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## **Award Grants Given to Teachers by Milton Foundation for Education**

Twice a year, through its competitive grants program, the Milton Foundation for Education (MFE) awards funding to teachers, and specialists for wide-ranging initiatives in the Milton Public Schools. Recently, for the winter round of grants, the Foundation allocated nearly \$19,000 for approximately seventeen programs that were selected among the twenty two grant proposals received by the Foundation.

“We are always impressed with the variety and number of good ideas we receive. Our faculty in Milton work hard to instill a real interest in every subject from literature to engineering, from biology to drama and everything subject in between,” said Jim May, Chair of the Grants Committee for MFE.

The recipients of the MFE winter award grants included the following:

- Tucker School Special Education Teacher Laura Faherty received \$491 for “Place Value Number Boards,” which is a hands-on board used in teaching place values.
- Pierce Middle School Teachers Kelly Connel, Jack Lanigan, Bill Baino, Mike Cleary and Justin Daley collectively received \$1805 for “Geography Resources,” which includes National Geographic Books on world cultures, regions, and history maps on file, along with additional printed geography resources.
- Pierce Middle School Teachers Nicole McCarthy, Owen McEllhinney and Jonathan Turisi collectively received \$900 for “History Alive,” which includes curriculum resources that incorporate multiple intelligences, and cooperative interaction.
- Glover School Teacher Donna Tobin received \$376 for “Math Games,” which is an assortment of activities to encourage students to use critical thinking skills to solve math problems.
- Cunningham and Colicott School Teachers and Reading Specialists Gerard Schultz, Martha Bourassa, Lynn Danner, Michael McCormick received a total of \$4000 (\$2000 for each school) for “Leveled Readers on the Go,” a traveling library of books in French and English for Kindergarten, first and second grades and written at 20 reading levels.
- Tucker School Special Education and First Grade Teachers Tara Kostek and Alison Brandeis received \$1167 for a “Leap Frog Library,” which uses multi-sensory technology to reinforce phonics, phonemic awareness, word reading, letter recognition and comprehension in Grade One English classroom.

- Pierce Middle School Science Teachers Bernadette Costello-McEvoy and Tsering Gesar received \$2200 for equipment needed to operate a remote environmental sensor network that monitors water quality at Turner’s Pond. This is an ongoing collaborative project between the Milton Public Schools and the University of Massachusetts Boston.
- Pierce Middle School Science Teacher David Romeo received \$650 for additional equipment needed to expand the “First Lego League” project.
- Pierce Middle School Drama Teacher William Deschenes received \$1953 for “Stage Boxes,” which are a set of durable boxes of varying sizes that have an infinite number of creative configurations and uses.
- Colicott School Special Education and Fourth Grade Teachers Sheila Gallagher and Chrstine Hodgins received \$1100 for a network license for the interactive computer program “Type to Learn 3.”
- Cunningham and Colicott Library Media Specialist and Elementary Art Teachers Terry Deutsch and Elaine Schaffner received \$450 for materials and equipment for art projects related to unit on subgenres of fiction-mystery, adventure, historical or realistic fiction.
- Cunningham School Special Education Teacher Maureen Power received \$2008 for “Guided Reading Groups,” which is a leveled reading library and readers’ notebooks for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Glover School Teacher Krista Connelly received \$1024 for Lego materials including robotics equipment for use by the after school club for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Milton High School Teacher John Radosta received \$700 for “Odessey Live,” which is a one-man reading of Homer’s Odessey.
- Milton High School Life Skills Teacher Diane Jackson and Speech Language Pathologist Nancy Borg received \$165 for admissions tickets and transportation assistance to the New England Flower Show for special education students in the Life Skills Program.

“The School Department is very grateful to the Milton Foundation for Education for its continued support through the competitive grants program,” said Milton Superintendent Magdalene Giffune. “Not only does this initiative support the important work of our faculty and specialists, on every level, but it also positively impacts our students by enhancing the educational experience in all our schools,” she added.

Funding for the competitive grants program is made possible by the generosity of the Foundation’s donors and the money raised at *Celebration for Education*, an annual dinner and auction held each November. Milton Foundation for Education will award the second round of competitive grants in the Spring.

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