

CHAMBERSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION

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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 2011 round of teacher/staff grants. The CASD Foundation Board met on May 18th to review and select programs to receive funding for the 2011-12 school year. Fifteen proposals requesting over \$62,000 in funding were reviewed by the CASD Foundation Board. The Board awarded \$11,417.91 from its General Fund to fund 4 projects at the elementary and secondary levels; and \$10,171.57 from the Mary B. Sharpe Trust, held by the Foundation, for 4 projects at the elementary and secondary levels for a grand total of \$21,589.48.

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

Elizabeth Stahl (currently a music teacher at Faust Jr. High School) – to purchase 9 new keyboards for use at CASHS next year in the Intro to Piano and music elective classes.

Kelly Musser and Patricia Jacobs – to purchase 6 Webcams, 2 SmartBoards and stands for use at CAMS North & South to enable World Geography teachers and students to have the ability to Skype with students around the world, to virtually visit areas impacted by world events, see historical sites & watch performances, and interview people of different cultures.

- **Kirk Crouse and Dawn Abraham** (Andrew Buchanan Elementary) – to present Tom Jolin, PCA-rostered artist and instrument-maker as an Artist-in-Residence for grades K-5 at Andrew Buchanan. Students will make instruments & learn folk dances and participate in a public concert at the end of the residency.
- **Brian Zoeller** (CASHS) – to purchase/replace tools and equipment for the Scene Shop at CASHS. The Scene Shop is used in preparations for musical and theatrical productions at the high school.

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

- **Susan Berrier** (Librarian at Andrew Buchanan Elementary) – to purchase 97 ebooks for use in grades K-5 at Buchanan. The ebooks provide content that can be accessed at school or home and can be used individually, with partners or in groups. Some titles were chosen to specifically serve the growing Hispanic population at Buchanan.
- **Karen Ellis** (CAMS) – to purchase an ELMO document camera to be used in 6th grade math classes to increase higher order thinking discussions & maximize student involvement.

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- **Nicole Brookens and Donna Bonitz** (Fayetteville Elementary) – to purchase books to be used during Daily-Five “read-to-self” programs in grades K-5 at Fayetteville.
- **Wesley R. Foltz and Katherine Miller** (currently at J. Frank Faust Jr. High) – to purchase 2 sets of historical literature books (“A Long Walk” and “The Killing Sea”) for use in 8th grade World Geography classes at CAMS North & South.

Since its inception in November 1990, the Foundation has awarded over \$500,000 in grants to teachers and staff for innovative programs not able to be funded in the regular CASD budget, including \$33,000 at the first 2010-11 grant round in December 2010. The next grant review will be in December 2011 for innovative projects/equipment for the 2nd semester 2011-12 and for 2012. Deadline for proposals is November 23, 2011.

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