



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Education Foundation grant recipient facilitates projects



Goose Creek Education Foundation members launched their fundraising efforts for the 2013 – 2014 school year with a goal of \$185,000. Along with donors from business and industry, Goose Creek employees also have become involved in donating through the Get on the Bus! campaign by payroll deductions.

More than \$350,000 in innovative teaching grants has been awarded to Goose Creek CISD educators since the Education Foundation began in 2009. Last spring, an enthusiastic group of Grant Surprise Patrol members, including administrators, Education Foundation members, cheerleaders and a drum line, boarded school buses to present 65 grants for a total of \$139,000.

Michael Grant, family involvement coordinator at De Zavala Elementary School, received one of these Education Foundation grants, and he wasted no time in successfully implementing his ideas.

On Tuesday, September 17, 108 fourth grade students eagerly participated in Rap, Rhythm, and Rhyme: Rebuilding the Writing Foundation by Eric Cork, a nationally recognized writing consultant. Students were engaged in a high-energy experience as they explored all levels of the writing process. The same evening, Grant invited parents to paint with their students to increase parent involvement.

"I appreciate the generosity of the Goose Creek Education Foundation. As a result of the grant I applied for last spring, De Zavala Elementary was able to provide this excellent learning opportunity for all of our fourth grade students. Mr. Cork's positive energy and love for writing was evident, and that same energy was passed along to all 108 fourth grade students. Thank you, GCCISD Education Foundation, and I plan on writing more grants in the future," said Grant.

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