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CASD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANT RECIPIENTS

Chambersburg, PA – The Chambersburg Area School District Foundation is pleased to announce the successful applicants for its May 2010 round of teacher/staff grants. The CASD Foundation Board met on May 12th to review and select programs to receive funding for the 2010-11 school year. Thirteen proposals requesting almost \$33,900 in funding were reviewed by the CASD Foundation Board. The Board awarded \$2,275 from its General Fund to fund 2 projects at the elementary level; \$22,500 from the Mary B. Sharpe Trust, held by the Foundation, for 9 projects at the elementary and secondary levels; and \$9,100 from the Edna Stanley Trust, held by the Foundation, to fund 2 additional projects in the District for a grand total of \$31,684 in grants.

The following grants were approved for funding from the General Fund:

Stan Shilling, Lynn Hostetler, Tia Mulevich and Nicole Geisel, Elementary Counselors to support the “Girls’ Night Out” program for 5th grade girls and their parent/mentor to be held in October 2010. “Creating Healthy Bodies & Making Healthy Choices” will include activities focusing on human growth & development, relational aggression, healthy eating, exercise and skin care and is open to all 5th grade girls.

Dawn Abraham, Lurgan Elementary School to support an Artist-in-Residency program at Lurgan featuring PCA-rostered musician and instrument-maker, Tom Jolin. Students will participate in instrument-making, singing, instrumental performance, dancing & song-writing.

The following grants were approved for funding from the Mary B. Sharpe Trust:

Susan Berrier, Kelly Hurley and Debbie Urso, Andrew Buchanan and Lurgan Elementary Schools to purchase books for use in the statewide Keystone to Reading Book Award. Students will be exposed to 24 books nominated for next year’s Keystone Award and will get to cast their vote for the “students’ choice” award.

Mark Shoap, Benjamin Chambers Elementary School to purchase 6 pillars – Responsibility, Caring, Respect, Trustworthiness, Fairness & Citizenship – to be installed in the gymnasium at Ben Chambers. Each panel coincides with character traits that are part of the school-wide Character Counts program currently practiced in all grades.

Donna Bonitz & Jodi Wright, Grandview Elementary School to purchase books for use in the Daily Five and CAFÉ program for the literacy block instruction in grades 1-5 at Grandview. The programs help students develop daily habits of reading, writing & working with peers and provide assessment data to inform instruction, track strengths & goals, and create flexible groups to focus on specific reading strategies.

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Karim Powanda & Sue Wagaman, Hamilton Heights Elementary School to purchase materials to initiate the GATE (Group & Tutoring Edition) assisted reading program and the audio-supported phonics program, Word Warm-ups, for 1st graders at Hamilton Heights.

Marianne Talhelm & Yvonne Wentz, Hamilton Heights Elementary School to purchase manipulatives necessary to implement the Investigations inquiry-based math curriculum for 1st graders at Hamilton Heights. The program ensures students comprehend concrete concepts and abstract mathematical concepts by testing and confirming their reasoning.

Bernadette Benbow, Stevens Elementary to continue the Positive Hip-Hop Reach Dance program for grades 3-5 at Stevens. The program teaches discipline, self-esteem, positive behavior and teamwork and requires participants to maintain at least a "C" average and maintain positive behavior in school.

Michelle Leisher, Stevens Elementary to purchase reading materials for use by kindergarten students at Stevens in the PALS homework program. The program requires students to read 10 minutes each evening, reinforcing materials taught in class and parents must sign homework books and are encouraged to read with their children.

Joanne Hammond, CAMS to support three programs presented by Sharon G. Flake, author of "Money Hungry, Begging for Change" as part of the "Chambersburg Reads to Inspire Service" community-wide program. Flake will speak to students at CAMS and Coyle Free Library on the topic of inspiring people to donate their services to help in their community.

Lisa Shaw, Deb Lehman, Beth Moore & Erin Barket, Faust Junior High to purchase Kindle wireless reading devices and wireless books and periodicals to be used in the AgBioScience, Child Development, Graphic Communication and Gifted Seminar at Faust. Students will be studying genetics and biotechnology.

The following grants were approved for funding from the Edna Stanley Trust:

Catherine Dusman & Barbara Buhrman, Elementary Reading to erect four billboards in Chambersburg to advertise that Reading Matters to Children. The purpose of the initiative is to better prepare children for kindergarten by advertising the importance of reading to your child.

Kurt Widman, CAMS to send all CAMS 7th graders to Penn State/Mont Alto to experience "Adventures in Learning" in October 2010. Students will be exposed to post-secondary opportunities by attending 3 classes with PSU professors, having lunch on campus and taking a campus tour.

"The Foundation Board was pleased to be able to fund these projects which were innovative and will have an immediate impact on our students," noted CASD Foundation Board President, Jim Probst. "Additional funding from the Sharpe and Stanley Trusts enabled the Board to fund all of the proposals received in this grant round."

Since its inception in November 1990, the Foundation has awarded close to \$460,000 in grants to teachers and staff for innovative programs not able to be funded in the regular CASD budget. The next grant review will be in December 2010 for projects/equipment for the 2nd semester 2010-11 and for 2011. Deadline for proposals is November 18, 2010.

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