

Pasadena ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT  
2009



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## The Pasadena ISD Education Foundation Board of Directors

is proud to present the 2009 Annual Report. Please take a brief moment to explore our year of success and share in our dreams of providing continued support to the school children and educators of Pasadena in years to come.

Since 2003, the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation has helped to bring dreams to life for educators and students alike while awarding \$806,135.59 in the form of 239 mini-grants given across the district. Though great strides have been made in helping to enhance the education of our students, for every bright idea submitted, there are usually two more that do not get funded because of budget restraints.

In the years ahead, the foundation's challenge is to build on its initial success and expand financial support provided to the programs for Pasadena ISD students.

The foundation board of directors constantly strives to earn dollars through annual fundraising events and donations.



*Won't you include the foundation in your budget this year?*

## *Pasadena ISD* Education Foundation Directors 2009

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dana Philibert— <i>President</i>	Denise Jennings— <i>VP, Development</i>	Kirk Lewis— <i>Secretary</i>
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## About the Education Foundation

The Pasadena ISD Education Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, which raises money to fund mini-grants awarded to district educators for innovative classroom ideas or campus programs. These learning projects would not otherwise be funded by the regular school budget.

## Pasadena ISD Education Foundation Year at a Glance

The mission of the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation is to enhance the quality of educational services to promote an exemplary educational system. The Foundation will collaborate with the community to reward innovative teaching, promote educational excellence, provide educational and leadership opportunities to students and to recognize the teachers and staff of the Pasadena Independent School District.

### Dancing with the Principals 2009

A new fundraiser for the foundation was fashioned after ABC's Dancing with the Stars. Pasadena's version, Dancing with the Principals, was a complete hit earning schools and the foundation over \$60,000 collectively. Contestants danced their hearts out, but in the end, Keller Middle School Principal Diane Phelan and her husband, Casey, were named the champions.

### Dream Makers

In May and December of 2009, the Education Foundation "Dream Makers" surprised campuses across the district with the awarding of \$202,791.00 in the form of 58 mini-grants. This festive assembly of foundation directors and donors brought balloons and candy along with an oversized check to be presented to the classroom teacher or educator(s) who submitted the grant application.

### Board of Directors Retreat

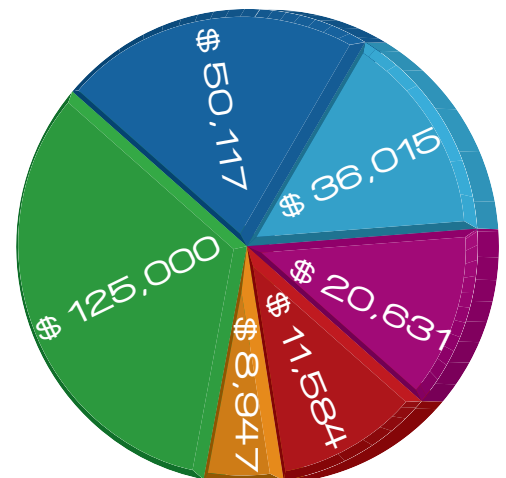
In March, newly elected president Dana Philibert hosted a planning session at The Galvez Hotel in Galveston for directors to map out strategies and fundraising events for the upcoming year. New directors were able to get to know the group and its policies while others enjoyed time with old friends.

### Foundation Liaison Meeting

The annual meeting of the foundation liaisons was held in September for campus representatives across the district. Those attending were treated to snacks provided by Chick-fil-A and given upcoming plans for the foundation. These liaisons help by getting the word out on their campus about the happenings of the foundation. They are instrumental in assisting with the Cornerstone Club Competition held in October.

### 2009 INCOME OF FUNDRAISES

◆ Cornerstone Club	\$ 50,117
◆ Dancing With the Principals	\$11,584
◆ Donations	\$20,631
◆ Houston Chronicle Share Program	\$ 8,947
◆ Shining Stars Gala	\$ 36,015
◆ McDonalds Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament	\$125,000
Total	\$252,294

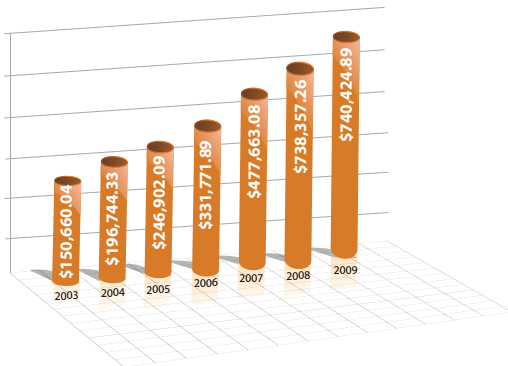


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## End of Year Financial Report

Pasadena Independent  
School District

## Education Foundation



End of the year totals  
for all accounts

### ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1-01-09	\$128,317.46
Deposits:	\$489,265.65
Internal Activity:	
Transfers-Savings Account	\$156,430.74
Transfers -Endowment Account	\$70,270.88
Expenditures:	
Administrative Reimbursement-2008	\$10,000.00
Consultant-(Marketing)	\$54,096.93
Cornerstone Club	\$3,000.00
Dancing with the Principals	\$21,823.12
Designated Donations	\$34,800.00
Dream Makers	\$349.69
Liability Insurance	\$1,102.00
McDonalds Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament	\$370.00
Mini Grant Disbursements-Pasadena ISD Fall 2008	\$165,935.00
Spring 2009 grantees	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$2,172.55
Monthly Meeting Expenses	\$448.67
Retreat	\$2,396.05
Shining Stars Gala	\$16,986.29
Software/eTapestry	\$5,141.25
Total Expenditures	\$318,621.55
Balance as of 12-31-09	\$72,259.94

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1-01-09	\$255,432.34
Deposits:	
Money Market & CD Interest	\$4,650.25
Bank Interest	\$92.02
Internal Activity:	
Transfers from Administrative Account	\$156,430.74
Transfers to Administrative Account	-\$180,607.51
Balance 12-31-09	\$235,997.84

### ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 01-01-09	\$354,607.46
Deposits:	
Money Market & CD Interest	\$7,250.51
Bank Interest	\$38.26
Internal Activity:	
Transfers from Administrative Account	\$70,270.88
Transfers to Administrative Account	\$0.00
Balance 12-31-09	\$432,167.11
TOTAL FOR ALL ACCOUNTS	\$740,424.89

## 2009 DONORS

### PLATINUM

Barmore Insurance Agency  
McDonald's  
McDonald's Texas Invitational  
Basketball Tournament  
Pasadena ISD Cornerstone Club  
Shell Oil Company  
State Farm Insurance

### GOLD

Chevron Phillips Chemical Company  
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Larry Elender  
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Margie Watterson Powell)  
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Credit Union  
HTS, Inc. Consultants  
Jacobs Engineering  
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Siemens Building Technologies, Inc.  
Maureen & David Singleton  
Southern Tile & Terrazzo, Co., Inc.  
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United Environmental Services  
Wallcovering International  
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## 2009 Cornerstone Club

