculum tools. Free water education materials can be ordered at the Splash! Grant Web page.

PTA Healthy Lifestyles http://pta.org/pta_healthy_lifestyles_grant.asp

PTA Healthy Lifestyles emphasizes the important role families can play in keeping their children healthy and ready to learn. In celebration of PTA Healthy Lifestyles Month each November, National PTA offers PTA Healthy Lifestyles Grants of up to \$1,000 to local PTAs. The grants support PTA efforts to engage schools and families in increasing access to and awareness of healthy foods, increasing physical activity for students and families, providing healthier foods in schools, engaging and training family and community members in promoting physical activity and healthy eating habits. **Applications are due September 10, 2010.**

2011 SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards

<http://www.seaworld.org/conservation-matters/eea/index.htm>

Awards recognize the outstanding efforts of K-12 students and teachers who are working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment such as school yard beautification, energy and waste reduction, and natural resource conservation. For the 2011 awards program, eight groups will be selected to receive a \$10,000 award to benefit their project, an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event, and an award trophy and participation certificate for the project leader. From the eight winning groups, one outstanding environmental educator/leader will be selected to receive a \$5,000 award, an all-expenses-paid trip for themselves and one guest to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event, an all-expenses-paid trip to the National Science Teachers Association 2011 national conference, and an award trophy and certificate. All K-12 school projects must be sponsored by a formally recognized school group, such as a grade level, classroom, or club. **Entry deadline is Wednesday, December 1, 2010.**

Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation <http://www.mgaef.org/grants.html>

The Foundation supports curricula that empower and encourage students to become involved in solving environmental and social problems as informed decision makers through the emphasis and application of basic ecological principles. Grants awarded for up to \$1500. **The last day for pre-proposals for 2010 is now Sept 20, 2010**

Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers <http://www.nsta.org/pd/tapestry/index.htm>

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and the National Science Teachers Association are pleased to announce the 20th Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers program. This year, 50 large grants of up to \$10,000 each and 20–32 mini-grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to K–12 teachers of science in the United States. The categories are Physical Science Application, Environmental Science Education, and Integrating Literacy and Science. To apply for funding, qualified teachers must write a Toyota TAPESTRY proposal according to the proposal requirements. **Deadline for completion of the online application is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday, January 18, 2010.** Recipients of Toyota TAPESTRY grants will be notified by March 4, 2010. Non-recipients will be notified by May 31, 2010.

NSTA 2011 Awards <http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx>

Visit the NSTA main award website for further information and to download applications for the awards listed below. **Award deadlines are November 30, with the exception of Shell on October 15 and SeaWorld on November 26, 2010.**

DCAT “Making a Difference” Award

Eligibility: Innovative middle-level science programs. **Award:** \$2,500 to be used to enhance or expand the winning science program; the winning school’s lead science teacher and principal will be awarded coach airfare and two nights’ hotel accommodation to attend NSTA’s National Conference

[Delta Education/Frey-Neo/CPO Science Education Awards for Inquiry-based Science Teaching](#)

Eligibility: PreK–12 teachers. **Award:** \$1,500 towards expenses to attend the NSTA National Conference, and \$1,500 for the awardee.

[Distinguished Teaching Awards](#)

Eligibility: K–college-level teachers **Award:** Formal citation, three nights' hotel accommodation, and \$500 toward expenses to attend the NSTA National Conference

[Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers](#)

Eligibility: To be eligible, a teacher must be within the first five years full-time at the time of application and be an NSTA member in good standing; to the extent possible, recipients must have been a student member of NSTA as a preservice teacher. **Award:** The award consists of up to \$1,000 to be used to attend the annual National Conference

[SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards](#) **DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 26, 2010**

Award: Eight winning groups are selected each year to win \$10,000. One environmental educator/leader each year receives \$5,000. For an application, or for more information, visit the SeaWorld/Busch Gardens website

[Shell Science Teaching Award](#) **DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15, 2010**

Eligibility: K–12 classroom science teachers **Award:** \$10,000 and an all-expense paid trip to attend NSTA's National Conference; two finalists will also receive all-expense-paid trips to the conference.

