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Forty-One Area Teachers Receive Mini-Grants from Lubbock Area Foundation

The Lubbock Area Foundation is pleased to announce the award of *Mini-grants for Teachers* totaling over \$29,500 to forty-one area elementary and secondary school teachers for the implementation of creative classroom projects during the 2007 – 2008 school year. *Mini-grants for Teachers* is a program that recognizes the commitment of great teachers and awards grants of up to \$1000 to enable them to try out creative teaching ideas or buy materials to enrich their curriculum. Now in its tenth year, the Mini-Grants for Teachers program has had a significant impact on area classrooms:

Mini-Grants for Teachers 1997 – 2007:

Grants Awarded: 231
 Teachers: 164
 Schools: 77
 School Districts: 19
 Total Funding Awarded: over \$168,000

2007 Mini-Grants Program

Applications: 76 applications from teachers in 14 south plains school districts.
 Grants Awarded: 39 proposals approved from 41 teachers in 11 school districts
 2007 Grants: Over \$29,500
 Students Impacted: 5700+ students this school year
 (The majority of the projects will also be continued in future years, impacting many more students.)

All K-12 teachers who teach in an accredited school within the South Plains area are eligible to apply in June of each year. Following are the teachers and schools that will receive grant awards for the 2007/2008 school year at a reception on **August 21st at 4 p.m. at the Garden & Arts Center.**

ELEMENTARY

Ms. Rashaef Shofner	Whiteside Elementary	A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words: TEKS Digital Scrapbook Grade Level: 5
Ms. Robin Straley	Westwind Elementary	Amazing Landforms in America Grade Level: 5
Ms. Yvonne Murillo	Capitol Intermediate School (Levelland)	As a Matter of Fact Grade Level: 4-5
Ms. RoseMary Cardenas	Bowie Elementary	Bugs Alive Grade Level: 1st Grade
Kara Marshall & Jo Unrein	Iles Elementary	Explorer's Backpack Project Grade Level: 1
Ms. Amee Dobson	Levelland Academic Beginning Center	F.A.C.T. Fun Academic Center Time Grade Level: K
Ms. Jan Hughes	Nat Williams Elementary	I'll Take Social Studies for 400' Grade Level: 2
Ms. Barbara Carnes	Waters Elementary	I'm Not Kidding...Science IS Everywhere! Grade Level: 3rd Grade

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Ms. Sherri Stone	Overton Elementary	Inspiring Young Artists with Books They Love! Grade Level: K-5
Ms. Carolyn McCain	Levelland Middle School	Invisible Universe Grade Level: 4-6
Ms. Mildred Ellis-Farmer	Wolffarth Elementary	Kindergarten Kollege Grade Level: K
Ms. Candace Tickle	Waters Elementary	Learn It in Literacy Centers Grade Level: 1st Grade
Mrs. Jamie Haliburton	Nat Williams Elementary	Longitude, Latitude, and Literature Grade Level: 2nd Grade
Ms. Olga Sparks	Levelland Academic Beginning Center	Math through Music & Reading Grade Level: K
Ms. Michelle Daily	Highland Elementary (Plainview)	Math Work Stations-'Math Magic Centers' Grade Level: 2
Ms. Holly W. Stone	Bowie Elementary	My Heroes Grade Level: 1st and 3rd
Ms. Kim Farmer	Wheatley Elementary	Passport to Asian Art Grade Level: 1 & 2
Ms. Amy Hill	Lubbock Christian Elementary	Playa Lake Plants Grade Level: 5
Ms. Emily Gordon	Nat Williams Elementary	Problem Solved! Grade Level: 2nd Grade
Ms. Kristi Curtis	Wheatley Elementary	Ready, Set, Read! Learning Packs Project Grade Level: 1
Ms. Nancy Woods	All Saints Episcopal School	Versatile' Math Grade Level: 1
Ms. Leigha Pate	Lockney Elementary	Where in the World is... Grade Level: 5
<u>SECONDARY</u>		
Bentley Gwyn	Coronado Junior High School (Plainview)	7th Grade Forensic Science Project Grade Level: 7
Ms. Gwen Parish	Springlake Earth High School	AP Calculus . . . With Graphing Calculators and College Credit for All Grade Level: 11-12
Ms. Melissa Canale	Atkins Middle School	Engaging Technology in the Mathematics Classroom Grade Level: 6-7-8
Ms. DeAnn Ramos and Ms. Jennifer Cox	Estacado High School	Homage to African American and Hispanic Artists Grade Level: 9-10-11-12
Mr. Kyle Conatser	New Deal High School	In the Lab' Science Camp Grade level: 1-2 & 9-12
Ms. Julie Brantley	Estacado High School	Investigating Changing Dimensions Grade Level: 8
Ms. Rachelle Fulkerson	Atkins Middle School	Lassoing the moon and other 'spacial' concepts Grade Level: 6-7-8
Ms. Lauri Deckard	Monterey High School	Lights...Camera...Language! Grade Level: 9-12
Ms. Suzanne Thomas	Christ the King Cathedral School	Lost in Translation Grade Level: 9-10-11-12
Ms. Dawn Bullock	Atkins Middle School	Making K'NEX-tions in Physics Grade Level: 7
Ms. Kara Swindell	OL Slaton Middle School	Marker Board Mania! Grade Level: 8
Ms. Cheryl A. Brewer	Estacado High School	Multicultural Teaching Tolerance through Literature Grade Level: 9-10-11
Ms. Kristen Campbell	J. T. Hutchinson Junior High	Project-based Literacy: Moviemaker Grade Level: 7
Ms. Vicki Sellers	Crosbyton Middle School	Publishing Beyond School Walls Grade Level: 6-7-8

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Mr. Kyle Vernon	Crosbyton Middle School	Rocket Design and Retrieval System Grade Level: 8
Ms. Marcia J. Talkmitt	Slaton High School	Sustainability Through Decisions - The Plight of the South Plains Prairie Dog Grade Level: 11-12
Mr. Mike Hill	Lubbock Christian High School	TI Best Robotics Grade Level: 9-12
Mr. Brad James	Christ the King Cathedral School	Tools of the Trade Grade Level: 9-10-11-12

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The Lubbock Area Foundation currently administers one hundred twenty-five (125) endowments with over \$22 million in assets. In 2007 alone, hundred of grants and scholarships totaling over \$1 million will be awarded to address community needs in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community, education, social services and health and human services. The Lubbock Area Foundation exists to help people who care about the Lubbock area to invest - at any level - in its future. More information is available on the web at www.lubbockareafoundation.org.

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