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Kimberly Adame  
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Lupe Agirre  
Alejandra Aguilar  
Anna Aguirre  
Candace Ahlfinger  
Sharon Akers  
Helen Marie Alanis  
Arnold Alanis  
Maria Alanis  
Belva Alaniz  
Debra Aleman  
Elizabeth Aleman  
Guadalupe Aleman-Perez  
Tara Ali  
Kristi Allbritton  
Rana Allen  
Maggie Allen  
Laura L. Allison  
Blanca Alvarado  
Dianna Alvarez  
Natalia Alvarez  
Erika Alverson  
Suzanne Anderson  
Martha Andrade  
Lynda Andrus  
Lynda M. Andrus  
Charlotte Anthony  
Ana M. Arce  
Julie Archer  
Yolanda Arebalo  
Leslie Arnet  
Jessica Arnold  
Donica Arnold  
Maria Arriaga  
Candice Arthur  
Amy Ashby-Pike  
Mamie Ashlock  
Sharon Austin  
Erika Ayala  
Nilda Ayala  
Diane Bader

Gail Bailey  
Stacie Bailey  
Jodie Bailey  
Jocelyn Baker  
Michele Baker  
Diana Baker  
Priscilla Balboa  
Evelyn Baldauf  
Letty Balderaz  
Kathlene Balesky  
Deborah Balfanz  
Stacie Ball  
Patricia Ball  
Wanda Bamburg  
Angelica Banda  
Sheila Barker  
Kristopher Barras  
Rebecca Barrios-Garcia  
Michael Barton  
Mary Bashinski  
Emily Bass  
Barbara Bates  
Susan Bauer  
Suzanne Baxter  
Terri Baxter  
Carla Beames  
Anthony Beauvais  
Margaret Bee  
Leroy Beer  
Michelle Beicker  
Pat Belinowski  
Kathleen Belus  
Maria Benavides  
Barbara Berry  
Kasham Bhaq  
Cora Bigwood  
Leigh Anne Billing  
Mary Black  
Mary Blackwell  
Laurie Blain  
Debbie Blair  
Christal Blakeway  
Susan Blalock  
Susan Blue

Venice Boatwright  
Beverly Bolton  
Chris Bolyard  
Michael Bonas  
Patricia Boudra  
Marilyn Bourque  
Maria Bowden  
Nicole Bowles  
Russel Bowlin  
Mandy Box  
Dana Bradshaw  
Jeanie Brady  
Sharon Brantly  
Tatiana Bravo  
Kathleen Brennan  
Adriana Briones  
Judy Britt  
Hattie Britt  
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Cynthia Broom  
Sharon Brown  
Quita Brown  
Temeka Brown  
Jennifer Brown  
Marsha Brown  
Kathryn Bruso  
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Deborah Buckley  
Tamira Burback  
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Frances Burley  
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Amy Campos  
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Constance Cheshire  
Wendy Childs  
Gloria Chomenko  
Phillis Christeson  
Kristin Clanton  
Kathy Clark  
Marylou Clark  
Aislinn Clinch  
Sharon Cline  
Carole Cline  
Elizabeth Clodfelter  
Carolyn Cochran  
Larry A. Cochran  
Stefanie Cockrell  
Kathy Cole  
Lisa Cole  
Rosa Colunga



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Elizabeth Conerly-Hunter  
Kathy Connolly  
Melinda Connolly  
Sabrinna Cooper  
Christopher Cooper  
Sara Beth Cooper  
Lucinda Cornett  
Jean Corr  
Veronica Corral  
Sonia Correa  
Irma Cortez  
Pam Costales  
Dorothy Cotton  
Keeley Coufal  
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Ruben Escobedo  
Diana Escobedo  
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Kristina Espinosa  
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Cindy Locke  
Marjorie Locke  
Susan Locklear  
Tara Locklin  
LaQuinta Logan  
Kelly Lohse  
Angela Long  
Beth Longenicker  
Linda Lopez  
Toni Lopez  
Martina Lopez  
Rhonda R. Lopez  
Edgar Lopez  
Veronica Lopez  
Erika Lopez  
Diego Lopez  
Nancy Lopez  
Rosa Lopez  
Melissa Lopez  
Sandy Lopez-Reyes  
Cathy Lucas  
Heather Ludeke  
Claire Ludwig  
Abdra Luna  
Tanya Luna  
Celita Luna  
Sendy Luna  
Jami Lupold  
Timothy Lynn  
Andrea Lynn  
Enrique Macias  
Stephanie Mack  
Scott MacNeish  
Amber MacNeish  
Paula Madewell  
Pam Magnuson  
Mary Majumdar  
Dawn Malone  
Laura Mann  
Maria Marquez  
Shellie Leigh Martin  
Rodney Martin

Rolando Martinez  
Nora Martinez  
Eric Martinez  
Paul Martinez  
Francisco Martinez  
Cynthia Martinez-Bagwill  
Amanda Maslonka  
James Maslonka  
Pam Massey  
Darla Massey-Jones  
Nancy Matthews  
Kathie Mayberry  
Reginald Mayes  
Pamela Mayfield  
Laurence Mays  
Kimberly McCord  
Lindy McCrea  
Sandra McDermott  
Pamela McDonald  
Kathleen McElman  
Jayne McFarland  
Kerry McGrew  
Sandra McHenry  
Willie McIntyre  
Donna McLean  
Terri McNeil  
Wayne McPhail  
Valerie McQuade  
Alonzo McQueen  
Liza A. Melendez  
Llenis Melendez  
Laurie Mellen  
Gracie Mendez  
Laura Mendoza  
Lucy Mendoza  
Joda Mendoza  
Angel Mendoza  
Donna Menzies  
Norberta Mercado  
Tara Merida  
Courtney Merilatt  
Maurico Meza  
Jean Milburn  
Ted Miller  
Leesha Miller  
Linda Milliken

Cynthia Mills  
Brionne Mills  
Lela Mills  
Jo Ann Minchew  
Leah Minter  
Angelika Mishra  
Brenda Mitchell  
Amy Moak  
Sean Moes  
Maria J. Moncada  
Christopher Monita  
Maria Monreal  
Maria Montelongo  
Rebecca Montemayor  
Elva Montemayor  
Perla Montemayor  
Fanny Monten  
Julia Montes  
Denise Moody  
Derek Moody  
Mary Moon  
Billy Moore  
Genie Moore  
Patricia Moore  
Carrie Moore  
Linda Moreno  
Erica J. Moreno  
Jewel Morgan  
Donna Morin  
Pam Morren  
Valorie Morris  
Amber Morris  
Cassandra Morrison  
Kassie Morrison  
Heather Moss  
Lori Muirhead  
Julie Mulkey  
Beth Ann Mullen  
Iris Munoz  
Catherine Munoz  
Eve Murdock  
La Juana Murray  
Priscilla Nafegar  
Lauren Nalepa  
Anna Maria Naranjo  
Stephen Naron