[Sylvia Shugrue Award for Elementary School Teachers](#)

Eligibility: Elementary school teachers (grades K–6); applicants must be a full-time teacher with a minimum of five years of experience. **Award:** The award consists of \$1,000 and up to \$500 to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education; the recipient of the award will be honored during the Awards Banquet at the NSTA Conference

[Vernier Technology Awards](#)

Eligibility: K–college. **Award:** Each award will consist of \$1,000 towards expenses to attend the NSTA National Conference, \$1,000 in cash for the teacher, and \$1,000 in Vernier products

[Zula International–NSTA Early Science Educator Award](#)

Eligibility: PreK–2 teachers with membership in one of the following: NSTA, CESI, NAEYC, or NHSA. **Award:** \$1,000 toward expenses to attend the NSTA National Conference and \$400 for the awardee

Grants for School and Youth Gardens

2010 Youth Garden Grants <http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

NGA awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. Applicants must **plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years**. priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements: educational focus or curricular/program integration; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. For the 2011 grant cycle, 100 grants are available. Packages are as follows: **Five (5)** programs will receive gift cards valued at \$1000 (a \$500 gift card* to The Home Depot and a \$500 gift card to the Gardening with Kids catalog and educational materials from NGA. **Ninety-five (95)** programs will receive a \$500 gift card* to The Home Depot and educational materials from NGA. **Application deadline (postmark date): November 1, 2010.**

2010 Subaru Healthy Sprouts Awards <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/healthysprouts.asp>

To be eligible for the 2010 Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award, your school must plan to garden in 2011 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. For the 2010 grant cycle, 30 awards are available. Each program will receive a \$500 gift certificate to the Gardening with Kids catalog and online store for basic youth gardening supplies and supporting educational materials; NGA's Eat a Rainbow Kit, chock full of engaging taste education and nutrition lessons; and, a literature package from NGA. **Applications are due by October 1, 2010.**

2011 Mantis Awards <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/mantis.asp>

Each year, Mantis presents the Mantis Awards for charitable and educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life in their host communities. NGA selects 25 outstanding applicants to receive a Mantis Tiller/Cultivator with border/edger and kickstand, and their choice of gas-powered 2-cycle engine or electric motor. Value: \$349.00. **Application deadline: March 1, 2011.**

Annie's Grants for School Gardens http://www.annies.com/grants_for_gardens

Annie's offers a limited number of small grants (maximum of \$250.00) to school gardens and other educational programs that connect children directly to gardening or sustainable agriculture. These funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other needed supplies.

GreenWorks! http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_274.html

In 2010, Project Learning Tree (PLT) and the USDA Forest Service are offering grants to teachers and students participating in **PollinatorLIVE: A Distance Learning Adventure**. Participating teachers can apply for *GreenWorks!* funding to create pollinator gardens in their schoolyard or community. Applicant must be trained in PLT. Youth must implement the project. Project must integrate student learning and community service. Project must include at least one community partner and acquire 50% matching funds (may be in-kind). The maximum grant amount is \$500, and the **deadline to apply is December 1st, 2010**

The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program <http://www.for-wild.org/seedmony.htm>

The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program gives small monetary grants to schools for projects focused on enhancement and development of an appreciation for nature using native plants. Projects must emphasize involvement of students and volunteers in all phases of development, and increase the educational value of the site. Cash awards range from \$100 to \$500. Funds will be provided only for the purchase of native plants and seed for the grant-award year. To be considered for an annual award **application must be received by October 15, 2010**. Notification of awards will be made by February 15th of the grant year.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

All Levels

CCBD Foundation Practitioner Support Program

The CCBD Foundation Practitioner Support Program is pleased to recognize professionals (i.e., teachers, instructional assistants, or administrators who work with children or youth with behavioral disorders), who apply their knowledge and skills to improve the academic, social, emotional, and community outcomes for children and youth with behavioral disorders. Each year the CCBD Foundation will award up to \$500 to help one or more applicants implement a high quality practice or program in an educational setting that directly serves these students. Completed applications can be sent at any time. Accumulated applications are reviewed twice annually, beginning in July and January.

