



## 2015 Grant Winners

In April, 2015, the Hallsville Education Foundation awarded \$34,953.40 for 15 grants to 59 teachers impacting 3,056 students!!

**Boogie to Learn** - \$719.04 – East Elementary – Becky Meitzen

The Boogie Board LCD writer is a revolutionary educational product that is not only FUN and versatile for all students, but can especially benefit students with fine motor skill deficiency (difficulty with handwriting). The use of innovative technology has been shown to empower student learning and help engage students in wanting to learn. The Boogie Board will turn solving math problems, writing, spelling, handwriting, and so many more school lessons into FUN activities while saving on paper and provide a more hands-on learning experience.

**Help Us Find Our Focus** - \$652.24 – East Elementary – Anna Pratt

The students will learn how to use the balance ball chairs, seat cushions, and stress balls without disrupting the learning environment. Studies have shown that some students benefit from the opportunity to have controlled movement in class. We will bring our best efforts to school each day to benefit our students and these strategies will aid many students during second grade.

**Stand Up for Learning** - \$559.98 – East Elementary – Anna Pratt

Standing desks, popular with a growing number of office workers who claim all-over health benefits, may be the right answer for fidgety, off-task students and their frustrated teachers. According to new research and a handful of NEA members who have alternative desks in their classrooms, educators who enable students to burn energy from their seats can reduce discipline problems and increase learning.

**Through the Eyes of a Third Grader** - \$850 – North Elementary – Sarah Nixon and Jessica Richardson

One of the hardest tasks for third graders is to write. We will break down this struggle by having students write about their learning, their thoughts and experiences and sharing it with others. Students will be given email pals. These pals will consist of other students in their school, students in other states, and a professional of their specific interest. The students will not only be exploring in writing, but learning more about themselves, making connections, and building confidence in themselves as an individual as a writer. Students will take their writing and create video blogs and share this with their email pals.

**MoreToMath LEGO Education** - \$2,099.90 – North Elementary—Kristi Hunt and Jenna Farrell

MoreToMath shows students how to be creative and engaging in solving and creating math story problems. It can be used as a resource for educators to create rich mathematics lessons that also inspire teamwork, encourage perseverance, and promote a positive attitude towards solving math problems. MoreToMath LEGO Education reinforces math competency learning through hands-on activities across the areas of numeracy, operations in base 10, algebraic thinking, measurement, data, and spatial awareness.

**Students, Students, Lend Me Your Ears** - \$1,798.20 – North Elementary – DeAnna Cartwright, Megan Sorgee, Mallory Jackson, Misty Roberts, Jodi Griffin, Brittany Kuykendall, Tiffany Crafton, Cassie Davis, Racheal Adams

Through the use of Bluetooth headphones, our students will be able to focus more on their specialized lessons on the Kindergarten iPads and iPad minis. During our experiences, we found that wired headphones break off in the device jacks, making them unusable for many of our applications. Many times, the students focus more on the cords than the lesson.

**Jump, Jive, Bring Our Daily 5 and Math ALIVE!** - \$2,399.70 – East Elementary – Alaina Hamilton, Amanda Hammett, Lindsey Taylor, Colleen Rushing, Stacy Sallee, Carolyn Pruitt, Brandi Duncan, Kari Busha, Jennifer Presley, and Mindy Baker

Technology has the potential for improving learning. Students love to learn by doing, discovering, and interacting. The OSMO brings iPads to life! OSMO encourages collaborative problem solving, brings social learning to the classroom, and promotes creative physical interaction for ALL students. OSMO was voted *TIME*'s best invention of 2014. We are bringing cutting edge technology into the hands of our students!

**Stationary Bikes for Perpetual Movers** - \$599 – Primary – Glynda Cooper, Katie Nichols, Shirley Bailey, Hernando Martinez, and Shan McAteer

The stationary bikes will stimulate movement in order to develop, strengthen, and motivate the learning skills of preschoolers. These skills use coordination of the spatial motions essential for healthy mental and physical lives.

**The Collaboration Connection With Chromebook** - \$4,200 – Intermediate – Cynthia Daniels, Sally VanSandt, and Rebecca Hendrix

The Chromebooks will allow students the opportunity to work on Project Based Learning activities without having to leave the classroom in order to go to a computer lab. The Chromebooks will allow all students to work independently and at their own pace without having to wait on a classroom computer to become available. Many or all students will be able to work on projects at the same time fulfilling the purpose of Project Based Learning.