Joni Nava  
Monica Navarrete  
Ramona Neely  
Glenda Neidecker  
Stephanie Nelson  
Hilary Newton  
Bay Thi Nguyen  
Yvonne Nguyen  
Yen Nguyen  
Marla Nickelson  
Patricia Norman  
Balbina Nunez  
Ryan Nygaard  
Deborah Oakes  
Mary Oakley  
Bertha Ochoa  
Carolyn Odom  
Ubalda Olea  
Sharri Omer  
Akirii Opolot  
Angie O'Quinn  
Naomi Orozco-Clements  
Sherrie Orr  
Liz Ortiz  
Marta Ortiz  
Oluwakemi Osinubi  
Maria Osorio  
Luz Osorio  
Jamie Otto  
Amy Otwell  
Linda Overton  
Maria Carmen Oviedo  
Anicia Ozuna  
Cristi Pace  
Panayota C. Pace  
Maria Padilla  
Elvia Padilla  
Brunilda Padron  
Monica Paez  
Tobi Page  
Keith Palmer  
Susan Palmer  
Amanda Palmer  
Denise Palos  
Brenda Paloski  
Kari Pankratz

Karla Parker  
 John Parker  
 Patricia Parker  
 Kathryn Parker  
 Trevor Parker  
 Stephanie Parker  
 Irma Parkin  
 Rhonda Parmer  
 Cindy Parmer  
 Julie Parrish  
 Debbie Parrison  
 Cheryl Patrick  
 Aaron Patterson  
 David Patterson  
 Judy Patterson  
 Erica Pecina  
 Laura Pena  
 Hugo Pena  
 Lucia Pena  
 Jennifer Pena  
 Leslie Pennington  
 Norma Penny  
 Maria Perello  
 Zelma Perez  
 Ludivina Perez  
 Melissa Perez  
 Angelina Perez  
 Ginny Perkins  
 Mike Peyou  
 Diane Phelan  
 Maria E. Phillips  
 Chad Phillips  
 Melissa Pierce  
 Regina Pittman  
 Relaine Pitts  
 Tawna Pitts  
 Catherine Pleasants  
 Barbara Poche  
 Kaye Post  
 Traci Powell  
 Kim Powers  
 Mable Pratt  
 Cynthia Pratt -Pena  
 Nan Presley  
 Sheila Pritchard  
 Joan Walker Propp

Rosie Prusz  
 Gracie Puente  
 M. Gayle Purcell  
 Debra Purdy  
 Sabrina Pyke  
 Karina Quesada  
 Deborah Quinney-Stewart  
 Rosa Quintana  
 Eva Quintanilla  
 Deyanira Quintero  
 Kymberly Quiroz  
 Sherrie Raines  
 Amelia Ramos  
 Cynthia Randolph  
 Catalina Rangel  
 Linda Raspberry  
 Jamie Rawlings  
 Yolanda Ray  
 Sheri Ray  
 Kristine Rebstock  
 Mary Michelle Reddell  
 Stacey Redwine  
 Julie Reed  
 Jane Regner  
 Travia Regner  
 Angela Reid  
 Doug Reiland  
 Cynthia Resendez  
 Norma Reta  
 Patricia Reyes  
 Mary Rhoden  
 Debra Rice  
 Charity Rice  
 Sheri Richardson  
 Regina Richardson  
 Lyzette Rios  
 Cori Ripley  
 Marv Risner  
 Maria Rivera  
 Angel Rivera  
 Frances Rivera  
 Meredith Rives  
 Glynda Roberts  
 Eugenia Robinson  
 Katharine Robinson  
 Marisol Robles

Patricia Robles  
 Sara Rodriguez  
 Richard Rodriguez  
 Janet Rodriguez  
 Veronica Rodriguez  
 Araceli Rodriguez  
 Erika Rodriguez  
 Cynthia Rodriguez-Saenz  
 Ruthie Rogers  
 Lisa Rogers  
 Traci Rogers  
 Lena Rohne  
 Blanca Roman  
 Elisa Romero  
 Fortuni Rosales  
 Carlos Rosales  
 Shirlyn Ross  
 Donna Rossino  
 Laura Rudek  
 Maida Ruiz  
 Cindy Russell  
 Patricia Russo  
 Jose Saenz  
 Cynthia Saenz  
 Linda Salas  
 Graciela Salazar  
 Alejandra Salazar  
 Oneida Salazar  
 Elizabeth Salazar  
 Veronica Saldana  
 Robin Salinas  
 Sonia Salinas  
 Jackie Salisbury  
 Frank Sanchez  
 Lydia Sanchez  
 Leticia Sandoval  
 Mark Sandoval  
 Ana C. Santos  
 Tulu Sarkar  
 Genevieve Saulter  
 Julia Sawhill  
 Robert Sayavedra  
 Elizabeth Schroeder  
 Aimee Schultz  
 Paige Schwan  
 Joshua Schwarz

Stephanie Schwarze  
 Nancy Schwartz  
 Tracy Scott  
 Demetrius Scott  
 Angela Scott  
 Keri Scully  
 Della Sells  
 Andrea Sentell  
 Christina Serna  
 Aurora Sesento  
 Krishna Shah  
 Devon Shaw  
 Joseph Shea  
 Rebecca Shelton  
 Julie Sherer  
 Bertha Sherrill  
 Catherine Silas  
 Emily Simancas  
 Sara Simmons  
 Fran Simmons  
 Donna Simons  
 Patricia Singletary  
 Tracy Skripka  
 Jessica Slater  
 Susana Sliva  
 James C. Smith  
 Lila Smith  
 Tonya Smith  
 Sandra Smith  
 Billye Smith  
 Alicia Smith  
 Nora Smith  
 Jeanette Smith  
 Will Smith  
 Kelley Smith  
 Dean Smith  
 Jamy Smith  
 Sandra Solis  
 Leigh Ann Sorge  
 Viki R. Sparks  
 Nancy Spasic  
 Laura Spaulding  
 David Spence  
 Francie Spirkoff  
 Lana Stahl  
 Kathleen Stauber

Virginia Steele  
Ann Steen  
Olivia Stegemann  
Jacqueline Stevenson  
Kristin Still  
John Story  
Billie Street  
Elexia Strickland  
Wade Stringer  
Sheila Strother  
Annette Stubbs  
Gesille Stuberfield  
Maria Suarez  
Jennifer Suarez  
Wendy Sullivan  
Jennifer Summerlin  
Donna Summers  
Jennifer Sumner  
Guadalupe Suquet  
Allison Sutton  
Phyllis Sweeney  
Crystal Sweeney  
Racquel Swilley  
Tami Swinbank  
Dana Sylvester  
Allison Tamez  
Wendy Tarver  
Travis Teichelman  
Jennifer Teichelman  
Marisa Tellez  
Ann Tettlow  
Kathie Teuscher  
Tara Tharp  
Linda Theriot  
Melissa Thibodaux  
Susan Thomas  
Praisyy Thomas  
Diane Thompson  
Dixie Thompson  
Sara G. Thompson  
Tracey Thompson  
Michelle Tolley  
Anh Ton  
Renita Toney  
Deborah Tonne  
Virginia Topacio