<http://www.ccbd.net/content.cfm?categoryID=90F8A5C6-F913-5055-719165FE60824762>

CVS Caremark Community Grants Program

The 2010 Community Grants Program for children with disabilities focuses on public schools that promote a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs. Through the Community Grants Program they work to ensure that students are not left behind in school. Proposed programs must be fully inclusive where children with disabilities are full participants in an early childhood, adolescent or teenage programs alongside their typically developing peers. **The grant application process runs from January 1 through October 31**. Qualifying organizations are eligible for grants of up to \$5,000. <http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants/public-schools>

THE ARTS

Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation (MHOFF) <http://www.mhopus.org/Apply>

Melody Program helps K-12 school instrumental music programs that take place during the regular school day. **Special Projects Program** helps before and after-school music programs. Music programs serving low-income communities, programs with little or no budget for musical instruments and music programs that serve the most students out of the school population are considered before all others. **Applications are made available by invitation only**. You must submit an online Pre-Qualification form to be considered for an invitation. **Pre-Qualification forms will be available until October 1, 2010**. If invited to apply, the application deadline is November 1, 2010 and results will be provided by March 30, 2011. Awarded programs will receive instrument donations in time for the 2011/12 school year.

TECHNOLOGY

All Levels

Technology Inspired Le@ding Store Donations

Each U.S. Best Buy store has the discretion to support local nonprofit organizations with donations of product or gift cards. Donations come directly from local Best Buy stores to support 501c3 organizations within 50 miles of the store, including schools, libraries and after-school clubs. Take the store donation eligibility quiz to see if your organization is eligible to apply for a store donation. Then complete the application and submit it to your local store for a decision. http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/store_donations.htm

INTERDISCIPLINARY

All Levels

Target Field Trip Grants - DEADLINE TO APPLY: SEPT. 30, 2010

<http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031880>

Target will be awarding 5,000 grants of \$700 each to schools for the 2010-2011 school year. Teachers can use a grant to fund a school field trip that connects their curriculum to out-of-school experiences. Funds may be used to cover field trip-related costs such as transportation, ticket fees, resource materials and supplies.

Kids In Need Teacher Grants Program <http://www.kinf.org/grants/guidelines.php>

Kids In Need **K-12** Teacher Grants range from \$100 to \$500 each and are used in funding the purchase of supplies or materials that students need to do such things as create a product, conduct an experiment, grow or tend living things, or learn a new skill. Projects should engage the students in hands-on activities that lead to the acquisition of new knowledge, awareness, or self-discovery. The Teacher Grants are funded by the retail and education credit union sponsors. Retail sponsors and designated education credit unions make the grant applications available at their outlets during the back-to-school season. Applications from the sponsors are also available on the website. Typically, 200-300 grants are awarded each year. **The deadline for all applications is September 30, 2010.**

Bealls & Whistles for Schools <http://www.beallsandwhistlesforschools.com/>

Bealls & Whistles for Schools is a grant program designed to help local schools pay for the things they really need but can't afford through regular education funding. With this program, Bealls will award \$10,000 each to 10 schools (\$100,000 in total) in Florida. Grants are based on who demonstrates the most compelling need, an executable plan, and a wise use of resources. In typed essay of 1000 words or fewer, make a clear, concise argument as to why your classroom, program, or school is the most deserving. If you really want your application to stand out and get noticed, go the extra mile. Get teachers and students involved in creating a great presentation. Make a video. Submit photos. Write and record a song. Or give a great testimonial from a kid's point of view. **All completed applications must be signed by a school administrator and hand delivered to a store manager at any Florida Bealls Department Store by December 31, 2010.** Each Bealls store will select one nominee from among all the applications received. That nominee will be forwarded to the Bealls & Whistles for Schools Board for final judging, in which 10 schools will be selected to receive a \$10,000 grant.

Create, Decorate, Motivate! Classroom Sweepstakes

<http://www.carsondellosa.com/cd2/contest/cdscotchcontest.aspx>

Twenty-five (25) Grand Prizes will be awarded to verified prize winners. The grand prize is a \$300 gift certificate for the purchase of Carson-Dellosa products and a gift pack of 3M Scotch® products with a combined value of \$200 (based on the 3M suggested retail value). Total approximate retail value of each Grand Prize is \$500. **All Internet entries must be received and recorded by September 30, 2010.**

Office Depot Foundation http://devel.jkgroup.com/od/foundation/grant_guidelines.asp

Grant amounts will be a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$3,000 (very limited). The majority of grants issued are in the vicinity of \$1,000 and are supported by in-kind donations when inventory allows and focus on Making a Difference in Children's Lives – to support activities that serve, teach and inspire children, youth and families. priority will be given to applicants that submit proposals representing collaborations between two or more organizations. **Deadline for applications for the current funding cycle is November 15, 2010.**

Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation Grant-

<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/BabwFoundation.aspx>

Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation reviews grants on a rolling basis. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation supports organizations that help children and families. Grants range between \$1,000 and \$10,000 with the average grant being \$2,500.

