

**Carthage ISD Education Foundation**  
**\$181,071.69 for 49 Grants -- 2011-2012 Summary Report**

*The directors of the CISD Education Foundation wish to recognize and thank each educator for the many wonderful opportunities their grants will provide students.*

**Carthage Primary**  
**12 Grants for \$47,860.11**

**Cracking the Reading Code! Belinda Parker, Melissa Johnson, Ellen Day \$2,151.00**

A highly successful reading program for kindergarten and first grade, Secret Stories uses body movement, music, and more to connect students to reading.

**On Stage with American Family Theatre: "Alice in Wonderland" Debbie Miller \$4,106.20**

All Primary students (634) experience a live professional performance of "Alice in Wonderland" at SFASU. Connecting a delightful story with theatre and music brings characters to life for a truly memorable experience.

**"Rolling Back in Time in Jefferson, Texas" Merry Bagley & Tina Mills \$3,280.00**

All first graders journey back in time in a memorable day in Jefferson. Students experience how life styles have changed as they take a narrated ride on a mule-drawn wagon, ride an authentic steam train, and enjoy ice cream in an old time general store.

**Little Learners Love to Listen-First Grade Belinda Parker & Tiffany Brown \$4,588.20**

With six listening center read-alongs, first grade classes visually follow text while listening to CDs. Audio books expose students to history and science text beyond their reading ability and enhance their comprehension and vocabulary skills.

**Little Learners Love to Listen-Kindergarten Amber Isbell & Evelyn Wedgeworth \$4,886.70**

Six sets of listening center read-alongs, appropriate for all kindergarten students, will enhance their reading skills. Each set will be shared by two KG teachers.

**Discovering the World Around Us Melissa Johnson & Ellen Day \$1,981.40**

All KG students embark on a learning adventure at the Discovery Science Place in Tyler. This center features ever-changing exhibits appropriate for early elementary children.

**The Five Fabulous Keys to Driving Reading Instruction**

**Evelyn Wedgeworth & Pam Walker \$4,000.00**

A five-day in-service workshop by Patsy Ramirez for all Primary staff brings the best research-based and classroom-tested teaching strategies to target beginning readers.

**Reading is FUNdamental! Pam Walker \$4,854.11**

New leveled readers allow KG and first grade children to develop reading skills at a level appropriate to each individual's needs.

**Kinder Crew Loves the Zoo!**                      **Melissa Johnson & Ellen Day**                      **\$837.00**  
Firsthand observation of exotic animals at Caldwell Zoo in Tyler provides a memorable learning experience for all kindergarten students.

**Kindergarten Teachers Never Stop Learning**   **Melissa Johnson & Ellen Day**   **\$4,662.50**  
KG teachers will attend KToT, Kindergarten Teachers of Texas, in Houston to learn new and innovative methods for center-based instruction.

**Rounding Up a Good Book-Part II**                      **Sarah Calvert**                      **\$2,576.00**  
With Mrs. John Moore's memorial teaching grant, each first grader has the pleasure of owning a hardback copy of *The Armadillo Rodeo (230)*. Volunteers read the book in each classroom and then present each student a wrapped copy to take home.

**"The School is Alive with The Sound of Children"**   **Kiley Schumacher**   **\$9,937.00**  
The Charles Matthews Memorial Teaching Grant funds a new sound system for the Primary cafeteria-theatre-meeting place. With wireless microphones, amplifiers, overhead stage monitors and ceiling speakers, families can clearly hear their children when they perform plays and programs.

**Libby Elementary**  
**11 Grants for \$29,924.25**

**Children's Performing Arts Series**                      **Kay Hubbard**                      **\$1,814.00**  
All Libby students (418) attend a performance of the Super Science Circus sponsored by the SFASU Fine Arts Dept. High-energy circus performer (Mr. Fish) & mime (Silent Trent) demonstrate science concepts with fun props like beach balls, bullwhips, boomerangs, and bubbles to pique children's interest in science.

**Listening Together**                      **Sarah Calvert**                      **\$3,200.00**  
Sixteen multimedia player/recorders enable teachers and students in all Libby classrooms to access both old and new LRC materials—from cassette tapes to mp3 downloads.

**The Language of Math**                      **Tryphena Bledsoe**                      **\$1,655.17**  
Eleven classroom sets of fast, focused math lessons, with emphasis on the vocabulary necessary to master math concepts, will be used daily in all third grade classrooms.

**Wild About Learning at the Caldwell Zoo!**                      **Misty Porter**                      **\$572.00**  
A trip to the Caldwell Zoo in Tyler provides memorable science learning experiences for all second graders.

**Dynamite Learning**                      **Tryphena Bledsoe**                      **\$2,547.18**  
An ActionBox of engaging games and activities to support reading and math skills will enhance learning in every third grade classroom.

