

**Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation
Bonnie G. Polis Teaching Enrichment Grant Program
2009-2010**

BONNIE G. POLIS GRANTS

Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation's teaching enrichment grant program is due to the enthusiasm and the vision of Bonnie Polis. Bonnie brought inspiration to her work in the Riverside Unified School District and did so much for REEF that the grant program was officially named for her in 1997 after she passed away. Through her vision, REEF continues to help creative teachers bring curriculum to life and provide experiences that students will never forget.

In the 2009-2010 school year, REEF received 262 grant applications requesting a total of \$285,000 in funding from all of the available grant funds (Bonnie G. Polis; E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter; Robert H. Gurr and Nancy Gurr Johnston; and Susan J. Rainey). In its biggest year ever, REEF is awarding 143 grants for a total of \$115,731.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BONNIE POLIS GRANTS
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Adams Elementary School

The SAGA Continues

Amount: \$262

Teacher: Paula Wilcoxon

Multi-sensory math games and activities will be purchased for use during school tutoring clubs. This Student Achievement Gained in Arithmetic project encourages 5th graders to become proficient in math.

Adams Elementary School

What Happens When . . . ?

Amount: \$872

Teacher: Paula Wilcoxon

This grant will provide books related to earth science for 4th through 6th graders. Using such materials prepares students for the CST, aids them in science fair projects, and improves reading levels and fluency.

Adams Elementary School

What's Another Word For . . . ?

Amount: \$417

Teacher: Paula Wilcoxon

Each 5th grade student will receive a personal thesaurus through this grant. This resource allows children to broaden their vocabulary, therefore helping them reach proficient levels in writing.

Alcott Elementary School

Addressing Fluency and Prosody

Amount: \$900

Teacher: Elizabeth Yeager

This grant will allow purchase of books and audio tapes to use at listening centers in 3rd grade classrooms. Students can read a long and listen with the goal of improving their fluency, reading comprehension, and prosody.

Alcott Elementary School

Riverside's Rich Cultural Heritage Comes Alive!

Amount: \$1,000

Teachers: Elizabeth Yeager, Carolyn Linderman, Ramona Bryson

Funds will allow 3rd grade students to collaborate with parents, teachers and community members to design and construct a mural on campus. This visual arts and social science project will promote student pride and ownership as they study Riverside history.

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Fit for Life!

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Monique Sanchez

Supplies such as hula hoops, basket balls, catch a ball sets, swing ball sets, and stilts will be purchased for a physical fitness program. These tools used on a circuit training course to be painted on the black top will encourage 3rd graders to develop and improve loco motor skills.

Alcott Elementary

Grow a Garden, Grow a Community

Amount: \$1,000

Teachers: Carolyn Linderman, Denise Hussey

The entire student body will work together to develop and maintain a raised vegetable garden on campus. Students, parents, and teachers will install a drip irrigation system, plant seeds, tend the garden, and harvest the produce. This hands-on science project will make use of Alcott's green food waste composting. Vegetables can supplement the school's salad bar and will be donated to a local food bank.

Bryant Elementary

Hands On Math

Amount: \$400

Teacher: Jeanne Wagner

This grant provides geometric foam shapes to first grade classrooms for use in the existing Envision Mathematics program. Such three-dimensional manipulatives will enhance students' ability to identify problem solving strategies.

Castle View Elementary

Here a Chick, There a Chick, Everywhere a Chick, Chick

Amount: \$553

Teacher: Sandi Ahsue

Kindergarteners will have a real-life experience of hatching eggs through the purchase of an incubator and other supplies. Students will journal their observations during the 21-day hatching process and monitor growth of hatched chicks. When mature enough, chickens will be auctioned off to families in the school community and funds will be used to continue the program.

Emerson Elementary

Wake Up to Reading!

Amount: \$998

Teachers: Mary Beth Gonzalez, Sheila Close

This program will encourage students who come to school early to read Accelerated Reader-leveled books, complete AR quizzes, and create posters for display promoting their favorite books. Grant funds will provide for purchase of additional books, poster supplies and a laptop computer for use by students in all grades.

Emerson Elementary

Parent Academic Session

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Eric Omar Palmer

This grant will fund a program for all parents designed to teach them how to use the school's digital math textbook and navigate its accompanying website. The school math coach will volunteer his time to hold 12 meetings with parents throughout the year. They will learn techniques and take home materials intended to support their students in mastering math skills.

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Franklin Elementary ***Books are Knowledge***

Amount: \$375

Teacher: Kelly Sugden

Cassette tape and CD players, along with books on tape will be purchased for use in the kindergarten special day class. Students will improve their reading comprehension in language arts by re-listening to books on their own after the teacher has presented them.

Franklin Elementary ***The 100 Mile Club***

Amount: \$280

Teacher: Jeanette Prescott

Kindergarteners will take part in the 100 Mile Club, logging each mile they run and earning rewards for meeting goals. The program has shown to inspire students to become more physically active and keep them alert and focused in the classroom, resulting in improved academic achievement.

Fremont & Bryant ***Experience Language: Using Objects and Photographs to Increase Vocabulary***

Amount: \$984

Teacher: Abby Copeland

Special education students in 2nd through 5th grades will benefit from using objects and photographs to aid in matching during speech/language group therapy. Such exercises encourage vocabulary acquisition for students with semantic language learning disabilities.

Hawthorne Elementary ***It's All In the Family***

Amount: \$289

Teacher: Mariana Robles

Disposable cameras and film processing will be provided for 1st graders to document a weekend with their family. Students will publish a personal narrative based on a photographic journal of their activities.

Highgrove Elementary ***Pioneer Day***

Amount: \$175

Teachers: Susan Kelley, Elizabeth Echeuste, Jennifer Curl

Riverside history will come to life in June for third graders taking part in Pioneer Day on campus. The social science activity will allow students to get a taste of day to day living and some customs and cultures of the 1800s. Teachers will present lessons on various immigrant groups ranging from arts to foods of the time.

Highland Elementary ***Visualizing Words***

Amount: \$1,000

Teachers: Kelly Teague, Jennifer Slater Pitts

Using digital cameras, special education students at all grade levels will photograph objects and people around campus. Photos will then be attached to cards to encourage improvement in oral and reading vocabulary. The grant also provides for a color printer, ink, and paper.

