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**BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** is a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to provide a long-term, self-sustaining financial base to fund innovative academic programs in Unit 5 and District 87 public schools which are beyond the limits of normal tax support. Organized in 1992, the foundation is a group of private citizens and is not part of either school district. The Boards of Education of both districts encouraged the Foundation's formation and strongly support its efforts.

**2005-2006 GRANT AWARDS**

Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted seventy applications requesting a total of \$73,742. This year the Foundation is awarding **\$26,025** toward **thirty-eight** projects. Since 1992, \$192,704 has been awarded to support 270 projects.

**CONGRATULATIONS !!**

***Unit 5 Junior High / Middle School Grant Winners***

- Mary Ellen Somers**  
**Kary Thoennes**  
**Rexie Lanier**  
**Barb McClarty** *KJHS* **\$509**  
*Pursuing Pentominoes* – A unit integrating art, math, language and technology, the book 'Chasing Vermeer', pentominoes and embedding symbols in a wash drawing.
- Trena Loomans** *KJHS* **\$375**  
*Creating a Peaceable School Peer Mediation Program* – The peer mediation program encompasses the entire school to emphasize a peaceable environment through effective conflict resolution.
- Carolyn Thompson**  
**Andrea Knapp** *KJHS / CJHS* **\$1,000**  
*The Geometer's Sketchpad for Junior High* – Technology offers students' opportunities to discover geometric concepts by dragging figures and learning mathematics through critical thinking.

<b>Christine Mitchell</b>		
<b>Ellen Main</b>	<i>PJHS</i>	<b>\$200</b>
<i>The Stained Glass Window Project</i> – Students will create their own stained glass window design on the glass of an 8" x 10" picture frame that must include various geometric figures.		
<b>Gretchen Cetin</b>	<i>PJHS</i>	<b>\$200</b>
<i>Dictionaries to Enhance the Home/School Connection</i> – Purchase of two levels of student dictionaries for a lending library for students working on decoding and vocabulary skills in the reading program.		
<b>Logan Pleines</b>		
<b>Christine Mitchell</b>	<i>PJHS</i>	<b>\$925</b>
<i>A Commercial Success 'I Have a Dream' Working for America's Future</i> – Students will film specific projects, learning editing and filming processes necessary in using the iMac iMovie program.		
<b>Julie Nourie</b>		
<b>Rexie Lanier</b>	<i>PJHS / KJHS</i>	<b>\$500</b>
<i>Book Club Bonanza</i> – Students will choose a common book to read together in a book club format and then meet to critically discuss their thoughts, emotions, and reactions to various passages.		

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### *Unit 5 High School Grant Winner*

<b>Barbara Bush</b>	<i>NCWHS</i>	<b>\$384</b>
<i>Creating Personal Style</i> – The interactive software, 'Creating Personal Style', will be used to help students select clothing appropriate for their body type and work environment.		