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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.

2006-2007 GRANT AWARDS

Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted sixty-two applications requesting \$49,584. This year the Foundation is awarding **\$27,400** to **forty-two** projects. Since 1992, \$220,094 has been awarded to support 312 projects.

CONGRATULATIONS !!

Unit 5 Junior High / Middle School Grant Winners

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| Michelle Glatt | <i>Chiddix Junior High</i> | \$200 |
| <i><u>Guys Read: Podcasting 101</u> – Podcasting equipment will be used by junior high boys in the Guys Read program to promote recreational reading.</i> | | |
| Eric Hadden | <i>Kingsley Junior High</i> | \$1,399 |
| Kari Hennenfent | <i>Kingsley Junior High</i> | |
| <i><u>SMARTer Math Makes SMARTer Kids</u> – Using SMART Board Technology, Students are Participating in Engaged Learning Activities.</i> | | |
| Martha Kindred | <i>Kingsley Junior High</i> | \$2,808 |
| <i><u>Smart Angles</u> – Project to increase geometry skills by incorporating the study of angles with SMART Board technology.</i> | | |

Jennifer Ritchason
Angelica Delatorre-Im
Pam Isaacs *Kingsley Junior High* **\$189**
Picture Books are for Middle School Kids Too! – Picture books in social studies and language arts enhance student learning of abstract concepts, targeting ELL students and visual learners. Plus picture books are fun!

Unit 5 High School Grant Winners

Kevin Suess
Gretchen Snow *Normal Community High* **\$1,000**
What is Reality? – Using perception goggles that distort vision (upside-down, sideways), teams of psychology students apply perception concepts to adapt to a series of challenging student-created tasks.

Valentine Walker
Mary Walker *Normal Community West High* **\$3,600**
Fuel Cells: The Energy for the Future – Fuel cell technology is one of the most popular evolving alternative sources of energy. Hands-on learning with fuel cell car kits provides an understanding for this future technology.

Joint Grant - Unit 5 / District 87 Schools Award Winners

David Hirst *Normal Community West High*
Melissa Brown *Bloomington High* **\$1,430**
Pod-casts bring the World to Advanced Spanish Students – Advanced Spanish students at BHS and NCWHS will bring the Spanish speaking world into the classroom via Pod-casts from the Internet.