Hyatt Elementary ***Parent Academic Session***

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Eric Omar Palmer

This grant will fund a program for all parents designed to teach them how to use the school's digital math textbook and navigate its accompanying website. The school math coach will volunteer his time to hold 12 meetings with parents throughout the year. They will learn techniques and take home materials intended to support their students in mastering math skills.

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Jackson Elementary

Third Grade Reading Fun!

Amount: \$900

Teachers: Amy Whitlatch Provost

Through this grant, 3rd graders will get the opportunity to choose from 300 recent and popular books during reading time. Having newer Accelerated Reader titles will inspire students to challenge themselves and reach higher reading levels.

Jackson Elementary

Fabulous Family Fridays

Amount: \$900

Teachers: Kim Ubiadas, Cynthia, Zdilor, Linda Ortega

Parents of kindergarteners are invited to class each Friday to take part in a language arts or math lesson. Through the program, parents gain materials and techniques to help their children learn at home.

Longfellow Elementary

100 Mile Club

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Shayna Golbaf

Finding time to exercise during the school days is difficult because of the emphasis on Language Arts and Mathematics, and after the school day most students play video games or watch TV. The 100 Mile Club is trying to change that by challenging 100 students to run 100 miles during the school year.

Madison Elementary

Technology Creativity Grant

Amount: \$500

Teachers: James Luna, Sarah Francis

Combining math, writing and computer technology, students will learn how to format writing in various domains and publish both hard and e-copies, as well as create a mathematics PowerPoint presentation using their laptops.

Mountain View Elementary

Game Day At School

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Erica Square

Game Day At School is targeting the growing crisis of physical "unfitness" by offering a structured, school-wide program of sports and games. Once students have sports and game skills, their confidence and activity will increase, as will their chances for a healthy life.

Sunshine Early Childhood Center

Listen, Learn and Love the English Language

Amount: \$835

Teacher: Tiffany Ungarayawong

This grant will help to meet the needs of autistic students who are also English Language Learners (ELL) by providing a variety of creative and challenging activities to address reading. The All-Language Development Kit for ELL will encourage cooperative learning and language within the social realm.

Tomas Rivera Elementary

Coyote Math Blasters

Amount: \$518

Teacher: Marie Chatterton

Inspired by math specialist Marcy Cook, this program will use task tiling cards and tiles to teach students who need tactile materials to solve critical math problems. From GATE to special education, the goal is to make math meaningful and fun.

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Tomas Rivera Elementary ***Hug-A-Bug!***

Amount: \$420

Teachers: Christina Waterland, Lisa green

Using butterfly gardens, ant habitats, ladybug lands and frog hatcheries, this project will bring the transformation from egg to living creatures to life, giving students hands-on experiences that will reinforce the concepts taught in the classroom.

Tomas Rivera Elementary ***Let the Games Begin***

Amount: \$693

Teachers: Debbie Aznar, Karen Setzler

This project will use math games and other tools to give second-graders a jump on building strong math skills. The activities will help them develop number sense, money, time and place value as well as algebra, geometry, measurement, graphing, problem solving and mathematical reasoning.

Tomas Rivera Elementary ***Newberry Thought Provokers***

Amount: \$914

Teacher: Brenda Quinones-Martinez

This grant will create a library of thought-provoking, Newberry Award-winning books for a fourth-grade GATE class. These books are rated high in Accelerated Reading points.

Tomas Rivera Elementary ***Beyond Play***

Amount: \$987

Teachers: Danielle Bernie, Leslie Nakafuji

Pulling beads out of thera-putty, jumping on a trampoline, spinning on a spinner while singing an familiar song - these are some of the techniques this project will use to meet the sensory needs of special needs student, including children with autism.

Taft Elementary ***Writing Our Way in the Right Direction***

Amount: \$545

Teacher: Carol Diaz

The educational journals, individual student white boards and dry-erase markers will support student efforts to improve the writing and vocabulary skills that will make them successful lifelong learners.

Taft Elementary ***Stepping Up to Become Authors and Illustrators***

Amount: \$997

Teachers: Theresa Anderson, Carol Como, Carol Diaz, Joanna Powell

Using writing and publishing kits, this project will help students become amazing storytellers and illustrators and give them the opportunity to write and publish their own hardbound books.

Taft Elementary ***Let's Play Educational Mind Games***

Amount: \$435

Teacher: Theresa Anderson

This grant will purchase mind games that engage students in the learning process and encourage higher-order critical thinking skills in English Language Development, math and other content areas.

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Mark Twain Elementary ***Getting to the Heart of Life Science***

Amount: \$999

Teacher: Holli Reese

In this dissection lab experience, fifth-grade students will learn how to properly dissect a pig's heart. They will learn how the heart works as well as laboratory vocabulary and safety and sanitary procedures.

Victoria Elementary ***Going Native at Victoria***

Amount: \$821

Teacher: Julianna Cruz

This project will help transform part of the school into a native, water-wise garden. Fourth and fifth-grade students will measure the garden area, research the most water-wise native plants, buy the plants and design the garden demonstrating proper land management.

Victoria Elementary ***Victoria Green Team Makes a Difference***

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Julianna Cruz

Inspired by an Earthwatch expedition, this project will teach students to reduce waste and conserve resources by having them collect green waste at lunch time for a compost to be used in the school's garden and orchard..

Victoria Elementary ***I Speak We Speak***

Amount: \$971

Teacher: Kathy Railsback

This grant will purchase interactive books, flannel board stories, picture cards, music and other hands-on material to help young English Language Learners and special education students develop phonemic awareness and language development skills.

Victoria Elementary ***Write Away***

Amount: \$648

Teacher: Kathy Railsback

This grant will purchase Write-on /Wipe-off white boards to help Victoria's kindergarteners learn all areas of the curriculum with a focus on reading and writing.

Victoria Elementary ***Sing to Learn: Musical Memory***

Amount: \$314

Teacher: Kathy Crumley

Young students in the Special Day Classes will learn a song each week that is linked to the curriculum objectives. Every month, the classes will record a CD of the songs they have learned, with each student taking home a copy. In May, students will select 10 songs and make a music video to be shared at an assembly.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BONNIE POLIS GRANTS

Central Middle School *Graphing Calculators-A Tool to Promote Curiosity and Understanding*

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Lynn Pittner

With graphing calculators students will graph linear, quadratic, cubic and other functions more efficiently. With the new graphing calculators, students not only graph complex equations quickly and accurately, they will also be able to experiment with modifications and predict the outcomes as they are investigating the possibilities.

