

Carthage ISD Education Foundation
52 Grants for \$204,078.96
2013-2014 Summary Report

The directors of the CISD Education Foundation wish to recognize and thank each donor and each educator for the many wonderful opportunities these grants provide for our students.

Carthage Primary
13 Grants for \$44,052.28

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| Little Hands Love Little iPads | Kiley Schumacher & Cheryl Williams | \$13,160.00 |
| <p>The Charles Matthews Campus Grant funds 40 iPad Minis to create learning centers with two devices in every kindergarten and first grade classroom. Smaller than the iPad and larger than the iPod, they are just right for little hands. After large group instruction, the iPad Minis center provides individual practice at each child's skill level. Impacts 435 this year.</p> | | |
| Letters Alive! | Cheryl Williams & Sarah Calvert | \$5,000.00 |
| <p>Using 3-D technology, KG students will be fascinated by a new reading program where animals seem to appear in the classroom! Letter identification, reading comprehension, punctuation, and more are reviewed and extended in this exciting addition to the language arts program.</p> | | |
| Music That Makes Learning...ROCK! | Debbie Miller | \$2,750.00 |
| <p>Singing, dancing, drama--all learning styles will be explored in two live performances at Primary by renowned children's songwriter-singer-author Jack Hartmann. His highly regarded DVDs are also used in Mrs. Miller's classroom and nationwide.</p> | | |
| Exploring the Hundreds Chart | Tiffany Brown & Pam Walker | \$4,560.00 |
| <p>The Hundreds Chart Carpet Box provides multitudes of hands-on ways to learn math concepts--count to 100, see patterns, count by 1's-2's-5's-10's, and even algebraic thinking. Each first grade classroom receives a box.</p> | | |
| Rolling Back in Time in Jefferson, TX | Merry Bagley & Pam Walker | \$3,084.00 |
| <p>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.</p> | | |
| Seeing the Whole Picture-One Piece at a Time | Kathy LaGrone, Sherrie Russell, Quintina Bryant | \$836.28 |
| <p>A variety of large puzzles featuring animals, transportation, the alphabet, shapes, and colors for PPCD students aids their fine motor skills and understanding of whole-part relationships.</p> | | |

Reading for Connection	Sherrie Russell	\$931.47
New reading materials will enhance PPCD Lakeshore Theme Boxes and strengthen children's reading skills.		
Smart Kids Love Smart Boards—Pre-K	Brandy Kahler & Tamesia Davis	\$2,500.00
Interactive software will expand the use of new Smart Boards and classroom computers. With site licenses, activities such as alphabet games, counting, science investigations, and much more can be used in whole groups, small groups, and individually—and also be shared with the entire campus.		
Smart Kids Love Smart Boards—KG	Evelyn Wedgeworth & Amber Isbell	\$2,500.00
Interactive software enhances the use of new Smart Boards in each kindergarten classroom. Captivating language, math, and science games can be shared by the entire campus. Formatted for use on classroom computers as well as Smart Boards, this software is useful in whole group lessons, small group instruction, and in centers.		
Smart Kids Love Smart Boards—1st Grade	Pam Walker & Tiffany Brown	\$2,500.00
Word games, phonics, pizza fractions, and so much more--All activities can be shared by entire campus with this interactive software and site licenses. Formatted for use on the new Smart Boards as well as classroom computers, whole group and individualized instruction is possible in exciting new activities in a format today's students love.		
Discover the World in a Whole New Way!	Melissa Johnson & Ellen Day	\$1,829.40
All kindergarten students embark on a learning adventure at the Discovery Science Place in Tyler. Learning stations and exhibits feature fun hands-on activities which enhance important science and social studies objectives studied in the classroom. This center features ever-changing exhibits appropriate for early elementary children.		
For the Love of Reading	Laura Wills	\$2,970.00
Reading is essential to success and students practice their reading skills every day. New math and science leveled readers allow kindergarten children to develop reading skills and vocabulary at a pace appropriate to each individual's needs.		
Just for You	Sarah Calvert	\$1,431.13
The Mrs. John S. Moore Memorial Grant updates the Primary LRC's carousel with 25 wireless headphones and 3 multimedia players. These devices are used by all Primary students to read and look at videos quietly.		

Libby Elementary
8 grants for \$29,393.89

Cutting Edge Learning with iPad 2 **Yolanda Brown** **\$13,744.00**

The Charles Matthews Campus Grant at Libby funds 31 iPad2's and 55 iTunes cards, which will create an iPad center in each second and third grade classroom. These centers reinforce and differentiate instruction, and free and inexpensive educational apps allow infinite opportunities to learn with the latest in technology. Impacts 475 this year.

