

GEF Donates \$125,000 to Classrooms in 2010-11

Below is a list of the 11 grants that received funding from the Glenview Education Foundation for the 2010-11 school year. A total of \$125,000 was donated back to District 34 schools in the form of advanced technology and educational programming. And 100% of the money came from you -- District 34 parents, businesses and community members!

Little Kids, BIG Learning – Beginning this fall, this grant will provide a

one-to-one iPad instructional environment for four 2nd grade classrooms at Henking and four 1st grade classrooms at Lyon. Additionally, four kindergarten classes at Westbrook will also receive iPads – funded directly by the District – as a result of the administration's commitment to this particular initiative. At the kindergarten level, it is a one-to-two environment. A total of 265 children will be impacted by this grant.



iPads in the 5th Grade Classroom – Similar to the Little Kids, BIG Learning grant, iPads in the 5th Grade Classroom also provides one-to-one iPad learning, but in this case to a 5th grade class at Glen Grove School. The visual, real-time learning afforded by the iPad will allow Kathryn Reihsmann's 5th grade class an interactive experience with individual choice.

Kindergarten ESGI (Educational Software for Guiding Instruction) – The more efficient administration, compilation and analysis of student test data is the objective of this grant, awarded to all kindergarten classrooms at Henking. Use of the Webbased software enables quicker identification of students requiring remediation and enrichment.





Bilingual Technology Before School Program – The goal of this grant, to be implemented before school for eligible 3rd – 5th graders at Hoffman, is to lessen the gap between economically disadvantaged students and their same-aged peers when it comes to learning through the use of technology. Children who do not have the benefit of computers in their homes will receive technology instruction for an hour a week before school.

SMART Response Remote Classroom Systems

– This grant allows science teachers at Springman and Attea to test students using a hand-held, wireless remote that works in conjunction with the SMART Notebook software already in place. The system enables teachers to provide immediate feedback to those students requiring additional assistance with the concept being tested.



IXL Web-based Math – This grant allows for subscription to a Web-based math program that provides focused practice for students who struggle to master math skills. It is available for both in-class and at-home use by 2nd grade students at Henking.

Science Olympiad – Open to any 6th – 8th graders at Attea and Springman interested in developing a deeper understanding and passion for science, this grant funds the after-school science-enrichment program. Participating students comprise teams at the varsity and junior varsity level that compete in a multiple-school, hands-on competition.

Center of Hope: A Collaborative Community Service School Project Between Hoffman School and Glenview Youth Services –

This joint Hoffman/Glenview Youth Services grant creates a summer community school for 50 economically disadvantaged students right in their own neighborhood. The eight-week afternoon program will utilize a combination of Hoffman teachers and Youth Services staff to expose 3rd through 5th grade students to reading instruction, cultural excursions and community service projects.

The Summer Reading Program – This grant allows for a continuation of the highly successful athome summer reading program launched at Hoffman School last year for 100 at-risk learners. The emphasis is on maintaining and even improving reading skills over the summer so fall test scores do not decline.



Latino Youth Program – Funding for the continuation of this family-focused program goes toward ensuring the academic and social success of District 34's middle school-aged Latino students. The program's goal is to empower both parents and students so they are able to effectively navigate the schools as well as challenging social forces.

7th **Annual GEF Recital Night** – This event provides an in-district opportunity for band, orchestra and choral students to prepare and perform solo and ensemble pieces for professional musicians in a clinic/master class format. The festival is typically held the first week of February.



If you would like to ensure more of these programs and technology are placed in your children's classrooms, please donate now. Feel free to make a secure online donation at GEF's Web site, www.gef34.org, or complete and mail the donor slip below. (And as an added bonus, we will remove you from our November Phone-a-Thon call list!)

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