Liatrix Torrence  
Elsie Torres  
Christina Torres  
Gabriela Tovar  
Huong Mary Tran  
Shannon Trejo  
Victoria Trejo-Rangel  
Maria Trevino  
Raquel Trevino  
Phuong (Kim) Trinh  
Sharon Trotter  
Arlene Tumberlinson  
Brittany Turner  
Mark Turner  
Josefina Turrubiarres  
Tisha Tyler  
Herlinda Valdez  
Guadalupe Valdez  
Marsha Valle  
Elsa Valo  
Jackie Vanelli  
Angela Vangilder  
Jenny Vann  
Becky(Maria) Vargas  
Hilda Vargas  
Monserrath Vasquez  
Gilda Vasquez  
Amy L. Vasquez  
Jodi Vasquez  
Nelly Vela  
Alicia Vela  
Monica Vela  
Nancy Verden  
Patricia Villarreal  
Sandra Villarreal  
Jose Villarreal  
Barbara Vincent  
Kathryn Vollmer  
Veronica Vribe  
Susan Wadlington  
Lisa Waldrop  
Dianna Walker  
Angela Walker  
Jeremy Walker  
Jamie Walker  
Cindy Walker

Brad Waller  
Carolyn Waller  
Kristin Wallis  
Barbara Walton  
Shirley Warnell  
Jean Warner  
Gary Warner  
Paula Warner  
Cathy Washburn  
Chris Wassom  
LaTassa Watts  
Stacy Weatherford  
Jayla Weatherspoon  
Mariam Weaver  
Tanya Weaver  
Anna Marie Weaver-Jackson  
Rayla Webb  
Cara Weiser  
Mary K. Wesley  
Amy Whalen  
Linda Wheat  
David Wheat  
Beth Wheat  
Diane Wheeler  
Michelle Wheeler  
Janet White  
David White  
Elizabeth Whitney  
Sam Whittenton  
Susan Wickenden  
Mark Wienshienk  
Cheryl Wilcox  
Janielle Wiley  
Cynthia Wilkerson  
Cassandra Wilkerson  
Tina Willhoite  
Janice Williams  
Tamara Williams  
Andy Williams  
Pamela Williams  
Shasta Williams  
Cecillee Williams  
Jasmyne Williams  
Kathy Williamson  
Elizabeth Williamson  
Shelby Willis

Shari Willis  
Erika Willis  
Cheryl Wilson  
Amanda Windsor  
Madelyn Winnek  
Wendy Wiseburn  
Roger Woest  
Nancy Woods  
Cynthia Wright  
Pat Wright  
Elaine Wright  
Rhonda Wright  
Tammy Wright  
Sarah Wrobleski  
Chiung-Wen Yang  
Barbara Ybarra  
Debra Yocum  
Michelle Yom  
Shirley Young  
Kathy Young  
Carmen Young  
Rita Zabala  
Allison Zamarripa  
Aurelia A. Zapata  
Nancy Zavala  
Maria Zavaleta  
Yvonne Zeh  
Melanie Zelenka  
Laura Zeringue  
Emily Zihlman  
Goretta Zoma  
Lorri Zuniga

# FALL 2008 MINI-GRANT ABSTRACTS

## DeZavala Middle School

Toni Decman, Laura Quisenberry

## GATEWAYS

**ABSTRACT:** DeZavala Middle School students find their first year of middle school to be demanding. 375 fifth grade students will try to meet the challenge of passing the Science TAKS test. 150 of these students are Bilingual, taking TAKS for the first time in English. Teachers want to assist students by adding the GATEWAYS Science program to the curriculum. The incorporation of the GATEWAYS Science program will provide measurable support to teachers and students in boosting achievement in science vocabulary and comprehension. Additionally, the program is structured to add relevant, exciting laboratory skills for student motivation.

\$4,990

## Dobie High School

Sherrie Kent, Debra Kersman, Eileen O'Connor, Amy Crowder

## Air Brush Technology

**ABSTRACT:** Airbrush technology will be a useful aid in our art rooms to promote technology and help us meet our curriculum guidelines. Teaching our students a variety of different art techniques such as airbrushing allows us the ability to compete at a higher level versus not only neighboring districts but also the opportunity to excel at state level competitions (Ex. Vase). Using technology in our classroom is another way for us to keep our "at risk" students interested in learning art. The techniques they learn in our class become a foundation for future careers in graphic design and paint and body.

\$3,168

## Fisher Elementary School

Stacie Van Loenen

## Literacy for All

**ABSTRACT:** This request is to help build fluency and comprehension through the use of a literacy lab. Our goal is to have a wide variety of books that encompass core content areas such as math, science, and social studies. We feel it is extremely important to give each child at our school the opportunity to read books of interest at their own personal learning level. In addition to tapping into the child's interest, we hope to enhance each child's writing, listening, speaking, and thinking abilities. School is the only opportunity for some of our students to read rich literature.

\$4,973

## Genoa Elementary

Jamie C. Murray, Eddie Gonzales, Silvia Cisneros, Brenda Villegas, Cameron Dobson, Joanne Whitley, Karen Lusby, Veronica Lopez, Rachelle Lopez, Lee Boler, Roxana Collazo, Mary Richardson, Mario Garza, Debbie Blair

## Double the Math/Double the Language

**ABSTRACT:** This grant will supplement our dual language guided reading library; which was purchased with PISD Education Foundation money in August, 2008. Where the previous focus was on leveled science readers; this focus will be on leveled math readers with real world connections, as well as Stuart J. Murphy books which the teachers will be able to utilize for read alouds and the implementations of hands on math activities. Teachers will receive training on how to integrate hands on activities that are related to specific math topics and an emphasis will be placed upon lessons that incorporate Rigor and Relevance.

\$5,000

## Guidance Center

Traci Rogers, Veronica Saldana, Becky Mills, Cynthia Mills, Diana Wolfe, Karen Harris, Jamie Boren, Val McQuade, Jean Koch, Ann Taylor

## Traits of writing, Teacher Resource Center

**ABSTRACT:** In addition to assisting Guidance Center students with home campus assignments, we also provide direct instruction that is aligned with the English Language Arts curricula. Our ELA and SPED teachers will use *If you Give a Teacher a Book: Using Picture Books to Teach the Traits of Writing*, by Karen Gibson and Sheila Wise for direct instruction. With the purchase of the children's books suggested in Gibson and Wise's book, our teachers can teach the various traits of writing in 30-minute increments. Given our revolving enrollment, the 30-minute lessons are ideal when cumulative lessons are not feasible.

\$868

## Jensen Elementary School

Hillary Stout, Julie Scott, Antonio Avalos, Jessica Owens, Olga Galindo

## "Active Science"

**ABSTRACT:** "ACTIVE Science" is a proposal to increase our student's interest in Science and Technology with the use of an ACTIVBoard. This ACTIVBoard will be placed in our school's science lab and available for all of the students and teachers on campus to utilize. This cutting-edge technology would immerse the students and extend their learning by enhancing their critical thinking skills in each of the science TEKS.

\$4,600

## Mae Smythe Elementary School

Shandar Hobbs, Adriana Esparza, Patricia Moore

## Science Solution

**ABSTRACT:** Science Solution is a proposal to completely integrate the Science big ideas into the 3 main components of the balanced Literacy Framework. This would enable second and third grade teachers to completely immerse students into meaningful Science experiences and help them make connections across the curriculum through reading, writing and math activities. The literature would teach the TEKS and build students' language, literacy, and critical thinking skills that will transfer to all areas of learning.