Central Middle School *Cellular Specimens I Have Known: Making Cell Biology Relevant, Exciting, and Personal*

Amount: \$916

Teacher: Derrick Sergeant

Slides for the creation and/or improvement of investigative laboratory exercises for the life science cell biology unit will be created. These slides will make the study of cells more personal and exciting for students by allowing them to create samples of their own cells for study as well as comparing human cells to cells of other organisms and seeing how similar they actually are.

Central Middle School *Slicing and Dicing (II): Continuing to Build Valuable Experiences and Interest in Life Science*

Amount: \$968

Teacher: Derrick Sergeant

This grant will provide for students to have a valuable experience doing dissections that will prepare them for science in high school and beyond. Dissection exercises will be made even more effective through access to dissection specimens and large models for students to use for purposes of comparison.

Central Middle School *Manipulatives for the Mind*

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Janet Brown

Instruction that incorporates research based teaching strategies such as nonlinguistic representations (use of math manipulative) has been proven to support learning, especially when the subject is abstract. To allow students to manipulate and visually see various concepts, this grant will help students develop number sense in Algebra, Introduction to Algebra, and Geometry.

Chemawa Middle School *Inspiring Academics through the use of foods: Students develop a market plan for healthy snacks*

Amount: \$932

Teacher: Julie Gibbons

Use of the proposed materials ("Taking a Scientific Look at Nutrition", "Innovations for Development and Marketing Food Products", "International and Global Food Trends", and "Snack Shop Technology") will especially help English language learners by scaffolding lessons that relate to real life applications. These learning experiences also support core curriculum through writing and research assignments and utilize applications taught in history, math and science lessons.

Amelia Earhart Middle School *Odyssey of the Mind*

Amount: \$950

Teacher: Marie Coover

This grant will sponsor Earhart Middle School's participation in an international creativity problem solving competition, "Odyssey of the Mind" (OOTM). OOTM is an educational program that involves students in kindergarten through college applying their creativity to solve long range and short term problems.

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Matthew Gage Middle School

Core Seating for Core Learning

Amount: \$329

Teacher: Karin E. Westerling

This grant will help fund student materials, such standing student desks or stability ball seating in order to increase muscle activity, thus burning more calories and promoting alertness. The expected results are that students will experience improved body ergonomics that will result in (1) students burning more calories in class and improving balance and (2) students will improve their academic performance due to increased attentiveness to their lessons.

Matthew Gage Middle School

Virtually Motivating: School Work with Netbooks

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Karin E. Westerling

This project provides students with three netbooks, suitable for using at school or at home. At least 12 to 15 students will use these netbooks each week, thus narrowing the "digital divide".

Matthew Gage Middle School

Constant Speed Buggy

Amount: \$728

Teachers: Jacqueline Tapia-McIntosh, Maria Aguayo

Students will discover motion, acceleration, velocity and force through fun interactive activities using the constant speed buggies. The buggies will be used in a variety of ways to demonstrate the concepts of motion and forces through the experimentation process of collection of data/observation, analysis and making conclusions.

Frank Augustus Miller Middle School

Science Olympiad Club

Amount: \$1,000

Teachers: Barbara MacLaughlin, Casey McChiskey, Geri Prewitt, Wendy Queryrel, Yvonne Weinstein

This grant will help make it possible to build a strong science program at Frank Augustus Miller Middle School by providing an opportunity for GATE students to be challenged by participating in the Science Olympiad. Most of the materials and resource materials will be reused in subsequent years, making them recyclable.

Sierra Middle School

Student Chautauqua

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Karen Gilliland

Individual students will create a 5-10 minute Chautauqua presentation based upon one of the historical characters from their study in history which will include a first person script and costume representation. Their individual Chautauqua will be recorded and saved to a disk to take home for their parents and family members to view.

University Heights Middle School

Standards Plus

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Erin Sullivan

In order to help students in Strategic English Language Arts (SELA) materials need to be carefully selected to ensure that they address the areas of need as well as tie directly to the CST. Standards Plus workbooks are aligned to the standards and chunk everything into manageable segments which is what SELA students need.

University Heights Middle School

An In-Depth Look at Beowulf

Amount: \$989

Teacher: Erin Sullivan

This grant will help to provide copies of Beowulf in order to expose students to classic literature. Students who cannot afford to buy their own copy will be given one, which will allow those students to be able to annotate along with the class and identify key literary elements as they read.

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University Heights Middle School

Reading Detective

Amount: \$840

Teacher: Erin Sullivan

Reading Detective software is a unique and engaging way for students to practice their critical thinking skills. By installing the *Reading Detective* software on all school computers, teachers may provide full class instruction, take their students to the technology lab to work individually or in pairs, and practice critical thinking skills by utilizing the software before and after school as well as during lunch.

University Heights Middle School

An In-Depth Look at The Outsiders

Amount: \$400

Teacher: Erin Sullivan

The Outsiders is a novel that captures every student's attention regardless to ethnicity and gender. Students who cannot afford to buy their own copy will be given one due to this grant, which will allow SELA students to practice annotations.

University Heights Middle School

Riverside Unified School District Middle Schools Track Meet

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Kristie Finn

REEF will make it possible for the best athletes from RUSD Middle Schools to compete in a day-long track meet. This will give 7th and 8th grade boys and girls the experience of competing on a large scale, recognizing individual talent, learning about sportsmanship and motivating them to continue their athletic endeavors.

University Heights Middle School

"Paseos Que Inspiran" Translation: "Trips That Inspire"

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Minerva Clayton

The purpose of this grant is to provide inspirational fieldtrips and other educational opportunities for English Learners who are enrolled in the newly piloted Pre-Advanced Placement Spanish classes. Through the grant, purchases include necessary materials for students' on-line research projects and payment for student admission to a variety of locations in the Los Angeles area.

University Heights Middle School

Listening for Literacy

Amount: \$994

Teacher: Laura Williams

By providing reading materials on CD along with multiple copies of the text, reading will become more of an enjoyable activity that promotes discussion amongst peers. This REEF grant will help to build a classroom library of Read Along materials that can be used by the students in the Severely Handicapped classes, as well as by struggling readers on campus.