**“Adventures of Pippi Longstocking”** **Misty Porter** **\$1,375.50**  
All second graders will experience a delightful musical adaptation at SFASU of a classic story featuring 9-year-old Pippi, who lives by herself with a horse and a monkey and happens to be the strongest and most outrageous girl in the world.

**Cultivating Awesome Math Teachers CAMT** **Kay Hubbard** **\$1,543.72**  
Participation in the Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching, a three-day, intensive math conference in July, gives three new third grade teachers an invaluable opportunity to gain innovative ideas from outstanding instructors from the state and nation.

**Sci-Port Discovery Center** **Kay Hubbard** **\$2,435.00**  
A trip to Sci-Port Discovery Center provides third graders a multitude of constantly changing world class exhibits and hands-on activities that directly relate to science TEKS.

**Experiencing Science with Games** **Donna Eikenberg** **\$988.68**  
With a set of interactive, hands-on science games for each second grade classroom, students will learn about the solar system, objects in motion, and more while playing games in learning centers.

**The Sound of Music** **Tryphena Bledsoe** **\$5,000.00**  
Grades 2-3-4-5 will enjoy a professional performance by the Marshall Symphony Orchestra at CJHS auditorium. Students will experience how music tells a story, study the various instruments and appropriate audience behavior.

**I Touch, I Learn!** **Brenda Buckner & Yolanda Brown** **\$8,793.00**  
The Matthews Memorial Teaching Grant at Libby funds an Apple iPod Touch Learning Lab: 25 iPods, iMac computer, and mobile cart to charge and sync each iPod. Countless exciting applications, at little or no cost, can be downloaded to practice important skills: vocabulary games, spelling, reading, math, and much more.

**Baker-Koonce Intermediate School**  
**11 Grants for \$35,084.41**

**Experiencing ArtBreak** **Shelley Goolsby & Sheila Willis** **\$1,778.75**  
All fourth grade students experience ArtBreak in Shreveport. A highly interactive event, students connect to dance, poetry readings, music concerts, and more.

**Hands Up to Successful Writing** **Tina Marion** **\$3,988.00**  
Fourth grade language arts teachers attend the outstanding Kemah Writing Academy to learn innovative methods to teach expository and descriptive writing.

<b>Have Books, Will Travel Again!</b>	<b>Ginger McLaughlin</b>	<b>\$978.29</b>
The Betty Walker Pierce Memorial Teaching Grant for sixth grade funds three classroom sets of award-winning literature about ancient Greece, the Middle Ages, and contemporary America accompanied by the audio CD.		
<b>Heigh Ho, Heigh Ho, It's Off to CAMT We Go...</b>	<b>Karen Bishop</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
The Conference for the Advancement of Math Teaching provides the choice of 750 outstanding sessions which focus on hands-on learning techniques, technology, and manipulatives to update the instruction of all Baker-Koonce math teachers.		
<b>"Reel Fun"</b>	<b>Rhonda Hillin</b>	<b>\$1,853.75</b>
All fifth grade students tour the Texas Freshwater Fish Hatcheries in Athens. In small groups led by SFA graduate students, children participate in hands-on activities which illustrate food chains, life cycles, toxins, and the importance of protecting our wetland environment. They'll catch a fish, too!		
<b>iLearn</b>	<b>Audrey Almeida</b>	<b>\$2,506.62</b>
This grant adds 138 high-interest nonfiction books to the Baker-Koonce library to encourage reading and capture students' imaginations.		
<b>Island Ahoy! Grade 4</b>	<b>Monica Griffin</b>	<b>\$3,362.00</b>
To reinforce classroom instruction, this grant funds Study Island for fourth grade. Fast-paced and user friendly, this software covers all math, science, reading, and social studies objectives tested on the TAKS and allows students to advance step by step in an interesting format. Web-based, students can log on at any location.		
<b>Island Ahoy! Grade 5</b>	<b>Jamie Bickham</b>	<b>\$3,362.00</b>
To reinforce classroom instruction, this grant funds Study Island for fifth grade. Fast-paced and user friendly, this software covers all math, science, reading, and social studies objectives tested on the TAKS and allows students to advance step by step in an interesting format. Web-based, students can log on at any location.		
<b>Island Ahoy! Grade 6</b>	<b>Angie Gray</b>	<b>\$3,362.00</b>
To reinforce classroom instruction, this grant funds Study Island for sixth grade. Fast-paced and user friendly, this software covers all math, science, reading, and social studies objectives tested on the TAKS and allows students to advance step by step in an interesting format. Web-based, students can log on at any location.		
<b>Opera Adventures</b>	<b>LeAnn Williams</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
Following a two-week study of opera as an art form, fourth-fifth-sixth grade students experience a live performance by the Shreveport Opera Express in the CJHS auditorium.		