\$3,941

**Meador Elementary School**  
Michael Barton, Diane Patterson

### Waterford Early Learning Update

**\$\$\$5,000**

**ABSTRACT:** The Waterford Early Learning Program delivers explicit digital instruction that individualizes learning for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 2 students. It is a researched-based curriculum aligned to current state and national standards. It has a placement tool that can assess each student to determine the right starting point. Waterford provides real-time data on student activities. For our teachers, it is like having an assistant for every child. The program treats each learner as an individual. Those who need intervention receive it automatically. Our present program limits our ability to use this powerful learning tool.

**Meador Elementary School**  
Mary Christine Browning

### ESTRELLITA Accelerated Beginning Spanish Reading

**\$\$\$770**

**ABSTRACT:** ESTRELLITA is an accelerated, systematic, explicit phonics program. At the kindergarten level, the program will be used throughout the school year, with many children learning to read mid-way through the year and more than 2/3 of the class able to read by the end of the year. I shall be implementing this program in my bilingual kindergarten class to help my students become successful Spanish language readers.

### Memorial High School

Alexander S. Graham, David White, Jane Dickerson, Mandy Snelson, Kristi White, Julie Knight, Paul Trahan, Deah Chamberlain, Lindsey Vanover

### Bigger Horizons: Building Bridges with Our Community

**\$\$\$5,000**

**ABSTRACT:** We plan to expand the impact of our integrated science projects, which include our biodiesel, astronomy, robotics and optics projects. Our focus will be to train our students to conduct research and development in alternative energy science. We will allow students to explore resources and experts from science, engineering, and related and applied fields to expose our students to career-based objectives, while taking the opportunity to educate our community members and businesses about our district's programs. The relationships we forge with the community can provide scholarship opportunities for our students and generate interest in attracting funding to our Education Foundation.

### Park View Intermediate School

Rob Hasson, Jamie Lusk, Synamon High, Alfred Padron

### Cowboy University

**\$\$\$5,000**

**ABSTRACT:** "COWBOY UNIVERSITY" – The purpose of this program is to create thematic mini-sessions designed to teach at-risk students life lessons and practices beyond the school day. The program will include six theme programs utilizing various experts from the school and community to teach and expose students to real world lessons and applications that integrate mathematics, art, social studies, music, and science. Students will have the opportunity to choose a mini session based on the individual student's interest and passion. This program will be an extension of our 21st Century Grant Program.

### Parks Elementary School

Mickey Key, Pam Aaron, Mary Owens, Teresa Jackson, Priscilla Holton, Maria Trevino, Courtney Merilatt, Catherine Pleasants, Diana Tovar

### Bookaroo's Reading Roundup

**\$\$\$5,000**

**ABSTRACT:** This is a school-wide proposal which addresses our need for increased reading practice, reading comprehension, and vocabulary empowerment for our students. Students would have access to hundreds of Accelerated Reader leveled fiction and nonfiction books for Reading, Vocabulary, and Literacy Skills practice. These books would enhance our Upgraded Accelerated Reader Program which has a parental involvement component which links the school to home via the Internet, allowing parents and teachers to work together to ensure students' success by giving families access to a greater number of English and Spanish books and taking AR tests together at home.

### Red Bluff Elementary School

Kathy Pavlik, Cathy Kelly, Beatriz Torres, Adriana Aguilera, Ericelda Covarubbias

### Experience the Learning

**\$\$\$1,543**

**ABSTRACT:** "Experience the Learning" will give students the opportunity to experience subjects that we are learning about in our classrooms. These experiences will include hands-on learning from the Houston Zoo about animals and insects through "Critter Coverage" and "Bugs on Wheels." They will soar through the Solar System with the Museum's Discovery Dome. Rhyme will come alive with a visit from Mother Goose. Students will also experience a Life Cycle of a Butterfly and watch seeds grow. We will explore apples and pumpkins and foods from each food group. They will use Playdough to experience the world of mixing colors.

### Shaw Middle School

Christi Thompson, Mollie Whistler, Bernice Cedillo, Cristy Smith, Letisia Ramirez, Veronica Rivera, Andrea Beerwinkle, Brian Levison, Blanca Gonzales

### Soaring Seahawk Literacy Lab

**\$\$\$4,965**

**ABSTRACT:** The literacy crisis among American students is well-documented with ethnic minority and English Learners failing to learn to read at alarming rates. In spite of these grim statistics, indicators show significant improvement is within the grasp of educators and their students. We are being called to respond with limited budgets and staffing; brainstorming the most cost effective resources to enhance student learning. Lexia Reading V5 provides practice in the five components of reading, and its design is consistent with current research suggesting that students who struggle with reading benefit from systematic and explicit practice opportunities.

**South Houston Elementary School**

Cindy Garcia, Star Garza, Jennifer Delpap, Angela Suarez, Carrie Blanco, Brittney Bryant

**Activate for Success**

*ABSTRACT:* This grant includes one set of Activotes for our third grade team and third/fourth grade Deaf Education students to share. Activotes are wireless voting devices that interact with Promethean boards. Students may press A, B, C, or D to answer a question. Their vote is automatically tabulated and displayed on the board. The teacher can see the number and percentage of correct answers. The teacher will use Activotes as an instant evaluation tool for the class or small group. Activotes will keep students actively engaged and encourage participation. Activotes will facilitate the integration of technology into the regular curriculum.

**\$1,595**

**South Houston High School**

Vi Nguyen

**Science Whizzes with Qwizdom**

*ABSTRACT:* The Qwizdom's ReadySet Curriculum is an innovative, interactive teaching tool that will help stimulate and motivate students in Biology class. This project involves utilizing the Qwizdom ReadySet Curriculum software to provide interactive learning opportunities, immediate feedback for both the students and the teacher, and for class unit assessments. Students will have varied learning activities with the Qwizdom ReadySet Curriculum and will operate participant remotes, which will increase their excitement and enthusiasm for Biology. Additionally, this system will allow me to modify my teaching with the real-time feedback, which directly impacts students' learning.

**\$2,684**

**Summit High School**

Charles Emich, Marcy Bieber, Robert DeWolfe

**Summit Math Lab**

*ABSTRACT:* The purpose of this grant is to increase the interest and awareness of students at risk in math and its related applications. This lab will increase students' standardized test scores and math grades giving them the skills in math to be competitive in math courses when they return to their home campuses. Recent studies have demonstrated that computer assisted instruction increase relevance and interest in math for students at risk for not graduating from high school. By using this teaching strategy, students will increase their knowledge of the relationship between math and technology. This will enable students to pursue the study of math and its' applications throughout their academic lives.

