

## Sample Competitive Grants

Below is a small sample of some of the more creative grants that we have funded in the past few years.

***Earthquakes and Engineering:*** Students are fascinated by earthquakes and the havoc they can create. They have all seen videos where buildings collapse as the earth moves. A Tremor Table was purchased on which students can design and build structures and then test them. Design/engineering are focuses of the 8th grade science MCAS.

***Haitian Visions Curriculum:*** As a part of the Caribbean Connections program, visual arts teacher purchased resource kits featuring arts, culture, crafts and activities focused on Haiti.

***Map Explorers: Our Northern Neighbor "Canada":*** The Social Studies Standards set forth by Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks require that grade four students learn about the geography of our northern neighbor "Canada". This Atlas Pack Plus set provides much needed multi-sensory, multimedia materials for students to learn about the United States and Canada. Students will not only explore map skills through the use of an atlas but through the use of political maps and engaging interactive multimedia experiences using the districts Smartboard technology.

***Percussion Instruments:*** The Pierce Music Department purchased a variety of non-pitched percussion instruments for the general music classes. The instruments will be used by sixth, seventh, and eighth grade general music students on a number of projects including performing music notation, music composition, and learning music from different cultures. These instruments allow students to be more engaged in general music classes as well as to learn music concepts more deeply.

***Theatrical Lights for the Classroom:*** A set of theatrical lights were purchased for use in the Pierce drama classroom. This equipment does much to create a more professional atmosphere for students' class performances. Plus, students are able to learn about theatrical lighting by using the equipment on a daily basis.

***Unifying the Contents of the Elem. Music Rooms:*** Musical instruments and supplies were purchased in order to unify the contents of the instructional materials in the Tucker, Glover and Cunningham/Collicot Music Rooms.

***Vocabulary Development Using Latin and Greek: "Criptomania":*** This is used to incorporate Latin and Greek into 2<sup>nd</sup> grade English classes. The kids "decode" new vocabulary words using their new found knowledge of ancient roots, prefixes and suffixes.