



## 2012 Grant Winners

**In April, 2012, the Hallsville Education Foundation awarded \$18,964.10 for 12 grants to 40 teachers impacting 3,960 students!!**

**No Child Left (on their) Behind** - \$418.62 – Little Cats – Glynda Cooper

Encourages balance with movement in helping to work both the left and right brain hemisphere. When accomplishing a task, the student builds self-esteem and gains confidence while promoting physical activity. These materials requested are a positive collection in support of physical activities while learning.

**Around the World in 180 Days** - \$2,054.17 – Middle School – Rhonda House, Nancy Gilstrap, Patti Scott, Wendy King, and Dawn Mohler

This grant will bring the world to the classroom. Students will get to experience the cultures, religions, traditions, geography, biotic and abiotic features of ecosystems and much more while watching DVDs about different continents and countries of the world.

**Drunk Busters to the Rescue** - \$3,200 – High School – Melinda Brock and Kathy Gaw

Impairment has the potential to affect us in everything we do, whether at home or work; in school or participating in athletic events or out in the community. Impairment can lead to tragic and deadly consequences. Participants will have the opportunity to experience Drunk Buster goggles in a variety of activities, including driving. Students and club leaders will be able to implement the Drunk Busters program to others in their community. Students will be able to participate in an extremely valuable community service project designed to help them make better life choices.

**OptiShot to Hit the RIGHT Spot** - \$1,000 – High School – Annette Clark

The Optishot Infrared Golf simulator combines pinpoint accurate swing analysis in a highly realistic, three-dimensional visual golf environment, all in the comfort of a classroom. This simulator is a cost effective and inexpensive means of improving the Hallsville High School's golf player's game without a golf course or other facilities being provided.

**Rapid Reading Improvement** - \$297.50 – Middle School – Jennifer Vaughn and Jan Cherry

Rapid Reading Improvement (Books 1&2) is a unique program designed to bring students, in grades 4-8, to reading competency in just three months. Students will recognize vowels, consonant blends and diagraphs; syllabication; formation of plurals; all the way through fluency and comprehension. RRI features highly engaging materials that keep students interested and on track to success.

**Bilingual Books are 'Bound' to Benefit** - \$2,500 – North Elementary – Melissa Garrison, Becky Chacon, Shay Thompson, Emily Smith, Stephanie Nolan/Megan Bice

This grant promotes reading and family involvement to our families with ESL students by providing books with text in both English and Spanish. Students will listen and read along with books on CDs in both English and Spanish at listening centers in the classrooms. ESL parents can visit the library with their child on "ESL Night" to select, read, and check out these books together. Parents who currently can only read Spanish will now be able to help their children read in both languages.

**Quaver's Marvelous World of Music** - \$995 – North Elementary – Alanna Hodges

This computer-based & DVD program, will provide a high energy, captivating experience that will lead students on an exciting journey of musical discovery. The DVD and computer-based school program is packed full of unique offline and online resources for students and educators who want to encourage and stimulate a love for musical creativity while teaching core musical elements and making cross-curricular connections.

**Shooting 'n Sharing Our Way to Success** - \$734.89 – North Elementary – Cathy Lilly and Amy Reeher

The possibilities are endless when the 3M Shoot 'n Share camera projector is placed in the hands of first grader! The opportunity to self reflect on student performance has never been so easy. Imagine the excitement and motivation students will feel as they shoot 'n share their work with their classmates. This device will enable our class, "The Happy Campers," to extend their learning by teaching each other while embracing 21st century technology. Our goal of the Happy Campers is that they will develop a love of learning as they shoot 'n share their way to success.

**Sneak a Peek** - \$235.92– Middle School – Susan Cooper, Karen Caldwell, Stephanie Crump, Carrie Bailey, Stacy Smith, Jennifer Vaughn, and Jan Cherry

Sixth grade ELA teachers will be able to give our students the ability to witness various lessons from not only each of our 6th grade reading teachers, but classrooms in other districts as well. When there is a certain skill a specific teacher is known for teaching well, the rest of the reading classrooms can watch and interact with that teacher and class. This will allow all our students the possibility to ask real-time questions, which would give better clarification and reinforcement for the aspired skill. Their ultimate goal is to Skype with authors from novels they have read during class where the 6th grade students would actively participate throughout the live discussion.

## Building Education From the Foundation Up!

**Probing Into Biology** - \$3,444.42 – High School – Cyndi Stump, Sheri’ Tazelaar, Kateri Howard, Lee Branson, Matthew Quick, and Christy Allen

Students from 5 different classes will benefit from having dissolved oxygen probes to use in a variety of labs. Both the new student expectations of TEA and the College Readiness Skills include using probe ware in labs. The high school has the base units that are used in physics and chemistry, but need the probes to measure dissolved oxygen in liquids for biology-based classes. Currently, the only way to measure dissolved oxygen is with dangerous, time-consuming and expensive chemicals.

**Gaming Our Way to Great Comprehension** - \$1,602.87 – Middle School – Anda Juban, Julie O’Dowd, Sandy Turner, Margaret Wineinger, Melanie Dulaney, Kacy Cigich

Capturing student interest has become more difficult than ever. Why not reach students in a fun and meaningful way with interactive SMARTBoard software and small group teaching centers? By using technology, leveled reading, questioning, thinking strategies, high interest activities, flip books, graphic organizers, and a little competition, students will excel and want more! Students will be able to apply reading comprehension skills (main idea, summary, cause and effect inference, author’s purpose, predicting outcomes, sequencing, context clues, and fact/opinion) to ANY book they read.

**iLearn With iPads** - \$2,480.71 – East Elementary – Kimberly Baskin and Tiffany Little

This is a new and innovative project that would enable 3rd grade reading classrooms to have access to one iPad. The key to reaching each child is through differentiation. Each child has a different need which means as educators we must always be looking for innovative technology that will help children reach their fullest potential. Through educational applications, ebooks, and other various tools, East Elementary can strive towards their goal of 100 percent student proficiency.

## **2012 Mini-Grant Winners**

**In addition to the Grants to Teachers, the Hallsville ISD Education Foundation awarded \$100 mini-grants to 35 teachers!!**

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Sharon O’Quinn	Martha Dalby
Brittney Maricle	Amber Whitehead
Jeannie Davis	Terri Nalls
Delicia Church	Rex McCullough
Deanna Greene	Carey Murphy

### **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Selee Duncan	Margaret Sanford
Kathryn Bradford	Craig Toney
Rachel Lockard	John Turner

### **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

Debbie Wilemon	Kelly Draper
Lynne Pipak	Sandy Turner
Paul Haney	Sharon Stone
Nona Meissner	Jessica Litterski

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

#### **EAST**

Shannon Arnold  
Britni Banda  
Amy Gaston  
Renee Crump  
Stacy Sallee

#### **NORTH**

Freida Russell  
Margaret Hunt  
Tiffany Crafton  
Tiffany Minyard  
Michele Walker

### **LITTLE CATS**

Shirley Bailey