**\$5,000**

**Thompson Intermediate School**

Martha Weatherford, Susie Haas, Felicia Petit, Carol Waters, Jennifer Guerrero, Holly Bailey

**Sensory Overload**

*ABSTRACT:* Thompson Intermediate is seeking assistance in updating our science curriculum with the use of graphing calculators attached to lab pro interfaces. Students need to master the use of technology in real world experiences. We are asking for the funds to purchase fourteen TI 84 Graphing calculators and seven Lab Pro Interfaces to use in labs. Seventh and eighth grade science students will be trained to use the equipment to better prepare them for more advanced lab applications in high school and beyond. All students would benefit from the additional technology but our advanced students would receive the most benefit.

**\$4,928**

**Williams Elementary School**

Sandra Burrough, Rhoda Mohr, Linda Flores, Wendy Wiseburn

**Naturally Facilitating Fluency!**

*ABSTRACT:* Reading research continuously identifies a distinct need to build reading fluency and background knowledge in struggling readers. Read Naturally is a reading fluency tool that uses recorded, leveled, non-fiction passages to build these skills with both English and Spanish speakers. The branching capability available with this computer-generated intervention program allows the individual student to further develop his/her reading skills while gaining personal confidence as a reader. The program also encourages individuals to build language specific non-fiction vocabulary. Utilizing this valuable tool at Williams will assist us as we continue to work toward bridging the gap through personalized intervention.

**\$4,886**

**TOTAL**

**\$73,911**



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## Bondy Intermediate

Christine Veltman, Shelly Jaynes, Tracey Thompson, Norma Rodriguez, Emily Donihoo, Michael Michalec, Rebecca Hager, Kim Trinh, Tom Cook, Claire Kramer

## “Power of Voting”

**ABSTRACT:** Our goal as teachers is to provide every student the opportunity to learn in a “fear-free” environment. Students feel fear when called upon by a teacher. Fear that they may give the wrong answer or be laughed at by their peers. With the incorporation of Promethean Activotes students have the opportunity to learn and respond without ridicule or intimidation, therefore, alleviating the automatic response “I don’t know.” Students will in turn gain confidence and become more successful in all their classes.

\$375

## Dobie High School

Amy Crowder, Debra Kersman, Sherrie Kent, Eileen O’Connor

## ART – A Reason to Stay in School

**ABSTRACT:** Art, A Reason to Stay in School, is meant to motivate students to maintain passing grades, stay in school, and graduate. The Art Department is restructuring itself in order to provide an exciting curriculum, which not only teaches art objectives, but shows the students how they can obtain a future in an art related field. The introductory classes are aimed at giving students an opportunity to see how art exists in the community, offering a variety of jobs. Students will meet a variety of art professionals; create correlating projects and learn how to obtain the needed advanced education.

\$5,000

## Dobie High School

Rebekka Gabino, Melissa McCalla Allen, Nichole Johnson, Jesse Saavedra, Chris Swinnen, Jody Janie, Patience Allison, David Cameron, Phyllis Gerles, Gina Salinas, Bob Daughtery, Gloria Flores, Ashley Deadwyler

## Express Yourself!

**ABSTRACT:** “Express Yourself!!” is a proposal for student response systems called Active Expressions, which can be used with the Promethean ActivBoards. The Active Expressions allow for all students to have a voice in the class through words, phrases, symbols, and numbers – which can be used for immediate assessment. The results from the devices will allow teachers to identify students in need of assistance through effective questioning. The devices will also give students instant feedback allowing for them to take more ownership in their learning. As a result, students will be actively engaged in their learning.

\$4,423

## Jackson Intermediate

Jessica McCoy, Nora Hernandez, Catherine Betts, Christine Flores, Ali Jay Sobhani, Gretchen Kent, Marie Mead, Chanel Blackledge, Randy Allen, LaVail Washington

## Weather Bug Program

**ABSTRACT:** The WeatherBug Program will place a state-of-the-art weather station at Jackson Intermediate. Real-time weather data will be used to enhance mathematics, science, and technology education. The complete program includes interactive and dynamic lessons and activities with access on all school computers to the entire WeatherBug network, comprised of more than 8,000 sites. PALS 8th grade students will take a leadership role in maintaining the system and utilizing the equipment to daily report weather to the school. Additionally, science and math classes apply skills taught in the classroom to real world problems using data provided by the weather station.

\$2,499

## Keller Middle School

Rose Huckaby, Joey Hernandez, Joseph Hicks

## (BAKER) Becoming A Kid Enjoying Reading

**ABSTRACT:** In order to help our bilingual and Special Ed. Resource students improve their reading skills, we would like to use the Stevenson Program in 5th grade bilingual and 5th and 6th grade resource classes. This program is a multisensory program that uses mnemonics to enhance the understanding of the sounds that make up the English language. It utilizes pictures that incorporate the words to help fluency. Other schools in the district have seen good results in the scores of their special ed. and bilingual students after utilizing the program.

\$631

## Mae Smythe Elementary

Michelle Reddell, Adriana Esparza

## “Crossing the Bridge to Read”

**ABSTRACT:** “Crossing the Bridge to Read” is a leveled literacy intervention supplement to the Balanced Literacy program at Mae Smythe Elementary. The Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention System is a scientifically – based early intervention program that can prevent literacy difficulties before they turn into long-term challenges. This small group, intensive, supplementary intervention system is designed to bring struggling readers and writers to grade level competency in 10 – 18 weeks (Fountas & Pinnell, 2009). After intervention, students can truly say, “I can read!”

\$4,250

**Matthys Elementary**

Julia Montes, Anna Jackson, Magda Ibarra, Claudia Garza, Stephanie Kramer, Becky Vargas

**"Brain Workout"**

**ABSTRACT:** Brain research shows that the brain is able to process and retain information kinesthetically. According to Texas Senate Bill 530, schools are to provide a minimum of 30 minutes of physical activity on a daily basis. In addition, in Section 38.104 it states that the agency will look at "any correlation between the results and the following: (1) student academic achievement levels." By implementing the Action Based Learning Lab in our gymnasium and placing a Thinking on Your Feet Book in each classroom, the teachers will be able to reach the students' academic needs through an active physical approach.

**\$5,000**

**Matthys Elementary**

Christine Golibart-Coppedge, Selena Contreras, Olga Gonzales, Graciela Gonzalez, Miriam Parrales, Claudia Perez, Alison Lentz, DeLane Marler

**Marilyn Burns Math**

**ABSTRACT:** Math problem solving is a weakness throughout all of our testing data. In an effort to address this need, we propose to create classrooms at Matthys Elementary that focus on inquire based learning using strategies that are taught through the Marilyn Burns Institute. It is well researched that hands-on activities using real world situations are effective in developing conceptual skills in mathematics. Our project will provide the staff development needed to assist teachers in integrating effective problem solving methods in daily math instruction. Our goal is to change the way we teach math so that our students become critical thinkers and are successful in math at all levels of their education careers.

**\$4,018**

**Memorial High School**

Cathy Roark, Kathlene Balesky, Alexander S. Graham, David White, Will Smith, Patricia Cain

**The Sunny Skies Project: Building Better Futures Through College**

**ABSTRACT:** The purpose and mission of our project is to target the least served at-risk students in our school to ensure their academic success by providing support, academic tutoring, and monitoring of their performance with immediate feedback. We plan to raise awareness in our participating students about the viability of attending college and the steps they must take to be successful. We will reach out to parents, families and the community, while forming relationships in all disciplines with successful students in the form of partnerships that will allow the at-risk students to emulate the behavior of their more successful peers.