**“Education? There’s an APP for That!” Audrey Almeida & Jason Harris \$8,293.00**  
The Matthews Memorial Teaching Grant at Baker-Koonce funds an Apple iPod Touch Learning Lab: 25 iPods, iMac computer, and mobile cart to charge and sync each iPod. A multitude of low cost and free educational applications can be downloaded to practice valuable skills in a format children enjoy.

**Carthage Junior High School  
4 Grants for \$18,461.92**

**Stimulating Scientific Thinking Jacqueline Schneider \$4,899.40**  
Seven car/ramp/timer/photogate packages will increase student understanding of the relationship between speed, distance, time, mass, force, and acceleration as well as web-based multimedia lessons to reinforce science facts spiraled through grades 6-7-8.

**Know More. Do More. Inspire More. Petra Hagan & Kim Griffith \$2,186.20**  
Two classroom sets of Classroom Response Systems (50 student handheld remotes) and coordinated software benefit all seventh grade math classes. All students, even the quiet ones, eagerly participate and teachers have immediate feedback on student comprehension.

**We Want to Be Pre-AP Jennifer Myers \$1,938.32**  
To launch a new program, eighth grade science teachers will attend the Pre-AP Middle School Science for New Teachers at Rice University in June.

**Apple iPod Touch Learning Lab Lynda Johnson & Mike Baysinger \$9,438.00**  
The Matthews Memorial Teaching Grant at CJHS funds an Apple iPod Touch Learning Lab: 30 iPods, iMac computer, and mobile cart to charge and sync each iPod. Applications to download include educational podcasts, foreign languages, maps with GPS, Quick Graph, and so much more—the 21st century way to learn.

**Carthage High School  
11 Grants for \$46,711.63**

**Keeping the “Heart of Science Healthy Forever” Nola Manis \$5,000.00**  
This exciting field trip to the Houston Medical Center and Galveston Bay opens students' eyes to many different career opportunities in scientific and medical fields. In Houston, AP Biology, Anatomy & Physiology students observe open-heart surgery and attend medical lectures. In Galveston, led by TAMU students, they collect organisms in the bay.

**CISD Teachers: “STAAR In Our Eyes” Nola Manis \$4,500.00**  
Both junior and senior high teachers (10) will attend the Conference for the Advancement of Science Teachers--CAST--an outstanding opportunity to gain expert training in what is new and relevant in science to energize their classrooms.

**Cultural Trinity: Art, English, History**      **Steve Garrett & Kim Horton**      **\$1,232.00**  
AP English and Social Studies students tour the Holocaust Museum, JFK Sixth Floor Museum, Trammell Crowe Collection of Art, and the Nasher Sculpture Center to extend their knowledge of important cultural and historical events.

**CAMT Conference**      **Art Horton**      **\$4,438.20**  
All CHS math teachers will participate in the Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching in Dallas in July. With a choice of 750 sessions, instructors will learn engaging new hands-on activities to increase student comprehension and use of technology in the classroom.

**Final Cut Pro Editing System**      **Stuart Stanley & Dave Tracy**      **\$5,000.00**  
Two state-of-the-art video editing and graphics systems prepare students for work in the field of media production and benefit all CISD campuses.

**Safety is NO ACCIDENT!**      **Jolene Davis & Jim Kimberly**      **\$1,350.00**  
Ten safety-related DVDs for metal and wood shop classes grab students' attention and highlight the importance of safety awareness and proper procedures.

**Through the Sands of Time!**      **Bud Worley & Mark Davis**      **\$4,995.00**  
With new sandblasting technology, students create original designs on computer and make decorative products in glass, tile, wood, cloth, and metal.

**ILPC Student Conference 2012**      **Jayne Quick**      **\$3,945.50**  
Quill & Scroll Honor Journalism students attend the Interscholastic Press League Conference State Convention, enter contests in writing, photography, advertising, layout and design, and learn about real world experiences in the field of journalism.

**TheatreFest 2012**      **Kim Funderburk**      **\$1,292.04**  
The CHS and CJHS theatre teachers attend TheatreFest 2012 in Dallas. This conference offers 145 creative workshops for educators on all levels and features impressive special guests.

**Think of It as Coaching School for UIL Academics**      **Kim Funderburk**      **\$4,988.49**  
UIL Academics is an important and growing program. Eighteen teachers attend the UIL Capital Conference in Austin in July where they learn more about team building and expand their knowledge of events. Students involved achieve more in class, score higher on ACT/SAT tests, and win many scholarships.

**Qwizdom: Student Response Classroom Solution**      **Schelice Reyes & Tim Ratcliff**      **\$9,970.40**  
The Matthews Memorial Teaching Grant at CHS funds four classroom sets of handheld student response devices (100) and related software to equip all CHS biology, chemistry, and physics classes. This technology allows instructors to teach and review material in a format interesting to students and provides teachers with immediate feedback.