Sleeping Beauty--SFASU Theater **Sondra McDaniel** **\$2,025.00**

All second graders will view a live professional performance of the classic tale "Sleeping Beauty" at SFASU. Enjoying a musical based on their reading will be a memorable experience.

Applaud the Arts **Tryphena Bledsoe** **\$1,935.00**

All third graders will view a professional performance based on popular children's literature at the fabulous Belcher Center in Longview. The experience will bring a well known children's story to life and connect students to their reading.

A Microscope on CScope **Misty Porter** **\$4,281.14**

Four Libby teachers attend the 2013 state CScope conference in June. Adopted by the state of Texas, CScope is a comprehensive management system that focuses on best strategies to gain optimal student achievement. CScope is built on the most current research-based practices in education and supports STAAR objectives.

Animals--We Want to Know More **Marian Rushton** **\$715.00**

All second graders gain the opportunity for real life interaction with animals living in representative habitats at the Caldwell Zoo in Tyler. Seeing the actual living animals is a priceless experience that supports TEKS objectives and classroom instruction.

In Order to Succeed, You Must Read! **Sondra McDaniel** **\$4,741.25**

840 new leveled readers for second grade provide an excellent resource for teachers. Fiction and non-fiction, books range from below to above grade level to support or challenge each child as needed.

Third Grade's Wild about Learning at the Zoo! **Randi Brady** **\$1,336.00**

Science comes to life when third grade visits the Ellen Trout Zoo in Lufkin to observe wild animals in natural habitats. The field trip includes a nature walk and train ride and reinforces their classroom instruction.

Exploring the Area Around Us! **Denise Beste, Gay Rittenberry, Dr. Kimberly Rose** **\$616.50**

Well planned field trips to the new library, State Park, Brookshire's, and bowling alley improve socialization skills as well as providing reading, writing, and math opportunities for PPCD students.

Baker-Koonce Intermediate School
12 grants for \$45,053.95

An Apple a Day Delights Their Brains! **Jason Harris and Tina Marion** **\$13,374.75**
The Charles Matthews Campus Grant at Baker-Koonce funds 25 iPads, a cart to sync apps, protective covers and a voucher for fourth grade core classes. Control studies show a clear increase in student engagement in schools and classrooms that integrate 1-1 technology effectively. Impacts 205 this year.

An Apple a Day Enlightens Their Brains! **Jamie Bickham** **\$5,000.00**
This grant funds 10 more iPads and 1 Power Sync Tray for 5th grade (227). In stations, students access vast amounts of information through audio, video, and graphics. They can read e-books; teachers can record tests on individual levels--multiple applications are possible.

BK on the Beat! **LeAnn Williams** **\$950.00**
An educational and fun-filled day of drumming, with instruction on West African culture and different drumming techniques. Each student has his own jembe to play. Impacts the entire campus (660).

BK Robotics Team **Amanda Myers** **\$5,000.00**
Excellent preparation for the future--Computer programming on the student level. Four teams design, build, and program robots, using Lego-Mindstorms sets. Competition among schools is hosted by Region 7 in Kilgore.

Books Hold the KEYS **Ginger McLaughlin** **\$1,892.40**
Sixth grade language arts is a literature-based curriculum. Seven different sets of highly recommended books from various genres, on topics that appeal to students, give teachers the current resources they need.

Cinesphere...Experience the World in a Whole New Way **Jaci Harville** **\$1,729.80**
Discovery Science Place in Tyler features an educational program focused on the fifth grade Earth Science curriculum. Classroom instruction is enhanced with effective hands-on activities and models showing students how the water cycle works and the earth's daily rotation and yearly revolution around the sun.

Fire Horse Equestrian Therapy **Ashlee Alexander** **\$2,500.00**
BK, CJHS, and CHS Life Skills pupils groom, saddle and ride horses at a therapeutic equestrian center in Henderson. Students develop balance, coordination and focus, and language skills. Lessons emphasize skills which transfer to other areas of life.

Got Our Past Covered! **Tina Marion** **\$2,784.00**
All fourth graders experience changing life styles as they study the past in historic Jefferson with a narrated covered wagon ride, a trip through a historical museum, and ice cream from an old fashioned General Store.

Make It Interesting! **Jaci Harville** **\$4,995.00**
Good for all and excellent for visual learners, the One-Touch Color Poster/Banner printer is wonderful technology that dramatically improves retention of important information. Impacts entire campus.

Reaching for the STAARS in a CScope World **Tina Marion** **\$2,276.00**
Two fourth grade teachers will attend, learn, and share important information gained at the state CScope conference in San Antonio. CScope is the source for an all-in-one approach to a quality curriculum system. It is comprehensive, customizable, user-friendly and built on most current research-based practices.