University Heights Middle School

RUSD Middle School Volleyball Tournament

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Amanda Deniston

Through this REEF grant, a quality Middle School Volleyball Tournament will be hosted for young ladies in RUSD who would otherwise not have an opportunity to play in an organized sports program. The grant will be used to supplement the cost associated with the tournament, such as awards for each participant.

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HIGH SCHOOL BONNIE POLIS GRANTS

Arlington High School **Buffing up the Physical Education Program**

Amount: \$492

Teacher: Lisa Battin

Creating life-long health habits should be a key focus of high school physical education classes in the modern world. The grant will enable the physical education department to purchase supplemental equipment for their weight room and enhance student experiences.

Arlington High School **The Physics of Flight**

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Mici Orona

In order to increase student interest and support in Physics, the REEF funds will allow students to participate in a series of lunch labs that would demonstrate the concepts of flight through the eyes of physicists.

Arlington High School **PLC Resource Library: Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum**

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Stephanie Niechayev

The grant will be used to purchase books for the Arlington High School PLC Library. The PLC Resource Library will provide staff and parents with materials focused on Reading and Writing Across the curriculum.

Arlington High School **“Generating an Interest in Electricity Using Genecon Kit”**

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Sheri Harris

Materials purchase through the Grant will provide the equipment and resources for students to learn and demonstrate the fundamental properties of electricity and magnetism through 24 different experiments.

Arlington High School **A Visual Look At Chemistry**

Amount: \$1,000

Teachers: Stephen Oster and Sharron Harris

The grant will provide the funds to purchase a DVD library. The library will give students the opportunity to see exciting demonstrations and easy to remember concepts in Chemistry in a highly successful visual method.

Arlington High School **Enabling Students to “Make Sense of Chemistry Using Chemistry Sensors”**

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Sheri Harris

PASCO Chemistry Sensors will be purchased with REEF funds, which will enable students to digitally collect multiple sets of data. The Sensors can be used to study the spectrum of the core chemistry concepts such as gas laws, acid-base titrations, heat of reactions, Beer’s Law, Boyle’s Law, and various other concepts.

King High School **King High Remembers**

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: John Corona

US History students have the opportunity to interview veterans to gain a vision of history through eyes of the veterans. The project involves more than 150 veterans from four wars and over 700 juniors each year. The grant provides the resources needed to coordinate the project.

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King High School *Computer-Assisted Design-An Introduction*

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Roberta Pipitone

REEF funds will purchase three computers to run lighting, set and sound design software for Technical Theater student training. Students will be able to learn hand drafting techniques for set and lighting design.

Lincoln High School *Basic Electrical Wiring Class*

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: L.M. Goldstein

Through this class, students will get actual hands-on training in the use of basic tools, and will learn to apply the concepts and logic of electricity, reasoning and deduction involved in the installation, troubleshooting, and repair as it applies to the role of electricity, specifically residential wiring.

North High School *Everything Smells So Good! A Study of Esters in Organic Chemistry*

Amount: \$600

Teacher: Mike Santoyo

Students will have a hands on experience with taking chemicals that seemingly look unrelated and odorless and transferring them into an aromatic compound. Through this experience students will know how to identify the functional groups of compounds that form the basis of alcohols, esters and organic acids.

North High School *Reaching Out to Our Community*

Amount: \$408

Teachers: Peggy Luebs and Angela Washington

The Special Education Community Skills Program will have the opportunity to give back to the community by making lap robes and scarves to give to seniors in a senior nursing home and to children in foster care. The REEF grant will assist in purchasing the materials.

North High School *Growing in Special Ways Garden – Continuing Project*

Amount: \$226

Teachers: Peggy Luebs and Angela Washington

Students will work in cooperative groups to complete soil preparation, vegetable planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting in the garden. The grant will provide the funds to purchase soil amendment, plants, seeds, and tools.

North High School *Experiencing (and FINALLY Understanding) Earth's Magnetic Field*

Amount: \$839

Teachers: Kathy Steel and Anna Foutz

Students will simulate the Earth's magnetic field by using small, individual magnetic globes. This visual and kinesthetic learning opportunity will help make it possible for all students to finally grasp this concept. The REEF funds will purchase the Magnetic Globes and Magnaprobos needed for this project.

Poly High School *The Bluford Series: Continuing the Adventure for Struggling Readers*

Amount: \$500

Teachers: Guadalupe Avila and Leesa Rankins

The Bluford Series includes elements of various genres such as mystery, romance, action, and science fiction that appeal to a variety of readers. By having immediate relevance to students' lives, the books are more likely to keep the students' interests and teach them to value and enjoy reading. The series purchased with REEF funds will be used in Strategic English Language Arts classes to assist struggling readers.

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Poly High School Engagement Through Collaboration and Visualization

Amount: \$895

Teacher: Callie Neal

Students will be given the opportunity to watch the RCC's Dance Touring Ensemble, which incorporates theatrical elements such as space, time, and energy. Additionally, books will be purchased so students can have supplemental readings that will be completed in small groups.

Poly High School Interactive Multi-Media Projector System

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Ronald D. Hartigan

A multi-media projector will be purchased with REEF funds to allow the teacher to demonstrate "live" how to draw, paint, and shade art assignments.

Ramona High School Teaching the Language of Music Through Individual Whiteboards

Amount: \$400

Teacher: Ronda Barnes

Students will use individual whiteboards with the treble and bass clef staff already printed on the board. The boards provide a way to learn names, scales, and key signatures in piano class. The REEF funds will be used to purchase a class set of the whiteboards.

Ramona High School Through New Eyes: Engagement Through A New Lens

Amount: \$685

Teacher: Brett Mosher

A document camera will be purchased with REEF funds to allow the students to visually see the teacher demonstrate ceramics lessons. Artwork and demonstrations can be displayed in a large format on the board to allow for increased comprehension and engagement of the lesson.

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Project T.E.A.M

Volleyball – A Great Recreation Leisure Activity

Amount: \$140

Teacher: Denise Christensen

More than 50 students with special needs at Project T.E.A.M will use an oversized volleyball to enhance the benefit of exercise. Playing the team sport promotes physical health, emotional balance, and social interaction.

Special Education / OT Department

Wii Fit Plus Special Students

Amount: \$650

Teacher: Margaret Fischer

Funding for two Wii systems with Wii fit Plus and Balance Board to be made available to students with fine motor difficulties, learning disabilities and/or Autism. Wii offers an exciting approach to therapy and is a proven affordable and successful alternative to other interventions.