Build-A-Bear Charitable Donations - <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/donations.aspx>

Build-A-Bear Workshop® is beary happy to review requests for charitable donations with priority given to schools. Requests need to be made via our online request system. All requests must be made at least 8 weeks prior to the date the donation is needed. A typical donation is a \$10 Bear Buck® gift card.

GUIDANCE/SERVICE LEARNING

Middle School

Red Robin U-ACT® Program <http://www.redrobin.com/rrfoundation/uactprogram.aspx>

The U-ACT® Program is open to all middle and junior high schools (grades 6-8 only) aims to inspire and energize students about the value of being kind to others. Throughout the school year, participating schools are asked to share Red Robin's Unbridled culture with their students by participating in program that promote kindness. At the end of the year, schools are asked to submit a program binder outlining their efforts during the school year for a chance to earn a grant anywhere from \$1,200-\$15,000! **Register your school (grades 6-8 are eligible) to participate in the U-ACT Program for the 2010-2011 school year by October 1, 2010. Contest ends: April 8, 2011.**

All Levels

School Counselor of the Year <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content2.asp?contentid=54>

The School Counselor of the Year program honors school counselors who are running a top-notch, comprehensive school counseling program at either the elementary, middle or high school level. This program brings up to 10 finalists and their nominators to Washington, D.C., in early February, where they participate in a congressional briefing, meet with their members of Congress and are honored at the School Counselor of the Year Gala. From these finalists, one school counselor of the year is selected. Nominees must be ASCA members, practicing school counselors with at least five year's experience and currently work in a U.S.-based school. **Nominations are due Sept. 15, 2010.**

2011 National and State Schools of Character

The purpose of the National and State Schools of Character awards program is to identify and honor exemplars in character education and facilitate their leadership in serving as models for other educators. Florida's State Schools of Character (SSOC) awards are given as a prerequisite to the NSOC award. State winners receive these awards at a state celebration in their honor. To be eligible for the 2011 awards, a school must have been engaged in character education for a minimum of three full years, starting no later than December 2007. **Applications must be postmarked or sent via e-mail by December 1, 2010.** <http://www.character.org/nsocapplicationprocess>

State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants www.YSA.org/goodneighbor

State Farm is offering grants of up to \$1,000 for youth-led service-learning initiatives that will engage youth in service-learning, an effective teaching and learning strategy that promotes student learning, academic achievement, workplace readiness, and healthy communities. State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants encourage semester-long projects (following YSA's Semester of Service framework) that launch on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (January 17, 2011) and culminate on Global Youth Service Day (April 15-17, 2011). **Deadline: October 15, 2010**

Nestle Drumstick Heroes Contest www.drumstick.com/promotions/heroes.aspx

Nestle will highlight exceptional youth in communities across the country with the Drumstick Heroes contest. Fifty children between the ages of 6 and 17 are eligible to win a summer celebration package, complete with enough Nestle Drumstick Sundae Cones for a party of 50 friends. To nominate an outstanding child or teen, submit the completed entry form, along with a short story (150 to 300 words) describing why the individual deserves to be honored as a Drumstick Hero. **All entries must be received by September 15, 2010.**

UnitedHealth HEROES www.YSA.org/HEROES

UnitedHealth HEROES is a service-learning, health literacy initiative designed to encourage young people, partnering with schools and nonprofits, to create and implement local hands-on programs to fight childhood obesity. Educators, nonprofit leaders, and students are encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$1,000 to engage youth in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Youth participants raise awareness around their work by culminating their service projects on Global Youth Service Day (GYSD), April 15-17, 2011, an international day of service that occurs in all 50 states and in more than 100 countries. **Applications must be submitted online before midnight October 22, 2010.** Grant recipients will be notified in December and January.