**\$5,000**

**Memorial High School**

Adam Malek, Victor Raygoza, Daniel Reyna, Miguel Herrera, Greg Giles

**Remote Controlled Robotic Drawing Machines**

**ABSTRACT:** Since P.M.H.S. has opened in August of 2003, the administrators and art faculty have been in pursuit of creating an environment for students that will allow them to stand out both in their educational art careers and as citizens in their community. This year every student within the P.M.H.S. art program has responded to the expectation set upon them and strive to push the envelope daily. The students will to learn has proven to be affective as our department has grown in the last year from 436 to 835 students. Our potential and pursuit for success is endless.

**\$4,967**

**Moore Elementary**

Romy Graham, Jackie Stevenson, Rich Nguyen, Myra Janacek, Irma Hernandez, Cindy Burton, Paula Carter

**Frog Games**

**ABSTRACT:** Frog Games help students practice grammar skills as well as math skills. They come in different levels to meet all student needs. This will facilitate small group instruction and provide opportunities for students to be self-directed learners. They can be used for enrichment and tutoring. Students may play by themselves or in a group. [www.frog.com](http://www.frog.com)

**\$2,226**

**PISD Pre - AP Science**

Paul Gutierrez, Pat Sermas

**Equipment Library**

**ABSTRACT:** "Equipment Library" is a project whose intent is to rectify the lack of technology skills possessed by our Pre-AP science students. A vital component of student success at the AP-level in science is a familiarity with the technology that is available to enhance a student's critical thinking skills in a laboratory setting. This grant will allow access to all Pre-AP science teachers at the Intermediate and Middle School levels direct access to Vernier Lab-Quest data collectors and probe-ware for use in Laying The Foundation lab activities.

**\$4,360**

**Pasadena ISD SUCCESS & ABLE Programs**

Roberta Olivares

**Motor Tool Kit**

**ABSTRACT:** Many students with cognitive impairments receive Occupational Therapy in order to address hand function. In the elementary level, activities to address these objectives are not difficult to find. As these students mature, it becomes much more challenging to find age appropriate tasks to address fine motor skills, especially for those students who have cognitive impairments. The Vocational Skills tool kit manufactured by a company by the name of "Hands on Tasks and Ideas" contains 36 boxes of manipulatives which address fine motor skills and vocation. The activities are aligned with TEKS, and can be easily incorporated into IEP goals.

**\$1,298**

### Queens Intermediate

Tisha Tyler, Deborah Buckley

### Visual Art

**ABSTRACT:** Student Art compositions enhance their senses of sight and touch. The Visual Arts program we are developing will utilize today's camera technology with quality drawing products. By using Digital SLR camera techniques students have the capability to detail their visual skills transformed into compositions. Providing students with Prismacolor art supplies brings Realism to their compositions. Such detail and color stresses composition interpretation and quality of work. Student pride in their accomplishments will be demonstrated through participation in community Art shows and competitions.

\$2,000

### Schneider Middle School

Angela Van Gilder, Richard Van Gilder, Angel Rivera, Amy Denton

### Visualize Science Achievement

**ABSTRACT:** The "Visual Realization" program uses digital imagery as an instructional mode for student achievement. It provides teachers with unlimited opportunities to engage learners in activities for long-term learning of science concepts. The DIIMSA (Digital Imagery as an Instructional Mode for Student Achievement) model allows program participants to integrate conceptual teaching, collaborative learning integrated with enabling technologies, and classroom instruction. The National Science Education Standards state that, "learning science is something that students do, not something that is done to them." The Visual Realization Program is a proven method that bolsters student achievement while increasing teacher enhancement through its use.

\$3,249

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\$2,283

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### Men of Distinction (MOD)

**ABSTRACT:** Men of Distinction (MOD) is a school-based program dedicated to providing "at risk" boys opportunities for success by giving them tools for setting goals, building respect for others, while incorporating values. In addition to social skills, MOD will foster the desire to read by providing a book club designed to raise the boys' interest in reading by connecting current teen literature to the world they live in today. MOD will provide our boys with a variety of team building experiences that create the climate for becoming a contributing member of the community with a focus on others rather than self.

\$2,283

### South Houston High School

Keri Scully, Billy Winebrenner, Sarah Potter, Michael Oseguera, Alex Gladney-Lemon, Allison Young, Motee Abunima, Jerry Gullick, Max Cowan, Marshall Kimble

### "N-Spire" to Graduate

**ABSTRACT:** Capitalizing on the students' interest in technology will increase their understanding of math and science concepts and 'Nspire' the students to graduate on time. The purchase and implementation of the TI-Nspire curriculum and technology at SHHS will increase the completion rate (especially among 12th grade TAKS re-testers), decrease the failure rate in math classes school-wide, and decrease the number of roll-back students (especially among our 8th to 9th grade transition teams) by offering additional mathematics instruction using the latest technology in a portable, lab-styled setting in math and science.

\$5,000

### South Houston High School

Timothy Keenley, Becky Benner, Larri Hicks, Sarah Potter, Cathy Lee, Max Cowan, Kele Anyanwu, Billy Winebrenner, Francisca McMurray

### Trojan Same – Gender Pilot Project

**ABSTRACT:** In 2006, congress began allowing public schools to offer separate classes for boys and girls. Since then, significant gains in achievement, discipline and attitude have been observed in same-gender groupings, especially among students of low economic status. Motivated by compelling students' needs, we will launch a pilot project involving 350 10th-grade students in Math and Science in separate classrooms for boys and girls in August '09. The project has attracted the interest of our Superintendent, principals, teachers and parents, and offers benefits for thousands of students in future years. This application seeks funding for teacher training required for the project.

\$5,000

**South Houston Intermediate**

Jaclyn Krupa

**“What Are You Saying to Me?”**

**ABSTRACT:** “What are you saying to me?” plans to incorporate Rosetta Stone English learning software into ESL classrooms to facilitate non English speakers in all stages of English language acquisition and as an enrichment to all native speakers of other languages. This program begins with basic foundations and progressively builds. Vocabulary, language structure, environment, social interactions, conversation, academic languages, and ways to express emotions, opinions, and more. Our campus will also use this program to host our evening ESL classes to our students’ families to give them the tools to assist in their child’s academic progress.

**\$4,805**

**South Houston Intermediate**

Jaclyn Krupa

**“I Want to Communicate Like You”**

**ABSTRACT:** “I want to communicate with you” will enhance the overall campus ability to achieve. This grant includes Rosetta Stone Spanish software for every employee on our campus to use and learn Spanish. Spanish I students may use this as an enrichment tool or students who wish to enrich their knowledge of Spanish. Rosetta Stone begins with basic language knowledge and builds to enable the user to learn quickly and easily in order to be able to communicate with their students, parents and more. Parents will feel at ease being able to ask for help or check progress.