Summit View

Visual Literature Enrichment – Part 2

Amount: \$551

Teacher: Phil Holmer

High School students in the Independent Study Program complete their Language Art classes without the benefit of classroom discussions. By watching a DVD based on the book or play they are reading, they can deepen their appreciation and understanding of the literature.

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E. RHODES AND LEONA B. CARPENTER FOUNDATION GRANTS

In 2008, REEF received a \$50,000 grant from the Carpenter Foundation which was used to establish the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation Grant Fund to provide individual teacher grants in the arts of up to \$1,000 as well as larger grants of up to \$5,000 for grade level teacher teams or entire school arts programs. In 2009, REEF received a second Carpenter Foundation grant in the amount of \$55,000 to continue funding innovative arts programs in our schools.

In all, 82 requests were received for Carpenter Foundation Grants totaling \$134,819; 63 grants were awarded from the Carpenter Foundation funds, plus another grant was funded jointly with Carpenter and Susan J. Rainey funds for a total of \$54,897. The majority of the grants funded received only partial funding. The grants were awarded in the following disciplines:

- **Instrumental and vocal music:** 39 grants
- **Visual arts:** 11 grants
- **Drama and theater:** 10 grants
- **Dance:** 3 grants

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CARPENTER FOUNDATION GRANTS
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Alcott Elementary School	<i>Project Art Supplies</i>
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Amount: \$715

Teachers:

Carol Linderman, Beth Yeager, Amanda Shannahan, Monique Sanchez, Heather Olea, Leslie Robison

This grant furnishes 3rd grade teachers with high quality art supplies, enriching all 120 students and uncovering hidden talent in the process.

Alcott Elementary School	<i>Instruments for Alcott</i>
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Amount: \$250

Teacher: Melissa Wilson

Through this partially funded grant, a quality flute or trumpet will now be loaned to a student who otherwise would not be able to participate in band.

Alcott Elementary School	<i>Violins For Check Out</i>
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Amount: \$250

Teacher: Kris Landry

The 4th –6th grade stringed instrument program has grown over the last two years at Alcott Elementary through REEF grants. The several more students who still wait for a loaned instrument will be able to participate due to this partially funded grant.

Alcott Elementary School	<i>Art Supplies</i>
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Amount: \$500

Teachers: Erika Fatten, Martha Garcia, Todd Reagan, Karl Roemer

One hundred thirty 5th grade students will participate in the Visual Arts portion of the History-Social Studies standards using quality art supplies to extend their knowledge of history in a creative manner.

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Alcott Elementary School ***Art Supplies***

Amount: \$500

Teachers: Cesar Chavez, Denise Hussey Sara McDonnell, Francis Pierce

This grant will fund the History Social-Science Visual Arts Program with a variety of mediums such as watercolor, clay, pastels, and tempera paint for one hundred thirty-five 6th grade students.

Alcott Elementary School ***Not The Violin; Its Cousin***

Amount: \$420

Teacher: Kendra Schwartz

Each year students have to be turned away from the string program because of lack of instruments. This grant's partial funding makes possible quality violas for loan to 4-6th grade students who show an interest in music, have acceptable grades, but cannot afford an instrument.

Alcott Elementary School ***I Want To Play The Cello!***

Amount: \$250

Teacher: Kendra Schwartz

Cellos are especially important to provide as they are more expensive than violins and are an essential part of the string orchestra. This partially funded grant will go toward providing a quality half-size cello to a student who could not otherwise afford to participate.

Castle View Elementary School ***Clarinets for Castle View***

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Melissa Wilson

As a result of this partially funded grant, two clarinets will be loaned out to students who would like to participate in the band program but are not able to afford an instrument.

Castle View Elementary School ***Castle View's Annual Ancient Civilization Festival***

Amount: \$350

Teachers: Mary Guzman, Frances Torres, Nicole Wilder

6th grade students are dressed in costumes to bring ancient civilization characters to life as their monologues or skits demonstrate knowledge of the ancient culture. Partial funding from this grant will help maintain a sense of equality by covering the cost of costumes for economically disadvantaged students.

Castle View Elementary School ***Viola, the Bigger/Lower Violin***

Amount: \$670

Teacher: Kendra Swartz

The two violas purchased with these partial grant funds will be available to students while they attend Castle View, allowing them to find a love for music that will continue with them through middle school, high school, and throughout their lives.

Castle View Elementary School ***The One That Sits on the Floor***

Amount: \$350

Teacher: Kendra Swartz

Of the 37 students enrolled in the Castle View strings program, only three students are playing the cello due to the cost of the instrument. One cello is on loan and many more requests could not be fulfilled. Partial funds granted will help with the purchase of one half-size cello.

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Castle View Elementary School

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Amount: \$960

Teacher: Lori Backstrom/Drama Club

More than a few students have confided that they show up every day at school because of the Castle View Drama Club. The club has performed approximately 33 plays in the last 11 years and countless children have gone on to middle and high schools with a confidence in public speaking and a performance ability that has been priceless. This partially funded grant will replace worn out and outdated equipment with eight multi-directional microphones with body-pack transmitters.

Emerson Elementary School

***Enhancing Emerson's Ensembles* Amount: \$1,000**

Teacher: Andrew Jones

Each year too many students are unable to participate in the band program due to financial hardship. Emerson currently has an instrument inventory numbering only two. Instruments from these grant funds will greatly alleviate the annual shortfall.

Franklin Elementary School

Franklin Flyers Chorus

Amount: \$767

Teachers: Jannette Johnson, Alicia Garcia

Seventy members of the Franklin After-School Chorus practice weekly to present musicals, programs, and concerts for their community. This grant recognizes the student's effort and hours of preparation that increase their competencies, confidence and creative skills in problem solving. The grant's partial funding will be used for adequate sound equipment.

Hawthorne Elementary School

Through Their Eyes (Year 2)

Amount: \$851

Teacher: Mariana Robles

Last year's grant for the Riverside Art Museum's (RAM) "Art-to-Go" instruction gave Mariana Robles a clearer understanding of how creative and capable her first graders were, and her observation resulted in unexpected professional development and a search for additional resources to follow up on her students as second graders. This grant will make possible that current first graders and 10 kindergartners receive instruction from RAM in drawing and collage, painting, clay and sculpting.

