



It's time for the 2009 Education Foundation Awards! Are you ready?  
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# GRANT AWARDS!

- 131 Applications
- Requests for \$437,000



Are you ready?!! We're about to give out the most money ever...\$93,660! Teachers – please come to the stage as your grant is announced.

# Wii R Fit

- Special Programs
  - Trisha Buchanan
  - Gail Abaray
  - Sally Gracey
  - Jennifer Dickerson
  - Pam Johnston
  - Sue Mey
  - Nicole Warren
  - \$1,913

A small inset image of the white Wii Fit Board, which is a rectangular board with a central sensor and a small screen. The board is shown from a slightly elevated perspective. The background of the entire slide is a dark brown color with a pattern of large, stylized yellow stars and smaller white stars, creating a festive or celebratory atmosphere.

And the first grant goes to: the Special Programs Department for Wii R Fit.

The Wii Fit Board will be utilized in the Special Programs Motor Lab and some classrooms to help students increase their overall balance, muscle strength, gross motor and some fine motor skills. Students' hand-eye-foot coordination will improve through the use of the Wii as will their ability to identify cause and effect relationships, follow directions, and problem solve.

Grant Recipients are Trisha Buchanan, Gail Abaray, Sally Gracey, Jennifer Dickerson, Pam Johnston, Sue Mey, and Nicole Warren.

# Digital Writing

- Austin Elementary
  - Kendall Berry
  - Jonna Falk
  - \$320



The next award goes to Kendall Berry and Jonna Falk from Austin Elementary for Digital Writing. Second grade students will use these digital pens to write and print their words and stories without having to type them on the computer. This method will increase student practice and output. We know that new technology actively engages students on so many levels and with this grant our students will have the ability to use digital technology daily as they practice reading, spelling, and writing. This amazing pen can be used to write on paper. When docked, it will transform students' writing to a Word document!



I've Been Schooled! This grant award goes to Marcia Riebe at Hall Middle School.

Who doesn't remember the fear, anxiety, and complexity of middle school?

For this grant, 100 copies of "Schooled" will be wrapped and hidden throughout the building at Hall Middle School. This award-winning book features a boy, raised in a commune where peace and simplicity abound. When he is placed in foster care, he attends a public school where he becomes the target for practical jokes...and then ends up being a hero who sets a positive example for his peers.

Students who finds the book will be asked to read it and pass it on. After reading the book, students will also be asked to come to the library and complete assignments to show that they've been schooled.

## Do, Watch, Listen, Say

- Crockett & Martin
  - Susan Miller
  - Bianca Bashore
  - Kelly Reeder
  - Susan Nelson
  - Dinah Reif
  - \$1,393



The next award goes to Susan Miller, Bianca Bashore, Kelly Reeder, Susan Nelson, and Dinah Reif for Do, Watch, Listen, Say. Many students with autism are strong visual learners. Using the Flip Video Camera, video modeling can be created for students to develop and increase communication skills, academic performance, social and self-help skills.

## Beyond Text & Graphics: Mobile Podcast & Video Editing Studio

- Weatherford High School
  - Adrienne Berry
  - Jorene Guyton
  - \$4,452



Imagine being in high school and having a mobile podcast and video editing studio! Congratulations to Adrienne Berry and Jorene Guyton...their grant "Beyond Text and Graphics" will provide a much-needed technology station for teachers and students.

## Musical Math: Using Music to Teach Students with Special Needs

- Crockett Elementary
  - Bianca Bashore
  - Debbie Braudaway
  - \$1,211

Students in Bianca Bashore's class will learn math concepts through the use of music, visuals, and manipulatives giving them the very best opportunity to master math!

## Click, Click...There's No Place Like First Grade

- Wright Elementary
  - Nikki Light
  - Paula Parks
  - Maria Rosas
  - Rachel Allison
  - Diane Ranft
  - \$3,968



Congratulations to Wright Elementary teachers Nikki Light, Paula Parks, Maria Rosas, Rachel Allison, and Diane Ranft...you are going to receive clicker response pads!

## Engage Me or Enrage Me

- Austin Elementary
  - Kendall Berry
  - Julia Hickson
  - \$3,910



More clicker response pads go to Kendall Berry and Julia Hickson from Austin Elementary

## Can You Click It?

- Crockett Elementary
  - Sharon Allen
  - Kayla Cagle
  - \$2,849



You guessed it! Sharon Allen and Kayla Cagle...you are going to receive clicker response pads for Crockett Elementary.