**\$4,805**

**Southmore Intermediate**

Connie Castillo, Jeanie Davis, Malinna Freeman, Anthony Furman, Karen Buck, John Beard, Sara Smith, May Ann Fink, Roy M. Gunn, Brett McDaniel, Louise Sawyer, Jennifer Hare

**Capstone Interactive Library**

**ABSTRACT:** A total of 28 eBooks will be purchased in addition to 3 printed copies of each eBook title and Accelerated Reader quizzes for each title. The interactive eBooks will be accessed online to read or read along with students. This purchase will allow teachers throughout the building to access eBooks that support the science and social studies curriculum. In addition students will have access to the eBooks from any computer in the building and families who have internet access will also be able to utilize the eBooks from home.

**\$3,713**

**Teague Elementary**

Letha Meier, Jill Dickey, Patty House, Gabriel Ortiz

**Remembering Our Veterans**

**ABSTRACT:** Remembering Our Veterans will use books purchased through grant funds to raise rigor and relevance across the disciplines of Language Arts, Social Studies, and Technology. With books about major wars in which the US has been engaged, students will create projects demonstrating their mastery of critical thinking skills and increased knowledge and appreciation of our nation’s veterans. Students will read independently, in pairs and small groups, and have panel discussions about assigned aspects. The program includes projects, writing poetry, interviewing family veterans, speakers from the community and students’ families, Family Night, and letters written to veterans and active service members.

**\$984**

**Williams Elementary**

Tobi Page, Tammy Merimon, Katherine Beckett, Alicia Smith, Amber Morris, Eloisa McNair

**Science on Wheels**

**ABSTRACT:** While developing our own teaching strategies; we have found that many students benefit from learning in a “hands-on” approach. It is our job to teach the children while they are in the classroom. The missing component here is that teaching does not stop after the students leave our classroom. Statistically, it has been proven through multiple evaluations that students learning outside of the classroom greatly affect what they learn in the classroom. We would like to provide our students with more of these “outside” learning opportunities.

**\$555**

**Williams Elementary**

Gerald Wayne Wood, Mel Capelo, Linda Flores, Wendy Wiseburn, Lidia Adalpe, Maria Mireles, Tanya Johnson, Robert Downing, Cesar Vargas, Katie Beckett

**Cultivating Student Success**

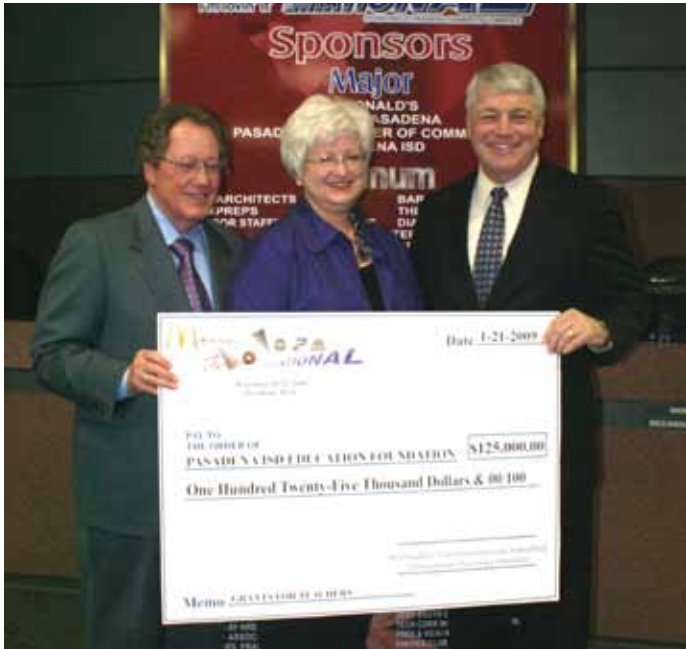
**ABSTRACT:** Williams Elementary is planning a community garden to enrich the students’ learning opportunities. “Cultivating Student Success” will enhance learning through the integration of hands-on gardening lessons with Science, Language Arts, Math, E.S.L., and Social Studies. The program will be a great benefit to the entire student population, as well as our community. It will incorporate group efforts of students, parents, teachers, and the community for one common goal: the academic success of our young learners. Through cooperative efforts, we can cultivate, and reap a life-long learning desire in students, which will translate into a brighter future for everyone.

**\$4,950**

**TOTAL**

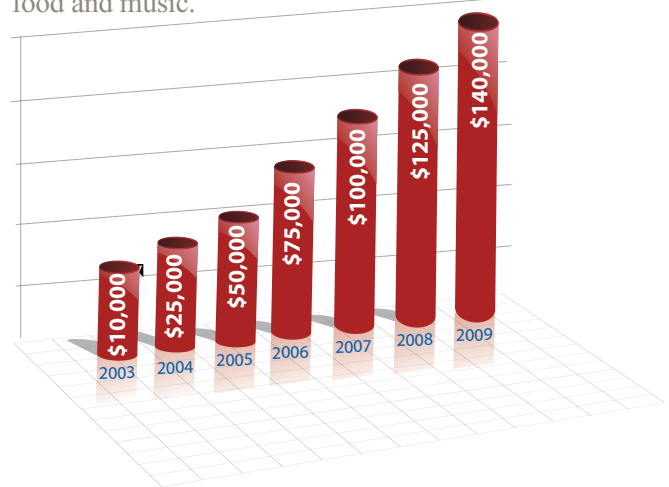
**\$92,024**

# McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament



The McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament is the primary fundraiser for the foundation. Run solely by volunteers and sponsored by local business, industry and corporations, it has become one of the most respected and sought after tournaments in the state. The 2009 tournament hosted 32 girls' teams and 48

boys' teams from Texas and surrounding states. In addition, the foundation sponsored "Hoop-La 2009," in conjunction with the Pasadena ISD Employee Fall Festival bringing extra entertainment and excitement to the championship day at Philips Field House. Games and activities provided by McDonald's, the Houston Rockets and State Farm were a hit with kids of all ages. The Pasadena ISD Police Officers Association provided food and music.



Proceeds received from the McDonald's Texas Basketball Tournament



The McDonald's Texas Invitational hosts a Fall Festival/Hoop-La event with games and special guests such as the Houston Rockets Power Dancers. The tournament also attracts some of the top teams in the state and college scouts who are looking for top recruiting prospects.



The Top 10 students from Dobie High School cannot hide their Longhorn Pride during the Shining Stars Gala.

The Shining Stars Gala is a once in a lifetime event for students and their parents.



The Dell Shining Stars Gala brings out those that shine the brightest—the top 10 graduating seniors from each high school, an educator they have selected and their families. Sponsored by area businesses and community members, the gala serves as a fundraiser as well.

*The Pasadena ISD Education Foundation & Dell*  
*2009*  
*Shining Stars Gala*

**The Shining Stars Academic Recognition Gala**

On June 1, 2009 the Education Foundation honored those seniors who excelled on their campus. Ten students with the highest grade point averages from each Pasadena ISD high school, along with their parents and the teacher, were invited to the gala. It was a star-studded event with foundation donors, board members and the community all coming together to

recognize the success and accomplishments of this elite group of young people and educators. To add to the excitement, Dell donated laptop computers and backpacks for each student.

Foundation supporter John Eddie Williams was honored as the “Community Shining Star.”





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