

FRIENDS OF CHIMACUM SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION (FOCS)
P.O. Box 192, Chimacum, WA 98325
EDUCATOR GRANTS AWARDED

2000

Mary Foster – 3rd Grade Teacher

Grant awarded to cover costs for a field trip to the Olympic National Park for sixty students, sixteen parents and four staff members.

Todd Miller – 9th Grade Teacher

Combined a FOCS grant with a NASA Space Grant to purchase twenty (20) multimeters for his one hundred and fifteen students to “Learn Electrical Concepts Through Real-Time Data Collections”.

Jean Lenton – Teacher Grades 9-12

Purchased the STAR Reading Program including a single computer license kit. This reading program will help determine reading levels for her 40-50 students.

2001

Al Gonzales – 6th Grade

Received \$250 to put towards a \$700 camcorder for the activities in his “How To Science Labs” project which impacted over one hundred students.

Chris Franson and Chris Walvatne - Kindergarten

Purchased four additional sets of “Sound Sense Fold Out Books” to individualize the instruction for their seventy-eight students.

Julie Baker – Preschool Teacher

Was able to “enhance the learning of students with special needs” by purchasing problem solving and phonics workbooks for each of her 20 students. The goal is to provide a more successful experiences in the regular classroom setting. Julie’s project began in 2001 and was extended to May 2002.

Kim Pratt – K-12 Speech Language Therapist

Utilized her grant for an “augmentative communication” project with three severely handicapped high school students. This equipment enabled these non-verbal students to access computer technologies, activate equipment in the life skills program, express their wants and needs and develop greater control over their environments.

2002

Nancy Wyatt – 6th Grade Teacher

Was able to attend the Washington Activity Coordinators Association Conference. She shared her leadership curriculum with conference participants and colleagues in the middle school.

Linda Gately – Occupational Therapist

Purchased selected items for twelve special needs high school students to provide pre-vocational experiences to assist in the evaluation of their interests and skills. These assessment experiences may ultimately lead to jobs within the community setting.

Patricia Smith – Resource Room Grades 3-5

Purchased “Hooked on Phonics–Learn to Read Deluxe” for her thirty-five students to provide flash cards, workbooks, storybooks, tapes and interactive CD-ROM. The CD-ROM will allow each student to practice their basic phonics skills and improve their reading levels while they are using this computer technology.

2003-04

Suzanne Whipple – Learning Specialist Grades 3-5

\$250 serving 20 students

Materials: Intermediate high interest, low vocabulary book sets (10) plus 4 comprehension booklets to build higher order thinking.

Outcomes: Most students gained two grade equivalents on the Woodcock Johnson Reading Test. Students now eagerly choose their own reading material and are seeing themselves as and becoming competent readers. Our students made phenomenal progress this past year and we hope to see substantial gains again this coming year.

Kit Pennell – PI Program Teacher Grades 9-12
\$200 serving 22 students

Project: High School Biology, Marine Ecology Lab at Port Townsend Marine Science Center.

Outcomes: Hands on lab experiences focuses on Marine Ecology and Habitat in the Puget Sound. Each student created a five slide power point presentation summarizing the research each student did on their marine organism. Their presentations were superb!

Donna Puckett – 3rd Grade Teacher
\$240 serving 60 students

Materials: Supplementary materials for reading/writing improvement (Daybooks of Critical Reading/Writing)

Outcomes: Writing lessons were based on passages of quality children’s literature that enhanced our existing curriculum and supplemented areas that were lacking. Students showed strong gains as documented by performance during follow-along activities.

Marcia Crecelius/Shari Glessing-5th Grade Teacher
\$80 serving 75 students

Project: Hands on Science and Reading Curriculum-Owl Pellets Investigation.

Outcomes: Pairs of students used a worksheet to identify the bones found in the owl pellet. The students then collaborated to make a recreation of a rodent, mole or shrew. Each student added this FOCS recognition in their daily planners.

Tammy Willingham – Special Education Grade 7-12
\$300 plus donated laptop computer serving 5 students

Project: “I Can Write By Myself!”

Materials: Intellikeys, Overlay Maker, Click It, Story Kits and Dell Laptop Computer.

Outcomes: Each of the five students were able to write more independently which included their spelling, punctuation and forming words in a sentence. It took extended time since January to get all the pieces of technology together and operational. The Dell laptop computer was donated by Lanny and Teri Ross (Broadcom Corporation).

2005

Kim Pratt – Speech/Language Therapist K-12

This grant of \$250 was used to purchase materials to enhance student’s current program by providing additional structure and support to speech/language lessons. They also will facilitate ongoing skill building through the use of various mediums of instruction as well as stimulating and motivating student interest toward the learning of new skills. These additional therapy materials help in providing quality services to students with basic speech and language difficulties.