

A newsletter created to keep our contributors updated on recently awarded grants.

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EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The mission of the Brookfield Education Foundation is to marshal and provide resources for lifelong learning by Brookfield residents of all ages.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are delighted to share Brookfield Education Foundation's (BEF) impressive listing of recently awarded grants. In the last half of 2010, we saw more grant applications than ever. Beyond our local schools, BEF awarded grants to Prince of Peace Nursery School and Brookfield Senior Center.

We are also pleased to announce that our annual Gala, held in October was yet again a huge success. We thank the community for your support of this event and this year's theme, Murder Mystery also saw the involvement of many familiar faces from the community as part of the show!

Please take a moment to read about the exciting projects that your generous donations are able to provide for our community.

Our work reflects the community we serve. We want your opinion about how to best meet our community's education aspirations. Send comments, ideas, questions and suggestion to any member of the board.

Thank you for your support,

Recently Awarded Grants

- Algebraic & Geometrical problem Solving / *Whisconier Middle School*
- Heroic Journey / *Whisconier Middle School*
- Wilson Language Program / *Center Elementary School*
- iPads / *Senior Center*
- Outdoor Science Investigation Bin / *Prince of Peace Nursery School*
- Robotics Training Platform / *Brookfield High School*
- Myers-Briggs Type Indicator For Children / *Whisconier Middle School*

Center Elementary School

to launch ***One School One Book*** Spring 2011

Spearheaded by CES principal Carrie Kilian and Curriculum Specialist Krysalon, Center School students, faculty and parents will all be reading versions of CINDERELLA from several different cultures this coming spring. This literacy initiative, One School-One Book, uses a blended curriculum of literacy, art, music, and theater. The program aims to promote text comprehension and to increase awareness of cultural diversity. The program will be launched with an all-school assembly and will include daily events surrounding each of the books. CINDERELLA was chosen since children of all ages and levels are familiar with the story.

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Brookfield Seniors Receive iPads

The Brookfield Senior Center has proven that cutting edge technology is accessible and vital to community members of all ages. Through the leadership of Senior Center Director Ellen Melville, the center has been awarded a major grant for the purchase of three iPads. The seniors have discovered that the ease of iPad manipulation has enabled even the self-proclaimed technophobes to enter the digital world.



Wilson Language Program comes to Center Elementary School

A major grant was awarded in September to Center Elementary School for the Wilson's Language Basics Foundations Program. Championed by two kindergarten teachers, Nancy Hayes and Doreen Dupill, this multi-sensory method of teaching reading and writing skills helps provide the foundations for life-long literacy for all students. The program is already up and running.

For more information visit:
www.wilsonlanguage.com

Prince of Peace Nursery School Receives Community Grant

Prince of Peace Nursery School has received a mini-grant to fund the creation of an Outdoor Science Investigation Bin which would contain tools to encourage scientific study. This will provide children the opportunity to utilize "field tools" to assist in their exploration. Its contents would be changed out according to the season. The bin would be part of the school's science curriculum for children ages 4 & 5 but would also be used by the entire school community.

Coming to Whisconier Middle School...

Whisconier Middle School was the recipient of two mini-grants in the fall of 2010. These programs are scheduled to be up and running in the early part of 2011.

Algebraic and Geometric Problem Solving

The BEF has awarded a mini-grant for a program offering creative problem solving methods for algebra and pre-algebra students at Whisconier Middle School. Jon Reinhardt plans to use the program to motivate students to relate mathematical concepts to their daily lives.

Heroic Journey Program

Whisconier Middle School is the recipient of a recent mini-grant, awarded for the Heroic Journey Program. According to Alex Boianghu's grant application, The Heroic Journey marks the importance of growing from childhood to adulthood and is appropriate for eighth grade counseling and developmental guidance classes.

For more information visit:
www.theheroicjourney.com

Robotics Training Platform

Brookfield High School

BHS was awarded a major grant to fund a Robotics Training Platform. Open to students age 13-18, the aim is to create a reusable Robotics training platform that will help develop student interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The demonstration/training sessions will be held in the evenings at a variety of area locations.

Mini-grant to "Sharps & Flats" Musical Group

A mini-grant has provided funding for the Brookfield Senior Center's "Sharps & Flats" musical group. Under the direction of Sharps & Flats coordinator Rita Zullo-Lubin, this innovative group looks to enhance music education and appreciation for the entire community.

Enjoy a recent Sharps & Flats performance here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1TUIZ508Y>

Visit us at www.brookfieldeducationfoundation.org for more details and a complete guide to giving.