## Keep 'em Movin'... Toolbox for Success

- Special Programs
  - Lindsey Walker
  - Parnell Ryan
  - \$2,372

Each elementary campus will receive a box of tools to help students that need to be active while learning. These varied tools – for example, stress balls – will give students a sensory-motor activity that they can use to discretely help them focus and attend to their academic instruction. Lindsey Walker and Parnell Ryan – we congratulate you for submitting a grant application that will help elementary students throughout our district!

A graphic with a dark brown background on the left and a golden-yellow background on the right. The golden-yellow area features several large, stylized stars of varying sizes and orientations, some with smaller stars and decorative swirls around them. The text "2009 Grant Applications" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font on the dark brown background.

## 2009 Grant Applications

So far, we have awarded 10 grants for a total of \$23,199...which means we still have over \$70,000 to go!

And we're about to do something we've never done before.


Sometimes we get the same grant application submitted several times over because our teachers desperately want to bring a program to their campus, but they are limited by our \$5,000 cap per application. This year, the Grant Review Committee received multiple copies of two different grants that would bring state-of-the-art technology to our classrooms.

Without any further ado, it is my pleasure to announce our last two grant awards.

**Inspiring Minds to  
Excellence in Mathematics**

- Weatherford High School
  - Math Department

▪ **\$17,220**



Weatherford High School math teachers! Come on down!!

Alan Roemer, Toni Roland, Megan Whitcamp, Lauren Barnhart, Mike Ladley, Kristy Dowd, Tom Stevenson, Ray Hass, Tim Duggin, Aileen Akbar, Casey Smith, Joey Wilson, Jerod Hagains, John Cerda

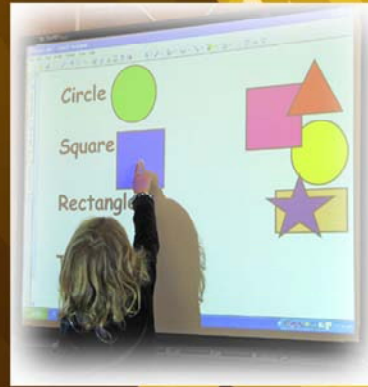
These teachers submitted 8 grant applications asking for over \$34,000 to provide classroom sets of the new TI-Nspire Graphing Calculator. We are able to fund  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their request – providing over \$17,000 of calculators for our students. We know that math is one of the most challenging areas for our students to master. The calculators that are currently available to our students are 4 generations removed from the TI-Nspire. In addition to being a state-of-the-art calculator, the TI-Nspire is compatible with the Promethean ActivBoard and has a built-in feature that is similar to that of clicker response pads.

Congratulations to the WHS Math Department!!

## Get Smart or Activate Your Imagination @ Your Library

- Every Campus
  - Every Librarian

▪ \$53,241



We're spending over \$53,000 to give **each campus** an electronic whiteboard! **Every teacher will now have access to this technology!** If you are a librarian or teacher who submitted applications for Get Smart @ Your Library – or – Activate Your Imagination @ Your Library please...come on down!!!

Lura Manley, Gloria Scott, Elaine Abdur-Razzaaq, Sherry Singleton, Cindy Gentry, Jeanne Gales, Bridget Burrows, Julia Kirby, Linda Authier, Tiffany Bagwell, Debbie Mendrop, Jody Denkhous, Lori Tucker, Rhonda Zamarron, James Nugent, Lisa Durant, Maxine Hill, Marilyn Curda, Amy Lancaster, Dana Johnson, Brenda Coleman, Amber Reeves, Marcia Riebe, Leslie Bearden, Teresa Kathcart, Megg Elliott, Sharon Sullivan, Laura Baird, Wendy Mohr, Lindsey Mendrop, Kim Murphy, Adrienne Berry & Jorene Guyton

We applaud our librarians and teachers for submitting these applications that provide access to innovative technology to every teacher and student in our school district!

## 2009 Grant Awards

- \$93,660!
- All Campuses
- 77 Teachers



We have just given out over \$93,000 to 77 teachers! Since we awarded our first round of grant awards in 2001, we have given over \$549,000 (or more than half a million dollars) to our teachers. We congratulate each of our 2009 grant recipients!