***Interactively Publishing Awesome Dictated Stories*** - \$4,977 – North Elementary – Cassie Davis, Mallory Jackson, Misty Roberts, Jodi Griffin, Megan Sorgee, Brittany Kuykendall, Tiffany Crafton, DeAnna Cartwright, and Rachael Adams

This grant will purchase iPad minis to enhance student learning during our ELA block. At the kindergarten level, the students are expected to dictate or write sentences to tell a story in chronological sequence. Many of our students struggle with making the connection with putting their thoughts in print. We believe with the use of iPads and selected apps, the students will be more successful and confident in mastering this standard.

***Shark Tank: Multiplication*** - \$1,224.30 – Intermediate School – Kaila McCrary, Becky Hendrix, Courtney Hollon, Miranda Humphreys, Sarah Belcher, Rosemary Parker, and Julie Pierson

Mathshark is an educational hand-held video game that sharpens mental math skills from basic facts to pre-algebra and can be used daily in the classroom.

***Shift and Activate the Mind!*** - \$3,777.84 – Intermediate School – Rebecca Hendrix, Sally VanSandt, and Cynthia Daniels

Students have a hard time sitting still during a school day. While sitting is required during school, we want to engage the students in activity. Zenergy chairs will allow the students to move while sitting and learning. Movement stimulates the mind and keeps students focused and on task, which improves learning.

***Bridging Art to the Real World*** - \$4,927 – High School – Jennifer Enloe and Amanda Clements

The art room is an environment where iPads can be used as powerful tools for creation by mixing the traditional with technology: mistakes can be erased, exploration is encouraged and learning is student-centered. Opportunities for working in media such as photography and graphic design, and virtual field trips around the world are just a few examples of how the technology can expand and enrich our current curriculum. Technology can also help students connect art to real world experiences that they can carry with them beyond high school, as well as providing virtual experiences with careers such as architecture, animation, or interior design, just to name a few. Today's job market calls for individuals that can be innovative and creative, qualities that are nurtured through education in visual art. There are numerous applications for this technology.

***7th Grade Goes Cellular*** - \$3,669.20 – Junior High – Ashley Hunt, Allison Taylor, and Melissa Lasseter

The ProScope HR Advanced Lab is a digital hand-held microscope that connects to the teacher's media computer and Smart Board. Since the images can be projected for the class, this would ensure that students are able to investigate, observe, and analyze. Its uses will be endless in the 7th grade science classroom.

***Growing Their Minds*** - \$2,500 – East Elementary – Anna Pratt

This grant (funded by BP America Production Company) will assist East Elementary in providing a number of tremendous learning opportunities that will benefit the students in all elementary grade levels. Students will be able to recognize various types of soil and explore ways to find and obtain water sources. Additionally, students will be able to use the inquiry process to discover how insects can positively contribute to plant growth and development, and would further allow students to identify the parts of a plant through self-discovery. Finally, students will be able to demonstrate and observe and grow plants as healthy food sources.

## 2015 Mini-Grant Winners

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

High School		Junior High		Intermediate	
Jenny Foster	Melissa Witt	Rhonda House	Brette Averitt	Vickie Johnson	Kimber Rice
Dawnya Wineinger	Julie Block	Nicole Hines	Wendy Edney	Sharon Stone	Ava Porter
Dean McDaniel	Carolyn Rhyne	Heather Goodgion	Meredith Morris	Jason Whatley	
Mike Clay	Amber Whitehead	Susan Bilnoski	Allison Taylor		
Jill Benefield	Marianne McDonald	Cindy Mosley			
					<b>Little Cats</b>
					Glynda Cooper
North Elementary		East Elementary			
Emily Smith	Brandie Linville	Sally Hendricks	Suzanne Stolle		
Sandy Wright	Jennifer Nelson	Dale Ann Mizell	Kathleen Eason		
Brenda Bishop		Alaina Hamilton			

## 2015 Teachers of the Year

**The Education Foundation awarded \$1,000 to these special teachers for their commitment to providing the best educational experience for their students!!**

Rhonda McKinney, East Elementary	Sarah Nixon, North Elementary	Melanie Dulaney, Intermediate & 2014 Primary Teacher of the Year	C. L. Whittington, Junior High	Tracy Dewoody, High School & 2014 Secondary Teacher of the Year
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**Total amount awarded during the Spring, 2015 grant process = \$39,603.40!**