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2007 – 2008 GRANT AWARDS

Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted eighty applications requesting \$69,488. This year the Foundation is awarding **\$29,700** to **thirty-six** projects. Since 1992, \$249,794 has been awarded to support 346 projects.

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CONGRATULATIONS !! - Unit 5 Grant Award Winners

Amy Schumacher, Angela Ray	Fox Creek	\$300
<u>Geocaching - High Tech Hide and Seek</u> – A GPS device and a hunger for adventure are all you need for high tech treasure hunting		
Betty Kinzinger	Northpoint	\$292
<u>Stained Glass Magna Tile Explorations</u> – Experience right side brain training through creative play; 3-D thinking patterns, spatial problem-solving, logical thinking and math reasoning		
Holly Tindall, Maureen Backe	Northpoint	\$400
<u>Read Away with Playaways</u> – Playaways can assist students to become hooked on reading by combining technology and literature		
Carol Johnson	Prairieland	\$950
<u>Science Becomes Larger than Life with a Digital Microscope</u> – Students will have cells and other slide specimens come to life through the use of a digital microscope		
Suzie Schertz	Prairieland	\$902
Lynne Roberts	Sugar Creek	
<u>Assistive Technology – Audible Access to Literature</u> – Teachers will be able to scan all types of literature into the Kurzweil system and make an audio file for MP3 player		
Tiffany Taylor, Kim Page	Towanda	\$1,026
Love and Logic Parent Workshop Series – Introduce parents to Love and Logic techniques to learn effective parenting methods		
Rita Gyires	District Office	\$2,974
Michelle Glatt	CJHS	
Kari Hennefent	KJHS	
<u>A Golden Gate to Collaborative Learning</u> – Move beyond the classroom walls with Smart Technologies Bridgit Software; application allows students and teachers to share voice, video, and data over the Internet		
Martha Kindred	KJHS	\$1,667
<u>U-TEC (Using Technology to Enhance Communication)</u> – Project to increase student communication skills in new, more effective ways		

Kimberly Brandon	KJHS	\$287
<u>Introduction to Robotics</u> – Students will experience the fundamentals of robotics and sensor systems with build-it-yourself mini-robots and then construct their own robots		
Todd Lanning	KJHS	\$1,000
<u>Exploration of a Saltwater Reef System</u> – Diverse learners can explore a living reef environment through various learning methods –from simple observation to a controlled experiment		
Shawn Schwerman, Zack Gilbert, Dave McMorris, Courtney Knowles	PJHS	\$300
<u>Geocaching in Sixth!</u> – Students will use GPS units to find geocaches located throughout the area		
Shawn Schwerman	PJHS	\$1,100
<u>"Clickers" in the Classroom</u> – Students will use remote Personal Response Systems (PRS) to respond to informal and formal assessment.		
Berny Chiaro	NCWHS	\$300
<u>Freshman Mentoring Program</u> – The program is designed for students to establish and maintain strategies which promote successful high school experiences		
Lisa Tomlin	NCWHS	\$295
<u>It's Time for Science</u> – Stopwatches will allow students to independently investigate a variety of scientific concepts such as motion, heart rate, work and genetic manipulation		
Lisa Tomlin	NCWHS	\$280
<u>Boning Up On Biology</u> – Students will use the skeleton to compare the bones of humans with other organisms; and will link structure to function, and study human body motion		
Mary Jo Douglass	NCWHS	\$412
<u>Laboratory Videos</u> – Students will be able to record lab activities and present them to the class for analysis of lab technique and safety		
Megan Novotney	NCWHS	\$1,798
<u>Window to the World</u> – Students will use a Smartboard in conjunction with eMaps software to create multimedia presentations detailing ethnic conflicts occurring in the world		
Trena Loomans	NCWHS	\$580
<u>Peaceable School Peer Mediation Program</u> – The program has proven to be an effective innovative proactive program, which encompasses the entire school through positive conflict resolution		

Joint Unit 5 and District 87 Grant Award

Mary Aper, Tena Sprau	Unit 5	Parkside Elementary	\$500
Teri Merna, Cathy Haas	District 87	Oakland Elementary	\$500
<u>"Lights, Camera, READ!"</u> – Children will visit a Drama Work Station in their classrooms, retelling books read in class and will create, plan and present a play for their partner school			