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Education Foundation presents \$24,000 in innovative teaching grants

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The WOC CISD Education Foundation surprised teachers at five different West Orange – Cove CISD campuses with grant awards for innovative teaching today.

A total of 11 grants were presented to teachers at West Orange – Stark Academic Alternative Center, North Early Learning Center, West Orange – Stark Elementary, West Orange – Stark Middle, and West Orange – Stark High Schools.

“I am really thrilled that we are funding more than \$24,000 in grants in only our third year of making the awards,” Krispen Walker, WOC CISD Education Foundation president, said.

The grants were funded by generous donations from the community and will allow teachers to expand educational opportunities. The Foundation would like to express appreciation to Total Petrochemicals, Firestone Polymers, OCARC and Orange Savings Bank for their support through funding or in-kind services.

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Grant Awards: West Orange – Stark Academic Alternative Center (1)

<u>Name of Teachers</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project/ Synopsis</u>
1. Carl Broussard Building-wide grant; all students will be involved	\$2178.05	Integrating Gardening and Horticulture Education into the Alternative School Atmosphere This project will lay the ground work for a long-term, several year garden site that will engage students in multiple hands-on learning activities including planning and tracking with an ipad.

Grant Awards: North Early Learning Center (1)

<u>Name of Teachers</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project/ Synopsis</u>
2. Kristi Abshire & Campus Instructional Leadership Team involved	\$5000	“Little Hands” Science Lab for Early Childhood Development This grant will furnish a science lab with various sensory tables, specimen kits, manipulative, books, equipment, as well, as provide interactive activities.

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Grant Awards: West Orange – Stark Elementary (6)

<p>3. Katie Kornegay Grade 5</p> <p>& Amy Thompson Grade 4</p>	<p>\$3511.50</p>	<p>Motivating Students to enter Life Science STEM fields of study through hands-on experiences</p> <p>The grant will fund various activities which include Shangri La Field Trip, Visit by Maxine the Owl, Rainforest Roadshow, JASON project, Family Science Night, Science Project Exhibition, Moody Gardens, Windmill Challenge, and STEM Innovators.</p>
<p>4. Inez Hodge -Steverson (Afterschool Centers on Education)</p>	<p>\$2997</p>	<p>Circle of Life</p> <p>The grant will fund Mindworks Circle of Life academic enrichment in math, reading, science, language arts and social studies utilizing thematic concepts associated with the universe, animals, plants & trees.</p>
<p>5. Kathy Jones Grade 3</p>	<p>\$1300</p>	<p>Elmo “Classroom Vision”</p> <p>The grant will allow the teacher to create live interactive teaching experiences by projecting images of documents and 3-D objects to a large screen.</p>

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Grant Awards: West Orange – Stark Elementary (continued)

<p>6. Donna Johnson Grade 3 *Funded in honor in Mary Louise McKee</p>	<p>\$1619.50</p>	<p>Daily 5 Literacy Independence</p> <p>The Daily Five is a student-driven management structure designed to fully engage students in reading and writing. Comprised of Daily Five, Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Word Work and Work on Writing.</p>
<p>7. Angela Colbert (& Kindergarten teachers)</p>	<p>\$1350</p>	<p>WOSE Kindergarten Classroom Projector Screens</p> <p>Installation of permanent screens will positively impact students through increased instruction time; as well as provide more opportunities for varied activities.</p>
<p>8. Beth Lanclos Grade 2</p>	<p>\$2090.95</p>	<p>Literacy Stations for Second Grade Using the Daily Five Method</p> <p>Funding will provide necessary materials to facilitate the implementation of literacy stations. Students will improve reading skills by rotating through various high-interest learning stations.</p>

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Grant Awards: West Orange – Stark High School (2)

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9. Nancy Stark (Afterschool Centers on Education)	\$1136.06	Science Bob “Kitchen Chemistry” The grant will fund the purchase of materials which will allow students to gain valuable experiences through “hands on” experiments by permitting them to become actively engaged independent thinkers and problem solvers.
10. Kurt Reeves Grant funded by TOTAL Petrochemicals.	\$1000	Solar Energy and the “Ray Catcher” Sprint Racer The renewable energy unit in the 9th grade Introduction to Engineering Class will culminate with this project. The students will build and race their solar cars as they get a hands on look at how the energy from the sun can be used to power a motor.

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Grant Awards: West Orange – Stark Middle School

<p>11. Kianna A. Mckinley (Afterschool Centers on Education)</p>	<p>\$2430.15</p>	<p>Imagination Station The grant will facilitate the purchase of science materials to fund a tactile approach to concepts of science. Concepts addressed include: the Scientific Method, Photosynthesis, Newton’s Law, and Communicable diseases.</p>
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2013 West Orange – Cove CISD Education Foundation grants totaled \$24,613.15.

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Background Information: The families of Dr. Lois Bready and Doug Bready established the WOC CISD Education Foundation in memory of their parents Eva and Gerald Bready. Eva Bready was a beloved and innovative teacher in the WOC CISD 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.

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