Highgrove Elementary School

High Notes at Highgrove

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Andrew Jones

This grant will provide band instruments to those students in the 5th and 6th grades who show an interest in music but cannot otherwise afford an instrument to participate in the band. The goal of this project is to allow more students to enrich their lives through music, something they can continue through Middle School, High School, and throughout their lives.

Highland Elementary School

Horns for Highland

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Pamela Hodges Jones

The current inventory of three instruments to loan students does not meet the needs of the 200 Highland 5th and 6th graders. This grant will provide instruments for four musical instruments which last for 10-15 years.

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Hyatt Elementary School

Hyatt in Harmony

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Andrew Jones

After checking out eight instruments from Hyatt's inventory, nine of the 42 band members are still in need of loaned instruments. Hyatt's band will expand by as many as four students per year with the four instruments provided with these grant funds.

Jackson Elementary School

Look at Me! Take 2

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Jennifer L. Anderson

One hundred and ten second grade students, with their parents and volunteer teachers, will learn the techniques of observation, analysis, drawing, carving, block printing and painting during a series of workshops funded by this grant. Parents will see the uniqueness of their child by working together on a self-portrait. The project will serve as a stimulus for encouraging at-risk youngsters to find their own voice in positive ways that benefit them in their future.

Kennedy Elementary School

Art-To-Go

Amount: \$525

Teacher: Karen Griffith

Bringing Riverside Art Museum's Art-to-Go program into the classroom. The Art-to-Go program will provide visual art enrichment lessons through series of three one-hour programs designed to introduce elementary students to various principles and drawing techniques of studio art.

Kennedy Elementary School

Instruments for JFK

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Melissa Wilson

Providing band instruments to those students in the 5th and 6th grades who show an interest in music but could not otherwise afford an instrument to participate in the band. The goal of this project is to allow more students to enrich their lives through music, something they can continue through Middle School, High School, and throughout their lives.

Madison Elementary School

We Will Rock Band!

Amount: \$1,000

**Teachers: Melissa Waters, James Luna, Patti Stocks Paules, Sarah Francis, Laurie Irvin, Robyn Ashby,
Kendra Schwartz**

Providing band instruments to those students in the 5th and 6th grades who show an interest in music but could not otherwise afford an instrument to participate in the band. The goal of this project is to allow more students to enrich their lives through music, something they can continue through Middle School, High School, and throughout their lives.

Magnolia Elementary School

School House Rocks!

Amount: \$805

Teacher: Chris MarkerMorse

In celebration of National Read Across America Day, Magnolia Elementary is presenting the content-rich *Schoolhouse Rocks*. Students perform the musical and record the music for CD's to be used throughout the school, reinforcing language art strategies and life-long skills. The grant funds will purchase license and performance kit, construction materials, lighting boxes and condenser microphone.

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Magnolia Elementary School

Segment, Blend and Rhyme, Oh My!

Amount: \$505

Teacher: Jane McConnell

A musical after-school intervention program for struggling readers in K-2 classes has partial funding for two nine-week sessions. Students learn to sing songs and take part in activities chosen to improve phonemic awareness. One day each week students will watch a short video clip of a local community member singing the song students will work on that day, followed by an encouraging message from that person. Students take home a different CD each week to practice with family members.

Monroe Elementary School

Monroe Can Make Music

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Susan Olsen

This partially funded grant will provide two quality musical instruments for loaning to economically disadvantaged students who desire to learn to play a wind instrument, demonstrate responsibility, and regularly turn in their classroom assignments and maintain acceptable grades.

Mountain View Elementary School

More Mountain View Music

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Kendra Schwartz

The Mountain View Elementary School band teacher had to turn ten students a way because of lack of instruments to loan. This partially funded grant will provide for two instruments to help with this need.

Sunshine Early Childhood Center

Sunshine Sings, Wiggles, Giggles and Learns

Amount: \$1,515

Teacher: Eileene Payne

Music enrichment activities through lively and fun songs will be presented to three-through-five-year-old students who have mild to severe/profound developmental disabilities. The Carpenter Foundation funds will bring exciting activities to two school-wide assemblies with a musical professional known as Mrs.Fluterbee, provide staff development for the continued use of the songs and strategies, and offer parents instruction in ways to nurture the development of foundational skills through music.

Sunshine Early Childhood Center

Harry the Dirty Dog: Connecting with Literature through

Amount: \$1,479

Art, Music, Theater and FUN!

Teacher: Jennifer Castillo

With this grant, 200 preschool students with disabilities will explore the arts through the book *Harry the Dirty Dog*. Students will have the opportunity to paint using the same materials employed by the artist of the book, as well as attend a fun, engaging and developmentally appropriate musical theater performance of Harry the Dirty Dog.

Tomas Rivera Elementary School

Reeds for Rivera

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Melissa Wilson

The clarinets provided by the partial funding of this grant request will allow two Rivera students who cannot afford an instrument to have an opportunity to develop their musical talent.

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Taft Elementary School ***Kenyan Art Safari***

Amount: \$450

Teacher: Jennine Barrett

This grant provides funds for students to create their own art book of Kenyan/African animals based on their knowledge and interest from their teacher's research trip to Kenya. Students will then be given the chance to orally present their books and display in the school library.

Taft Elementary School ***Up Temp at Taft***

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Andrew Jones

Taft Elementary has no instrument inventory and five of the 66 current band students are still in need of instruments. The funding of this grant will help to alleviate this shortfall.

Victoria Elementary School ***Instruments for Victoria***

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Melissa Wilson

Two trumpets will be available for loan to 5th and 6th grade students to participate in the band program at Victoria Elementary School because of this partially funded grant.

Victoria Elementary School ***Why Are They Measured in Inches?***

Amount: \$670

Teacher: Kendra Schwartz

Violas are especially important to provide to students, as they generally cost more than violins and are an essential part of the string orchestra. Currently, Victoria Elementary School has two violas to loan. This grant will purchase two of the three violas needed for Victoria students.

Victoria Elementary School ***Cello – The Big One!***

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Kendra Schwartz

Each year students come to their teacher and administrators asking if there are instruments for loan, and each year students are turned away because of lack of instruments. This is especially true with cello. Victoria Elementary will have one more cello to loan because of this partially funded grant request.

