

CARTHAGE ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION
SUMMARY OF 2008-2009 GRANTS
35 GRANTS—TOTAL OF \$94,546.46

CARTHAGE PRIMARY

2-4-6-8, CALDWELL ZOO IS SUPER GREAT! \$735.00 ELLEN DAY AND MELISSA JOHNSON
Firsthand observation of the vast array of animals at the Caldwell Zoo in Tyler provides a memorable learning experience for all kindergarten students ((251). Studying exotic animals in natural habitats extends classroom instruction and supports campus objectives.

THE PLACES WE'VE BEEN AND OH, OH, THE PLACES WE WILL GO! \$4,743.80 ELLEN DAY AND MELISSA JOHNSON
Pre-K and kindergarten teachers will attend KToT—Kindergarten Teachers of Texas—in San Antonio to learn new and innovative methods for teaching center-based curriculum in their classrooms. With a total focus on kindergarten TEKS, teachers benefit from a wide variety of new ideas and manipulative materials to provide the most effective ways to teach little children.

LEARNING THROUGH ADVENTURE AT THE DISCOVERY SCIENCE PLACE \$1,404.50 MERRY BAGLEY, KIM BAGLEY, AND BELINDA PARKER
All first graders embark on a learning adventure at the Discovery Science Place in Tyler. Learning stations and exhibits feature hands-on activities which emphasize important science and social studies objectives. This center focuses on educational activities appropriate for early elementary school students.

12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR TEXAS FIRST GRADE TEACHERS \$5,000.00 TIFFANY BROWN AND DONNA JONES
To maximize student achievement, attendance at the 12th Annual Conference for Texas First Grade Teachers provides teachers a multitude of new ideas based on the best practices for first grade students. These research-based activities focus on learning centers, guided reading, math, science, & social studies themes and will impact 222 students this year.

GATHER ROUND FOR READING \$3,100.55 JANIE JONES
This grant funds multiple copies of materials which target all first grade reading/Language Arts TEKS. Success in reading is fundamental to success in all subjects. These leveled readers for struggling first graders will be used in small group settings, enabling students to acquire essential basic reading skills.

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL \$2,259.90 PAM WALKER AND EVELYN WEDGEWORTH
Reading leveled texts leads to fluent, independent reading—kindergarten's #1 goal. This grant requests multiple collections of fiction and nonfiction texts at various levels of difficulty to challenge all kindergarten students (251).

EXPECTING GREAT THINGS \$1,841.84 TINA MILLS
This grant requests 16 collections of leveled reading texts. All first grade students (219) will be impacted. Reading leveled books in small groups enhances the development of successful, independent readers.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN: DISCOVERING THE WORLD AROUND US \$4,900.86 AMBER ISBELL
Children at the Pre-K level learn best through the use of developmentally appropriate, hands-on manipulatives. This grant purchases materials such as science specimen sorting centers, match-a-bug activity centers, and shape and measurement centers for each Pre-K class.

PRIMARY LISTENS AND LEARNS \$1,127.34 SARAH CALVERT
Read-along selections of classic children's literature provide differentiated instruction in multiple small group settings. With LRC checkout, this grant purchases CDs and accompanying sets of books for all Primary students (604). Reluctant readers can participate as well as more advanced readers when following a story on tape or CD. This format engages students in both a visual and auditory manner.

A TRIP TO THE THEATRE...No, NOT THE MOVIES! \$3,542.30

DEBBIE MILLER

Kindergarten and first grade students (500) will attend a performance of "Beauty and the Beast" at the Cowan Theatre in Tyler. Combining literature with live theatrical performance and music helps students to appreciate the artistry of the human spirit and develop their own creativity. Exposure to a live professional performance on their interest level will be a memorable experience.

PRE-K: BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR READERS \$4,621.62

TAMESA CONWAY

This grant funds collections of hard cover books, puppets, and accompanying kits of interactive activities for each Pre-K class (136 students). To grow into successful readers, these literacy materials provide opportunities to match print with sound in order to build essential pre-reading skills. These materials stimulate interest and enjoyment in reading.

LIBBY ELEMENTARY

UP, UP, AND AWAY WITH HOT AIR BALLOONS! \$1,350.00

KAY HUBBARD

This grant brings a hot air balloon to the Libby campus with an outdoor demonstration of actual flight. The balloon will also be inflated inside the gym for a highly interactive teaching experience for students. This out-of-the-ordinary science activity relates to science concepts taught in the classroom. All second and third grade students (400) will be impacted.

LOOK WHO'S GOING TO THE ZOO! \$715.00

CLARINDA HARDY

A trip to the Caldwell Zoo brings second grade life science TEKS to life. Observing the actual living animals, compared to simply reading words about them, is a priceless experience. This trip impacts 235 second grade students.

