

# Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation



“Making Dreams Come True”  
with Innovative Teaching Grants



**“It was great to see the teachers and the excitement they have shown on receiving their grants. What wonderful things this will do for our school district”**

*Superintendent Dr. Toby York*

Armed with noisemakers, kazoos, clappers, air horns, and accompanied by band members and cheerleaders from each of the three high schools, the self-proclaimed “Surprise Patrol” (Education Foundation members, Goose Creek CISD school board members and administrators) marched up and down the halls boisterously before arriving at the appointed classrooms.

On May 21 and 25, 2010, the Education Foundation awarded its first 16 innovative teaching grants amounting to more than \$16,000. The winners are awarded the grants after an application process that includes a written proposal for an educational program for students.

Education Foundation grants were awarded to:

- **Elizabeth Sanchez, Carver Elementary School**  
Amount: \$996 for “Wild about Learning English” Description: Designed for early childhood, this project will enable students to link visible letters with the sounds they hear played back through the Cardmaster device.
- **Lisa Purifoy, Austin Elementary School**  
Amount: \$974.84 for “Building a Non-Fiction Reading Library for Fifth Grade Science”  
Description: This project will increase student achievement in science through building and integrating a non-fiction library that will be used during reading and science small group instruction.
- **Sherry Otahal, Cedar Bayou Junior School**  
Amount: \$1,129 for “Writing Camp 2011”  
Description: This project will raise TAKS writing scores for seventh-graders by holding a one-day writing camp for the students.
- **Melissa Chapman, Crockett Elementary School**  
Amount: \$1,047 for “Science Boxes”  
Description: Science Boxes will allow children to take home science activities and perform them with their parents.
- **Tina Wash, Sterling High School**  
Amount: \$989.97 for “Video Essay in Rhetoric and Literature”  
Description: Project will enable students to visualize and refine ideas present in their writing while utilizing imagery and sound to enhance ability to communicate those ideas.
- **Stephanie Cottle, Sterling High School**  
Amount: \$900 for “Geography Alive”  
Description: The creation of a mapping lab will allow students to first pre-assess their knowledge and then use multiple challenges of increasing difficulty to answer critical thinking questions.
- **Judy Bender, Sterling High School**  
Amount: \$971 for “Arithmetic Art”  
Description: Project will allow students to create calculator art and then relate that art to mathematical equations that formed it.
- **Sheila Gruver and Roxolyn Anson, Lee High School**  
Amount: \$1,000 for “Shattered Dreams.”  
Description: Shattered Dreams is an alcohol awareness program that shows, in a meaningful and memorable way, how alcohol abuse can directly affect students and their peers.
- **Dena Arnold, Lee High School**  
Amount: \$1,000 for “Video Capture & Graphical Analysis of Motion using Dig/Tech”  
Description: Project will improve science TAKS scores through a video capture and analysis technology project by slowing down motion frame by frame that enables students to see the motion, not just hear about it.



- **Bonnie Hogue, Highlands Elementary School**  
Amount: \$1,200 for “The Science of Survival”  
Description: Using the theme of survival, students will explore energy transformations.
- **Mary Bethel, Goose Creek Memorial High School**  
Amount: \$933.14 for “Collaborative Learning with Audio Books”  
Description: Collaborative Learning incorporates audio books that allow students to follow along with the novel to improve reading fluency and comprehension.
- **Linda LeDay, Harlem Elementary School**  
Amount: \$1,000 for “Knowing our Place and Finding our Way”  
Description: Project will incorporate hands-on classroom activities, school, and parent involvement utilizing environmental education.
- **Stephanie Juarez, Harlem Elementary School**  
Amount: \$945 for “Teacher-Mate Innovations for Learning”  
Description: Teacher-Mate is a hand-held computer that looks like a typical gaming device. However, this gaming device is specifically designed to facilitate learning.
- **Toni Rosenbaum, Gentry Junior School**  
Amount: \$959.98 for “Video Communication Channel”  
Description: Project will teach students how to use the Internet to their advantage, enhance the educational process, and create lifelong learners who are ready to meet this technological world.
- **Michelle Sulak, Bowie Elementary School**  
Amount: \$1,200.98 for “Integrating Science to Benefit Students”  
Description: Project will provide a language arts teacher with the science books that meet each individual fifth grade science TEKS.  
Amount: \$910.04 for “Literacy Launch”  
Description: Project provides the necessary materials and opportunities for disadvantaged children to take home literacy activities and perform on grade level.

# “We are pleased to offer support for programs and projects that might otherwise go unfunded in our schools”

*Education Foundation President Roger Elswick*

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Surprise Patrol made its rounds on Dec. 9 and Dec. 10, 2010 awarding 24 innovative teaching grants totaling more than \$23,000.