\$500 Do Something Seed Grants <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/seedgrants>

For youth who have a project or idea to start a community action project or program. **Deadline:** None! Applicants will be notified 2-3 months after submission. **Deadline:** None! Applicants will be notified 2-3 months after submission.

\$500 Do Something Growth Grants <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/growthgrants>

For youth who have created a sustainable community action project, program or organization that they want to grow or to put their ideas into action? \$500 Do Something Grants are given every week to help young people to further the growth and success of their program or to turn their idea into reality! **Deadline:** None! Applicants will be notified 2-3 months after submission.

SCHOOL FACILITY

All Levels

Lowe's Commitment to Community-

http://www.lowes.com/cd_Corporate+Citizenship_674540029

LOWE'S CHARITABLE & EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCEF)

The Foundation's philanthropic focuses include K-12 public education and community improvement. Recommends that local Lowe's store be first point of inquiry when seeking a modest gift card, door prize or donation of materials for a community project or event. LCEF grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

http://www.lowes.com/cd_The+Lowe's+Charitable+and+Educational+Foundation_474741445

TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION

In 2009, basic needs will take priority. Please keep this focus in mind as you apply for a Toolbox for Education grant in the 2009-2010 academic year. Preference for funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) as well as landscaping/clean up type projects. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. Grant amounts must be between \$2,000 and \$5,000. **Fall cycle application deadline is October 15, 2010** or once 1,500 applications are received. <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

HOME SAFETY COUNCIL

Home Safety Council's curricula and activities for preschool through middle school students provides teaching tools to help students spot dangers and stay safe at home. <http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/index.asp>

SkillsUSA

Lowe's is helping to narrow the skilled labor gap by supporting SkillsUSA®, a national student organization with 13,000 chapters at public high schools, trade and technical schools and colleges. SkillsUSA programs help students develop their personal and technical skills while incorporating service learning to empower students and their teachers to help improve their community. <http://www.skillsusa.org/>

LOWE'S HEROES

Each year Lowe's Heroes volunteer program helps to improve the communities where Lowe's employees work and live. Together, each store team identifies a community improvement project that will make a difference in their community, such as working with a **local public school**.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Elementary

Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy

http://www.sendmyteacher.com/teachers_and_grown_ups.htm

The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy is a one-week all-expense-paid intensive **professional development** program for 100 **third- through fifth-grade teachers**. The five-day Academy takes place at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ and is designed to provide third- through fifth-grade teachers with the knowledge and skills necessary to motivate students to pursue careers in science and math. **Application deadline: October 31, 2010** for the summer 2011 academy that will be in late July. Notification of award will be by mid-March 2011.

All Levels

2011 Horace Mann - Abraham Lincoln Fellowship Program

Horace Mann and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) have teamed up to offer 50 teachers a fellowship to study the life and legacy of our 16th president. The fellowship is open to any full-time teacher of kindergarten through 12th grade of any discipline in the United States. The curriculum is geared toward teachers of students in grades 4 to 12. No special knowledge of history or Lincoln is required. Fellows attend one of two five-day sessions -- one in June and one in July 2011 -- at the ALPLM in Springfield, Ill. The on-line application must be completed by January 3, 2011.

<https://www.horacemann.com/resources/fellowships/default.aspx>

Jacob K. Javits (JKJ) Fellowship Program <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/applicant.html>

The purpose of the Jacob K. Javits (JKJ) Fellowship Program is to award fellowships to eligible students of superior ability, selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise, to undertake graduate study in specific fields in the arts, humanities, and social sciences leading to a doctoral degree or to a master's degree in those fields in which the master's degree is the terminal highest degree awarded to the selected field of study at accredited institutions of higher education. Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$43,989. Estimated Number of Awards: 33. **Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: September 30, 2010**. Deadline for Transmittal of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): January 31, 2011.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

All Levels

The Leavy Awards Honoring Excellence in Private Enterprise Education

The awards program recognizes educators at the **elementary, junior high school, high school**, and college levels for innovative and effective techniques in teaching entrepreneurship and the free enterprise education. Up to twenty cash awards are made annually valued at \$7,500 each. One meritorious award of \$15,000 may be made for an outstanding entry. The application must conceive and implement an innovative course, program or project which develops, among students, a deeper understanding and appreciation of the American private enterprise system. The nominee's program, course or project must be operating or initiated during the previous academic year. **Deadline for entries is November 30, 2010**.

