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Education Foundation presents \$20,000 in innovative teaching grants

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Six teachers at West Orange – Stark Elementary and West Orange – Stark High Schools were surprised today by the presentation of more than \$20,000 in grants by the West Orange – Cove Education Foundation.

“We are excited to be providing awards for the fifth year in a row to innovative educators in the West Orange – Cove CISD. These educators use the funds awarded to them to provide opportunities in and out of the classroom that would not otherwise be available. With the continuing support of the community and board members, it will be possible to provide opportunities for years to come,” Krispen Walker, WOCCISD Education Foundation president, said.

Today’s grants totaled \$20,455.96.

Since the WOCCISD Education Foundation began awarding grants in 2011, 50 grants in excess of \$110,000 (including this year) have been awarded to classroom teachers in the WOCCISD school system.

The grant awards were made possible through the efforts of all dedicated past and present members of the Education Foundation Board of Directors and generous donors.

The WOCCISD Education Foundation is a not for profit 501(c) 3 created in 2009.

Today’s grants were awarded to:

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<u>Name of Teachers</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project/ Synopsis</u>
1. Lou Ann Benson Kindergarten WOS Elementary	\$1,055.96	iPod Listening Station This grant will provide for the purchase of iPods, headphones, and splitters for a listening station which will allow children to hear their favorite books read aloud. The station will increase vocabulary and promote reading.
2. Heather Anderson Second Grade WOS Elementary Team Grant	\$1000	Hands-on Math and Literature with Mathstart This grant will build literacy in all subject areas through the purchase of books that correlate with math concepts.
3. Amanda Braus 1 st Grade WOS Elementary	\$2,650	Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention Green System This small-group, supplementary intervention material is designed to improve reading and writing. Levelled books provide support and challenge to promote grade-level goals.
4. Terry Reid 1 st Grade WOS Elementary	\$2,650	Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention Green System This small-group, supplementary intervention material is designed to improve reading and writing. Levelled books provide support and challenge to promote grade-level goals.
5. Athena Jefferson 1 st Grade WO-S Elementary Plus two additional ELA 1 st grade teachers; and one	\$10,600	Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention Green System This small-group, supplementary intervention material is designed to improve reading and writing. Levelled books provide support and challenge to promote grade-level goals.

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applied resource teacher		(This grant will purchase four systems)
6. Lacey Hale Commercial Photography WO-S High School	\$2500	Community Photo Field Trip and Auction Students will take a field trip in downtown Orange and take photographs. Students will choose their best photo for printing, mounting, and auction. Students will show and auction their photos at a community event. Proceeds will be distributed to local Orange charities.

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Background Information: Dr. Lois Bready, and her brother Doug Bready were present to help award the grants. Their families established the Foundation in memory of their parents Eva and Gerald Bready. Eva Bready was a beloved and innovative teacher in the WOCCISD School District who prepared a generation of students to excel in science and to make significant contributions to their communities. Both Eva and Gerald Bready were passionate supporters of the importance of science and math education.

Photo is attached of the WOCCISD Board of Directors presenting a grant to West Orange – Stark Elementary second grade teacher Heather Anderson.