Victoria Elementary School ***Miss Nelson Is Not Missing at Victoria***

Amount: \$1,500

Teacher: Carolyn Wright, Carol Westermeyer, Debby Bruns, Julie Russell, Katrina Zeeb, Sonya Younan, Louise Berkley

This grant will partially fund admission for Victoria students to see a live production of the popular book, *Miss Nelson is Missing*, the story of a clever teacher who masquerades as the infamous Viola Swamp, a nasty substitute, in order to teach her class what a good and fair teacher she is. Students will learn what it means to be courteous audience members and enjoy live theatre. By the way, the name of Victoria Elementary's Principal happens to be Miss Nelson, who at Halloween dresses up as Miss Viola Swamp!

Washington Elementary School ***Washington Winds***

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Melissa Wilson

Two more instruments will be available for loan to Washington students who are not able to rent or buy an instrument. This grant's partial funding makes possible the purchase of a clarinet and a trumpet.

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Washington Elementary School

C-E-L-L-O

Amount: \$250

Teacher: Kendra Schwartz

Many students wish to play cello end up playing violin because of cost. Six cellos were loaned out to student in the first week of the four schools in which Kendra Schwartz teaches. Many more requests could not be fulfilled. This partially funded grant will be used to purchase one more cello.

Washington Elementary School

Viola or Violin? Viola!!

Amount: \$670

Teacher: Kendra Schwartz

Currently, Washington Elementary School has just two violas to loan to students. Since they generally cost more than violins, the two violas purchased with the partial funding of this grant request will be welcomed by many students in the years to come.

Washington Elementary School

The Washington Elementary School Patriot Players

Amount: \$750

Teacher: Jennifer Luchsinger

Since eighty children applied for the 30 open slots for this year's Patriot Players production, two separate casts of 30 each will allow access for more students to benefit from this after-school program. The partial funding available from REEF will cover the costs of costuming and makeup for these 60 students.

Washington Elementary School

Dancing to Our Heart's Content

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Catherine Patrick

A dance program started six years ago at Washington Elementary School by Catherine Patrick began with 4th grade students learning 10 different dances on Fridays for one 50-minute period. It has thrived and grown to include fifth and sixth grade students who volunteer to come to an after-school program that is open to every student regardless of ability or physical handicap. According to parents, Catherine's program is the only opportunity that their children have to learn to dance. Partial funds from REEF this year will cover one third of the cost of the expanded program.

Washington, Victoria and Castle View Elementary Schools

Help! My Arm Is Too Short!

Amount: \$250

Teacher: Kendra Schwartz

These three schools now share five half-size violins, and all are checked out to students. Partial funding of Kendra's grant request will supply funds for one more half-sized violin to be used by a 4th, 5th or 6th grade student with short arms.

Woodcrest Elementary School

Art-to-Go- Revolution

Amount: \$680

Teacher: Doug Gottdiner

Through the Riverside Art Museum's Art-to-Go program, the Revolutionary War period will be integrated with art, making this period in our nation's history come alive for students. The fully funded project will include background study of the war and key historical figures, study of artwork and portraits from this period in history, and artist creation of authentic art pieces, including Revere inspired silversmithing and geometric Pennsylvania hex quilt designs. All one hundred two 5th grade students will participate. Additional support for English Language Learners and Special Needs students, and enrichment for the Gifted and Talented group will be provided.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CARPENTER FOUNDATION GRANTS

Central Middle School ***Central Middle School Jazz Band***

Amount: \$600

Teacher: Anne Hendrickson

Fifteen musical arrangements will be purchased for this ensemble of 40 7th and 8th grade students who meet to practice each day before school. The Jazz Band performs at school and at community events throughout Riverside. The musical arrangements purchased this year will enrich the musical development of students for years to come.

Central Middle School ***Poly High School Swing Band***

Amount: \$700

Teacher: Anne Hendrickson

The Poly High School Swing Band is composed of 25 music students from Poly High School and Central Middle School who meet weekly to play stand swing music from the 40's and 50's. Their goal is to take their music on the road to play at retirement homes and convalescent hospitals in Riverside. The fifteen musical arrangements provided by this grant will extend their repertoire and develop their musical talents.

Central Middle School ***Band Method Books***

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Anne Hendrickson

To fully participate in the band program, students need a band method book to help them develop basic skills. Fifty method books will be purchased with this grant and made available for checkout to Central music students and Central-cluster elementary students for use during the school year.

Central Middle School ***Band Instrument Repair Fund***

Amount: \$500

Teacher: Anne Hendrickson

This partially-funded grant will enable Central Middle School to maintain and repair instruments loaned to Central music students and Central-cluster elementary students each year. In the summer, all loaned instruments are given a thorough inspection and cleaning and any needed repairs must be completed so the instrument can be loaned to another student in the following year.

Earhart Middle School ***M.C. Escher: Math and Visual Arts Connections***

Amount: \$294

Teacher: Susan L. Johnson and Heather Dietz

600 seventh grade art and math students will have the opportunity to tour a simulated museum showing of selected M.C. Escher's works (up to 72" x 60") when a traveling exhibit comes to Earhart Middle School. Following their tour, students will apply the principles to create and display their own Tessellation art.

Matthew Gage Middle School ***Get in Tune with the Time***

Amount: \$830

Teacher: Aaron Guzman

A tuner and metronome are essential tools that help musicians develop their ear for how they "fit in" musically and rhythmically as part of a larger ensemble. This partially-funded grant will provide Korg TM-40 tuner/metronomes for students to check out from the school.

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Frank Augustus Miller Middle School **Squawking for Sound**

Amount: \$2,300

Teacher: Matthew Luchsinger

This partially-funded grant will help launch Miller Middle School's drama program with the purchase of wireless microphones.

Frank Augustus Miller Middle School **Sounds of the Future**

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Paul Salyers

Students in the band, choir and color guard programs will all make use of the high-quality portable sound system provided with these funds. The sound system will be used for rehearsals as well for performances at school and at civic and community events.

Frank Augustus Miller Middle School **I Bet I Can Compose My Own Music**

Amount: \$897

Teacher: Paul Salyers

200 music students pass through the music lab each day, practicing on 18 digital keyboards that accommodate 36 students. They are ready to take their creative talents further in composing their own music. This grant will provide the music writing software needed to compose and produce original audio scores.