LET'S DIVE INTO LEARNING AT SCI-PORT! \$2,734.00

CARLA CHESHIRE

A trip to Sci-Port Discovery Center in Shreveport provides exciting hands-on activities and experiences that directly relate to science TEKS. This year's focus is the oceans, and all third graders (206) will be impacted.

CONTINUING AWESOME MATH-TEACHING TECHNIQUES (CAMT) \$1,373.83

KAY HUBBARD

Three Libby teachers will participate in this 3-day, intensive, statewide math conference in July to learn innovative ideas from outstanding speakers and math teachers from the state and nation. They will choose from a wide variety of sessions and then share these techniques with other teachers during in-service workshops.

BAKER-KOONCE INTERMEDIATE

IT'S SO NICE TO FINALLY MEET YOU! \$2,282.37

AUDREY ALMEIDA

This grant funds 135 new biographies for the LRC. Students will be introduced to presidents, First Ladies, great African Americans, inventors, athletes, entertainers, and more--people who have shaped the world. The new books enlarge the Baker-Koonce reading program and expose students (600) to a variety of significant people.

EXPERIENCING THE RE-CREATION OF OIL DISCOVERY \$1,400.00

SHELLEY GOOLSBY

This request provides transportation and admission for all fourth graders (200) to the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore. They will step back in time to see authentic re-creations of the oil discovery, the people and their towns, sound presentations, and tools donated by East Texas citizens. Fourth grade Texas history, science, and Fine Arts curricula will be more meaningful after this firsthand experience.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE TEACHING –CAST \$2,054.00

PAM TODD

Four fifth and sixth grade Baker-Koonce teachers will attend an outstanding science conference in Fort Worth which provides cutting-edge knowledge and techniques to enhance science and technology education. They will choose from 400 workshops, 70 field trips, and 300 exhibits to enrich their classroom instruction and increase student success each year.

RAISING LA BELLE **\$1,000.00** **AUDREY ALMEIDA**
An award-winning children's author/illustrator uses a Powerpoint presentation enhanced with "Chalk Talk" drawings while he tells the fascinating story of French explorer La Salle and the sinking of his ship La Belle in a Texas bay in 1686. In 1996 the Texas Historical Commission pulled her up. This interactive presentation will increase student interest in the early exploration of Texas and impacts fourth, seventh, and eighth grades (595 students).

EXPERIENCING SCI-PORT **\$2,579.00** **PAM TODD**
A visit to Sci-Port Discovery Center in Shreveport supports state and national standards for science. Sci-Port features constantly changing world class exhibits, over 200 hands-on educational activities, a space dome planetarium, and a state of the art IMAX theatre. This memorable experience impacts the entire fifth grade (217).

"READ ALL ABOUT IT" - HISTORY THROUGH LITERATURE **\$2,448.00** **KAYE DEATON**
This grant purchases 540 historical novels (6 sets of 90) for the fifth grade. Students will gain insights into historical events through the lives of well-researched but fictitious characters. The simultaneous reading of historical novels with the social studies text will bring life to that time period and reinforce actual events.

A MEDIEVAL ADVENTURE **\$2,549.00** **JANET SIMS**
A trip to Medieval Times in Dallas enables sixth grade students (189) to transfer their study of the Middle Ages--the feudal system, knights, castles, heraldry, and weaponry--into a direct application of their knowledge.

ROAD TRIP TO NEW IDEAS **\$3,341.19** **NINA SNOW**
This grant requests funds for six teachers to attend the 55th Annual Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching (CAMT) in Dallas. The best math professionals in the state and nation will bring a wealth of new information and innovative strategies to energize and improve math education.

CARTHAGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

DANCING FOR FITNESS **\$3,685.48** **MANDY SIMPSON**
The CJHS Physical Education department requests this dancing technology game to promote exercise for students (130) who are not involved in sports programs. Childhood obesity has become a national problem, and the DDR game promotes dance skills, friendly competition, and, best of all, physical fitness.

THEATREFEST 2009 **\$970.00** **KIM FUNDERBURK**
The CJHS theatre teacher will attend TheatreFest in Austin. This conference offers 145 innovative and creative workshops on all levels. The mission of Texas Educational Theatre Association's TheatreFest is to support, promote, and expand educational theatre by providing quality educational opportunities and a network of resources, programs, and projects that celebrate the importance of theatre in the human experience.

SUPER SIZE IT, PLEASE! **\$5,000.00** **JEANNINE MILAM AND LYNDA JOHNSON**
The Poster Maker creates customized visuals of concepts for the core academic subjects as well as student council activities, theatre posters, etc. Visual reminders of key concepts reinforce skills previously taught in the classroom. The ability to make posters of relevant information will benefit teachers in all subject areas at CJHS.