Reaching for the STAARS in a CScope World **Jamie Bickham** **\$2,276.00**
Two fifth grade teachers will attend, learn, and share important information at the state CScope conference in San Antonio. STAAR tests are aligned with the TEKS, and the TEKS are the cornerstone of every CScope component. Continuing teacher education on the CScope curriculum is vital for their students' success.

Reaching for the STAARS in a CScope World **Angie Gray** **\$2,276.00**
Two sixth grade teachers will attend, learn, and share important information at the state CScope conference in San Antonio. STAAR tests are aligned with the TEKS, and the TEKS are the cornerstone of every CScope component. Continuing teacher education on the CScope curriculum is vital for their students' success.

Carthage Junior High School
11 Grants for \$45,181.35

Laptop Computer Lab **Mike Baysinger** **\$13,749.00**
The Charles Matthews Campus Grant at CJHS funds 18 HP Probook 64756's (laptops) and 17 Microsoft Office licenses, creating a new computer lab which allows departments to team teach and strengthen student performance and reading skills in the technology-rich 21st century. Impacts 400 this year.

Don't Let Me Fail! **Jennifer Myers** **\$4,993.80**
All eighth graders tour Stephen F. Austin State University, attend a program at the SFA planetarium which connects science with history and math, and work in teams to conquer a high ropes challenge course. Mission: To learn, and to instill the goal to attend college and achieve more than many students thought possible.

Appetite for Instruction—CAST! **Jennifer Myers & Shannon Baldree** **\$4,630.64**
Six junior & senior high science teachers attend CAST (Convention for the Advancement of Science Teaching) to learn new ideas from the best professionals in the nation. All attendees return with engaging plans and prepared to teach at a more rigorous level.

All Classrooms Are Created Equal **Shannon Baldree** **\$4,861.80**
Each science classroom/lab receives adequate supplies to equip them for state required lab investigations. Triple beam balances, goggle sanitation cabinets, and much more—No more sharing!

Learning Through Art **Millie Wilkie** **\$1,481.07**
To facilitate student understanding of art and critical thinking skills, the grant funds a student tour of the Norton Art Museum in Shreveport, scholastic art magazines, art DVDs, and the teacher's attendance at the Texas Art Education Association Conference.

Lights, Camera, ACTION! **Stuart Stanley & Joanna Huckabee** **\$4,980.02**
New state of the art broadcast equipment--Apple computer, Panasonic camcorder, GoPro camera, shotgun microphone, and accessories--provides growing CHS-TV student enrollment with needed equipment for media production. Excellent preparation for college or the workplace and benefits all CISD campuses.

Seeing, Responding, Speaking, Writing...Enthralling **Melanie Hudson & Beth Simmons** **\$1,386.70**
AP English 3 & 4 classes tour the amazing Kimbell Art Museum and Amon Carter Museum of American Art in Ft Worth. Concrete activities develop critical thinking skills and encourage successful writing on the college level. Art history, journals, and poetry writing extend the experience.

A Trip to the Renaissance Fair **Donna Kushner** **\$1,496.00**
Before their Madrigal Dinner performances, CHS and CJHS choir students will attend the Texas Renaissance Festival School Days, in Plantersville, TX, to enhance their understanding of daily life for both peasants and nobility during this important time period.

AP Biology Zip Line Canopy Challenge and Biological Diversity **Schelice Reyes** **\$2,792.50**
An exciting look at the beautiful Texas Hill Country with Cypress Valley Canopy Tours and a visit to the Texas Natural Science Center at UT Austin will create awareness and appreciation of the past, present, and future of biological diversity, especially in Texas, for AP Biology students.

Literature and History Connections **Kim Horton & Steve Garrett** **\$2,300.00**
This grant funds enrichment activities for students in the sophomore Pre-AP English and AP World History programs. Touring the Holocaust Museum, JFK Sixth Floor Museum, and the Dallas Museum of Art exposes students to important cultural and historical events that extend their learning beyond the classroom.

The Best in Texas, State UIL One-Act Play **Kim Funderburk & Shelby Almeida** **\$4,158.45**
CHS and CJHS theatre students attend the State UIL One Act Play (3A division) competition to observe educational theatre of the highest quality. Prior to the event, students analyze and perform scenes from all 8 plays—then listen and learn from the state judges' critiques.

Finding a Future in the Fields of Science **Nola Manis** **\$5,000.00**
This exciting field trip takes upper level science students to the Houston Medical Center and Galveston Bay. They observe many hospital procedures and collect and identify organisms in the bay. Students' eyes are opened to a wide variety of careers in the medical field and in marine biology.