Education Foundation grants were awarded to:

- **Ashley George, Carver Elementary School**  
Amount: \$1,000 for “WILD about READING!”  
Description: Focusing on the Beverly Clearly Classic “Ramona” series, students will be able to connect with the character and watch her grow up and relate to her while reading.
- **Mindy Merling, Austin Elementary School**  
Amount: \$998.33 for “Peace, Love and Science Camp”  
Description: Program will be a variety of science stations involving experiments where students will conduct higher level thinking projects.
- **Terry Gaines, Clint Harwell, Carrie Istre, Dolores Schlesselman, teachers of vision impaired students**  
Amount: \$1,000 for “Through Your Child’s Eyes”  
Description: Workshops will give parents and teachers insight into what life is like for their children and to connect parents to resources and people who will aid them in their journey of learning.
- **Andrienne Tesar, Hopper Primary School**  
Amount: \$998.75 for “Life Cycles: Which Came First – the Chicken or the Egg?”  
Description: Project provides the materials so first grade students can observe and record the changes in eggs being monitored in incubators.
- **Adriana Herevia, Crockett Elementary School**  
Amount: \$676 for “Math Boxes.”  
Description: Students will get to take Math Boxes home to work with their parents. The kits are focused on numbers and counting, numeral writing, addition and subtraction, place value, geometry, sorting and classifying, patterns, multiplication, probability, time, measurement, money, and fractions.
- **Leia Miller, Lee High School**  
Amount: \$1,000 for “Business Co-Op Class School Store”  
Description: Students will create, run, and operate a school store which doubles as an educational lab where concepts of business co-op curriculum are put into practice.
- **Neal Gage and Sandy Allen, Baytown Junior School**  
Amount: \$815 for “21st Century Media Literacy Project”  
Description: Students will organize a video production club. Teachers will assist students in creating a storyboard and in producing video and audio files with the use of school and/or personal computers.
- **Amanda Dean, Crockett Elementary School**  
Amount: \$990 for “Social Studies Smart Solutions”  
Description: Using “Activities for Elementary School Social Studies” by James W. Stockard Jr., the “Big Book of Texas History” by Dinah Zike, and the “Instant Social Studies” resource by Teacher Created Materials, teachers will create social studies smart stations that can be used by students during small group instruction time.
- **Tim Bailey, Crockett Elementary School**  
Amount: \$750 for “Juggling Team”  
Description: Teachers will create a team of elementary students to dazzle crowds with a choreographed juggling performance. Each team member will learn teamwork, eye-hand coordination, balance, and what dedication and hard work will accomplish for him or her.
- **Janie Jimenez, Travis Elementary School**  
Amount: \$1,000 for “Book Swap”  
Description: Grant funds will be used to purchase new, high-interest children’s literature for students in order for them to practice using their reading skills and strategies at home and/or at school.
- **Elizabeth Sanchez, Carver Elementary School**  
Amount: \$1119.56 for “Bringing Reading to LIFE!”  
Description: Funds will be used to purchase storytelling hand puppets, which will help students learn vocabulary words through repeated practice. They will also learn storytelling skills, sequencing of events, and how to ascertain important elements of a story.
- **Canace Ferguson, Lee & Goose Creek Memorial high schools**  
Amount: Two grants of \$1,000 for “Floral Design Start Up”  
Description: This new class will prepare students for jobs in the floral/landscape/interior design industry while teaching them general entrepreneurial skills.
- **Tamie Land, Walker Elementary School**  
Amount: \$1,000 for “One Team, One Family – Math and Science”  
Description: Teaming up with a child’s family allows the children to bring home the materials that will include many facets of the mathematics and science curriculum.
- **Amy Woodard, Horace Mann Junior School**  
Amount: \$882 for “Flipping Out with Video Learning”  
Description: Funds will be used to purchase flip video cameras to create short videos (30 seconds to one minute) to demonstrate weekly academic vocabulary words. These videos would be stored and ready to use for future classes or critiqued and improved with future students.
- **Janice Heinlein, Alamo Elementary School**  
Amount: \$1,373.10 for “The Social Studies Connection”  
Description: Teachers and students will benefit from “Time for Kids,” which allows students to read their own magazine weekly. “Time for Kids” contains current events and articles about science and health.
- **Amber Whitten, De Zavala Elementary School**  
Amount: \$880 for “Choir Program”  
Description: The creation of a choir program will help students gain a sense of discipline, self-esteem, and pride of accomplishment.
- **Bonnie Hogue, Highlands Elementary School**  
Amount: \$1,000 for “The Bookworm Boutique”  
Description: The teacher will open an Accelerated Reader Superstore and fill it with rewards that students may purchase with the points they have earned from the accelerated reader program.
- **Donna Truncale, Sterling High School**  
Amount: \$994 for “Certified Nurse Aide Training”
- **Debbie Himsel, Goose Creek Memorial High School**  
Amount: \$998 for “Certified Nurse Aide Training”
- **Glenda Sandifer, Lee High School**  
Amount: \$994 for “Certified Nurse Aide Training”  
Description: These classes at each high school will prepare students academically and professionally for a career in the health care industry.
- **David Clarke, Gentry Junior School**  
Amount: \$1,000 for “Interactive and Visual Instruction of Social Skills”  
Description: Grant funds will allow for the purchase of a Promethean ActivBoard. Students will be able to interact with it in various ways, such as writing, drawing, and moving items on the board.
- **Jaime McBride, Peter E. Hyland Center**  
Amount: \$1,000.32 for “Building an Effective Classroom Library”  
Description: Creating an effective classroom library will give students access to age appropriate, high interest, real world application books.
- **Donna Hall, Goose Creek Memorial High School**  
Amount: \$1,000 for “Fearless College Application”  
Description: Fourteen seniors will serve as first-line trainers in the college application process. After-school workshops will be held to walk seniors and their parents through the college application process.





## MISSION

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation will partner with the community to provide resources to enrich teaching, inspire learning, and provide opportunities for excellence in education for all students in the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District.

## FUNDING PRIORITIES

- facilitate student achievement and skill development;
- recognize and encourage staff excellence;
- expand community involvement from individuals, businesses, and civic organizations.

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## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

By contributing to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation, you will be part of a community organization committed to achieving excellence in our schools.

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