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Innovative proposals yield mini grants for teachers

Funding for innovative programs in area school was distributed to more than 80 teachers at the Mini Grant Awards Ceremony on March 8 at Gildersleeve Middle School in Newport News.

Administered by the Newport News Education Foundation, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) and Newport News Public Schools, the mini grant program recognizes and supports classroom teachers who create innovative and effective instructional opportunities that enrich academic experiences for students in Newport News Public Schools.

The Foundation provides \$12,000 for mini grants to NNPS classroom teachers in addition to \$2,500 donated by the NCJW. A portion of the NCJW donation also funds mini grants for Hampton teachers. Janet Glasofer, a speech pathologist at Kiln Creek Elementary School and NCJW member, said the two groups have awarded more than \$60,000 in mini grants since 2006.



Mini grant recipient Sharon Williams of Woodside High School stands with Dr. Guy Levy, president-elect of the Newport News Education Foundation.

According to Lynn Grimsley, president of the Foundation, “Teachers came up with dozens of effective ideas that, for a small financial investment, will serve more than 2,000 students in classrooms through Newport News.”

Foundation President-elect Dr. Guy Levy said the grants are designed to leverage innovative ideas teachers have for improving classroom education and serve as a means of testing new ideas and sharing them across the school division.

Superintendent Dr. Ashby Kilgore, a member of the Foundation, applauded the organizations that have led this effort “to recognize teachers who use effective and innovative methods to help students succeed.” Kilgore said this support takes on even greater significance as financial conditions continue to put more pressure on education budgets.

Recipients of the 2011 Teacher Innovation Mini Grants listed on the following pages.

(For more information about the mini grant program, visit the web page for the Newport News Education Foundation at: <http://sbo.nn.k12.va.us/overview/nnef.html> To donate to the Newport News Education Foundation Mini Grant program, call Patrick Finneran at 591-4936 or email him at patrick.finneran@nn.k12.va.us.)

2011 Teacher Innovation Mini Grant Recipients

Newport News	School
Dawn Taylor	Newsome Park PEEP
Marilyn Clark	Gatewood PEEP
Doris Atkinson	Gatewood PEEP
Tonya Griffin	Gatewood PEEP
Amanda Bartusiak	Nelson PEEP
Rosemarie Swisher	Watkins Early Childhood Center
Alicia Howell	Denbigh Early Childhood Center
Holly M. Sawyer	Denbigh Early Childhood Center
Wanda Neal	Denbigh Early Childhood Center
Christine Choate	Lee Hall Early Childhood Center
Alicia Howell	Denbigh Early Childhood Center
Julianna Sinnaeve	Lee Hall Early Childhood Center
Michelle Stieler	Lee Hall Early Childhood Center
Pamela Byrd	Denbigh Early Childhood Center
Cynthia Watson	Watkins Early Childhood Center
Lisa Willis	Denbigh Early Childhood Center
Barbara Krziuk	ESL- Early Childhood Center
Misha Walker	Lee Hall Early Childhood Center
Debra Coppedge	Lee Hall
Paige Davis	Sanford
Carlisa Ward	McIntosh
Theodora Jackson	Lee Hall
Curtis Collins	Kiln Creek
Margaret Eichelberger	Yates
Susan Ailsworth	Hilton
Angela Goerger	McIntosh
Alex Bradshaw	Lee Hall
Ann Penrose	Richneck
Stacey Paull & Leslie Wilson	McIntosh
Jill Spielberger	Sanford
Terry McGlennon	Carver
Tracy Clark	Magruder Primary
Caroline Striepe	Nelson
Lauren Bray	Kiln Creek
Catherine Pape	Hilton
Jeanne LaBrecque, Catherine Footer & Theresa Garrison	Hidenwood
Natasha McKellar	Richneck
Mary Beahm & Svetlana West	Epes/Sanford
Gail Moyer	Richneck
Joyce Oberthal & Gina Haruchi	Carver
Karen Fitzgerald	Kiln Creek
Beth Kent & Lea Abercrombie	McIntosh

Tiffany Francisco	McIntosh
Marilyn Morris	Greenwood
Matthew Sciarrotta	Carver
Carey Snow, Kim Vinson, Tiffany Francisco & Jenna Hicks	McIntosh
Nancy Pulley	Yates
Julie Christesen	Kiln Creek
Janet Spirek	Kiln Creek
Tiffany Murchison	McIntosh
Karen Nettemeyer	Jenkins
Kathy Hinchey	Palmer
Tammy Padalino	Dutrow
Darlene Stalmach	Jenkins
Nancy Rickabaugh	Sanford
Barbara Buck	Passage
Stacey Heister	Hines
Paula Gerst	Gildersleeve
Betsy Bateman	Hines
Sabrina Carnesi	Crittenden
Kristen Shacochis-Brown	Booker T. Washington
Tiona Staton	Hines
Claudette Hawkins	Hines
Jaunita El	Hines
Terri Keesee	Menchville
Sharon Williams	Woodside
Arram Dreyer	Menchville
Jill Wilkinson	Woodside
Debra Bloodworth	Warwick
Adria Strothers	Warwick
Deon Garner	Warwick
Kamilah Heartwell	Warwick
Elizabeth McGrath	Juvenile Detention
Hampton	
Betty Archer-Wright & Jennifer Holmes	Forrest
Janice Baker	Machen
Michelle Bowers	Armstrong
John Livingston	Phillips
Lynette Nelms	Tarrant
Kim Proctor	Forrest
Michelle Tucker	Forrest