University Heights Middle School **88 Keys to Instruction**

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Pamela Hodges Jones

The portable digital keyboard, amplifier and stand provided through this grant will enable University Heights instrumental music and choir students to perform in outdoor venues and at community events throughout Riverside. In addition, the keyboard can be programmed with accompaniment to enhance rehearsals and allow students to practice or perform without a pianist.

University Heights Middle School **Keen on Keyboards**

Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Pamela Hodges Jones

This grant will provide a class set of Casio keyboards to allow music students to learn about and play the piano. This will aid music students in gaining a better understanding of note reading and music theory while vocal students will use the keyboard as a reference for singing intervals.

University Heights Middle School **Lights, Cameras, ACTION!**

Amount: \$877

Teacher: Erin Sullivan

With the three camcorders provided by this grant, students will explore the film-making process, applying creativity and technology skills as they plan, produce and edit their films on a topic they are learning in their core content areas.

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HIGH SCHOOL CARPENTER FOUNDATION GRANTS
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Arlington High School	Listen and Learn
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Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Lisa Battin

A portable sound system will be purchased to provide music for Arlington's dance team for daily practice sessions, performances and dance competitions hosted by the school.

Arlington High School	Theater and English
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Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Elena Villa

This grant is a wonderful example of cross-curricular learning. Dramatic scripts, criticism texts, curriculum packets and production materials for props and costuming will be purchased with these funds which students will use to create lesson plans for their peers using drama to teach English-Language Arts content standards.

Arlington High School	History Through a Theatrical Lens
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Amount: \$1,000

Teacher: Elena Villa

Similar to the grant above, this project will help students understand History and Social Science curriculum by studying plays from various eras and world cultures and performing scenes that illustrate key history concepts,

King High School	Digital Audio Enhancement for King High School Theater
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Amount: \$3,637

Teachers: Brian Holm, Roberta Pipitone

This year's funding, combined with a REEF grant from 2008-09 and matching ASB funds, will allow King High School to overhaul its sound system with a new digital sound console, digital audio workstation software and an antenna system to complement and tie together the existing wireless microphone system. The new sound capabilities will support the entire Performing Arts program – drama, choir and instrumental music.

Ramona High School	Completing The Piano Lab: Part 2
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Amount: \$1,600

Teacher: Ronda Barnes

This partially-funded grant will allow for the purchase of one full size piano (not the requested two) to help complete the piano lab which is currently used by 150 Ramona students each day, providing a unique opportunity for students to learn piano as part of their school day.

Ramona High School	Tape Sculpture Installation Project
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Amount: \$500

Teacher: Jenny Pietro

This is a unique and innovative visual arts installation which involves the entire student body. Student artists will create life-size sculptural forms of themselves using clear packing tape and plastic wrap. The forms will be installed in the middle of campus right before lunch and the artists will observe and chronicle the reactions of the student body.

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Ramona High School

The 4th Very Special Art Fair

Amount: \$2,500

Teachers: Sharon Nakama, William Briscoe, Angela Washington, and students Deany Evans and Matthew Blanchette

Riverside Unified School District and California School for the Deaf middle and high school students with severe disabilities will participate as artists in the 4th Very Special Arts Fair on March 25, 2010 at Ramona High School. This year's theme is "Animals, Then and Now". The Carpenter Foundation's generous support for this project will help to make a major impact on our school culture and community in a visual arts show that celebrates the importance of seeing past a disability.

Ramona High School

A Very Special Night

Amount: \$500

Teachers: William Briscoe, Sharon Nakama,

This partially-funded grant supports a wonderful idea – a district wide, free prom for students with disabilities and their non-disabled buddies who participate in high school social interaction clubs that foster inclusion. "A Very Special Night" will be held at Ramona High School on Saturday, May 15th as a culminating activity for the year-round social interaction programs. These funds will help to provide materials for student-made decorations and activity booths where students can create souvenirs for their memories of the event.

Ramona High School

Piano Private Individualized Instruction for All

Amount: \$780

Teacher: Ronda Barnes

These funds will provide 39 hours of private piano instruction to help Ramona students individually prepare for the Spot Light Awards, Rotary Club music competition, summer camps, college scholarship applications and school recitals. The private lessons will provide 15 minutes of uninterrupted instruction for individual students to help them take their talent to the next level with greater understanding of phrasing, touch and musical expression.

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ROBERT H. GURR AND NANCY GURR JOHNSTON FUND GRANTS

The Robert H. Gurr and Nancy Gurr Johnston Fund was established in 2004 to support projects that inspire and excite students about careers in the practical trades, mechanical, electrical, and electronic trades, theatrical and themed entertainment, audio and lighting. Primary consideration for these grants is given to projects for middle school students.

In 2009-2010, one grant was funded from the Robert H. Gurr and Nancy Gurr Johnston Fund.

Frank Augustus Miller Middle School

Miller Players Presents...

Amount: \$1,000.00

Teacher: Matthew Luchsinger

This grant will provide costuming and stagecraft materials to launch Frank Augustus Miller Middle School's after school drama program in the school's opening year with the spring performance of Roger and Hammerstein's "Cinderella". Additional grant funding has been identified to obtain scripts and royalty rights for this production. It is the intention of this program to generate interest in the technical aspects of theater as well as the performance elements. Students will be taught how to operate both sound and light equipment and the basics of set design and scenery construction.

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SUSAN J. RAINEY FUND GRANTS

The Susan J. Rainey Fund was established in 2008 in honor of Riverside Unified School District's ninth superintendent to commemorate her impact in the lives of thousands of students upon her retirement after ten years of leadership. The Susan J. Rainey Fund provides grants in support of instrumental music programs in RUSD schools.

In 2009-2010, one grant was funded from the Susan J. Rainey Fund with additional funds from the Carpenter Foundation Grants.

RUSD Middle Schools

RUSD Honors Band Presented by REEF

Amount: \$5,000.00

Teacher: Aaron Guzman

The best musicians from the RUSD Middle Schools are selected through auditions to rehearse and perform in an Honor Band concert under the direction of a professional guest conductor. These students will access higher musical skills than are required in their normal ensembles, be exposed to new ways of teaching and conducting, work with and learn from students and teachers from different schools, and experience an ensemble that is closer to the level, instrumentation and size of a high school band. This grant will give students the opportunity to perform in a district-wide venue, recognize individual talent, and motivate them to continue their musical experience through high school and beyond.