<http://www.freedomsfoundation.org/Leavy-Awards.cfm>

ThinkQuest International Competition

The ThinkQuest International Competition challenges students to solve a real-world problem by applying their critical thinking, communication, and technology skills. Participants may enroll in the following competition events: ThinkQuest Projects, Digital Media, and Application Development. **The competition is tentatively scheduled to run from August 2010 to April 2011**. There is **no minimum age requirement** to compete in the competition. Teams may include 1-6 students and must have one coach. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each age division for each event will receive a new laptop for each team member. 1st place teams in each age division for each event also receive a \$5,000 donation for the school or organization that their coach represents. <http://www.thinkquest.org/competition/index.html>

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Prudential CARES Volunteer Grants Program Application

Prudential employees and retirees, as well as eligible Prudential Real Estate Affiliates associates, may apply to receive a grant for their favorite nonprofit organization. Each eligible individual may submit one application per calendar year. To apply, the minimum time requirement is 40 hours of volunteer service per individual during the previous calendar year. Award grants are provided to organizations for which the winners serve as volunteers. Winners receive an award certificate. <http://www.prudential.com/view/page/public/12315>

GE Foundation Matching Gifts Program

The GE Foundation Matching Gifts Program supports GE employees and retirees in their personal philanthropy and fundraising efforts. This involves matching individual contributions of \$25 or more to public schools. A special note: In response to the economic recession, GE Foundation will double all matching gifts made by GE employees and retirees to qualified organizations in the United States throughout 2009. Gifts previously matched dollar-for-dollar will now be matched two-for-one. http://www.ge.com/foundation/employee_programs/matching_gifts.jsp

National Teacher Registry <http://www.nationalteacherregistry.com/index.html>

The National Teacher Registry is a free service for teachers, parents and/or other contributors. Teachers may use the registry to create a wishlist of supplies you would like for your classroom. Once a teacher creates a registry, it can easily be displayed by searching using the teacher's or school's name. The site has downloadable forms teachers may personalize to notify parents, family and friends of their registry. If they choose to purchase items from the registry, the teacher will receive confirmation of their purchase and the selections will be delivered directly to the teacher's classroom. Products are sourced from national suppliers and discounters. There is no markup.

Office Depot 5% Back To Schools Program

Every time schools, teachers, students, parents and school supporters give a school's 5% Back to Schools Program ID number when buying school supplies at Office Depot, that school will receive credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for free supplies. Credits are issued in the form of a merchandise card. A school must have a minimum of \$10 in credits for a merchandise card to be issued. This program runs all year long. Office Depot tallies the credits for schools quarterly. Teachers, students, parents and school supporters should give their school's 5% Back to Schools Program ID number every time they make a purchase at Office Depot. Purchases made by schools also qualify for the program.

<http://www.officedepot.com/promo.do?file=/promo/backtoschool/5percent.jsp>

The following teachers have received Florida Master Naturalists (FMN) certification from the University of Florida. The FMN Program is offered FREE to ALL Pasco County teachers (all subjects, all grades!) through a grant from the Crystal Springs Preserve. The teachers completed Coastal, Wetlands and Upland Habitat components of the program over the last three summers to receive the certification (each component is 40 inservice points). Please contact Contact Karen Pate , Crystal Springs Preserve, Director; or Lee Ogden or Kathryn Bylsma at the Pasco Association of Science Teachers (PAST) website (http://www.pastscience.org/Home_Page.html) for further information on this & other science-related professional development opportunities.

*Chris Altenes--CIS/Pasco Environmental Programs
Kathryn Bylsma--John Long Middle School
Mark DeCrosta--J.W. Mitchell High School
Mark Dosmann--Chasco Middle School
Peggy Higgins--Shady Hills Elementary
Michelle Hock--Sun Lake High School
Terry Johnson--Crews Lake Middle School
Jill Lloyd--Wiregrass Ranch High School
Lee Ogden--Pasco High School
Carol Pigeon--Chasco Middle School
Kathleen Reilly-Thurman--Wesley Chapel High School
Linda Whitman--St. Anthony School*