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**Education Foundation Awards \$53,000 to Five Schools at Grant Presentation**

The Education Foundation of Indian River County awarded five schools technology grants totaling more than \$53,000. The John's Island Foundation provided \$50,000 to fund the grants. An additional \$3,400.00 was funded by U.S. Trust and the Florida Legislature. This distribution brings the Education Foundation's yearend total to \$102,000.00 for the 2008-2009 school year.

Grant recipients are as follows:

**John's Island Foundation Grants:**

**Sebastian River High School** – Brian McMahon, "Sharks Count – An initiative to increase mathematical literacy through the use of technology" \$28, 830.00.

**Treasure Coast Elementary School** – Amanda Ward, "Promethean Plant" \$10,139.19

**St. Peter's Charter Academy** – Principal Ruth Jefferson – "Science is Elementary – A grant to integrate technology within the Science Curriculum at St. Peter's Charter Academy" \$9,200.00

**Citrus Elementary School** – Teri Dugan, "Project CHILD Students – Learning Like a Pro – with Promethean Boards! \$3,379.00

\*Note part of this grant was funded by U.S. Trust

**Florida Legislature Grant:**

**Pelican Island Elementary School** – Jody Bennett, "Kidspiration Site Licenses" \$895.00

This was the Education Foundation's most successful year in terms of the quality and quantity of the grants. Two grant workshops had been offered in October and March for teachers to learn how to write a grant. More than 100 teachers participated, thus increasing the competition to obtain grant dollars. The volunteers that comprise the Education Foundation's Board of Directors appoint members to a review committee. The committee reviews and ranks the grants based on creativity, the plan to track and achieve measurable results and the need to fulfill the funding request.

The Foundation would like to thank the following organizations that funded the Great Ideas! Grant program during the 2008-2009 school year: The John's Island Foundation, Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., The Clint S. Malone Memorial Foundation, Bank of America/U.S. Trust and Quail Valley Charities.

Below is a list of all 2008-2009 grant recipients:

<u>School</u>	<u>Grant Author</u>	<u>Name of Grant</u>	<u>\$ Funded</u>
Alt. Ed. (Simon Youth)	Bud Gill	Cap & Gowns	\$588.00
Alt. Ed. (Simon-Youth)	Lisa Walborn	Uniforms	\$500.00
Alt. Ed. Piper Program	Connie Novak	Senior Hours Project	\$470.00
Alt. Ed. Uniforms	Bud Gill	Walmart Gift Cards	\$625.00
Citrus Elementary	Teri Dugan	Learning Like a Pro	\$3,379.73
Dodgertown Elem.	Nancy Prizito	Writing Notebooks	\$200.00
Dodgertown Elem.	Jill Nunes	Parent Empowerment	\$1,200.00
Dodgertown Elementary	Peggy Hiser	Reading Counts	\$2,500.00
Fellsmere Elementary	Arleen Alter	Swimming to Success	\$3,000.00
Highlands Elementary	Ms. DiDomizio	Kennedy Space Center	\$500.00
Imagine School	Kristina Long	Learning Outside the Box	\$500.00
Liberty Magnet	Lydia Villarose	Hip! Hip Horray for AWARDS	\$2,500.00
Osceola Magnet	Donna Snead	Read at Home Backpacks	\$500.00
Oslo Middle School	Crickett Buker-Stelmack	Advanced Science	\$498.75
Oslo Middle School	James Thimmer	World Cultures	\$500.00
Pelican Island Elementary	Sandra Beller	Legacy Books	\$430.76
Pelican Island Elementary	Jody Bennett	Kidspiration	\$895.00
Rosewood Magnet	Ivy King	SkillStreaming	\$172.97
Sebastian Elementary School	Barbara Preziosi	L.U.R.E. - Phase 2	\$2,024.00
Sebastian River	Billy Wilson	PE Uniforms	\$500.00

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Sebastian River High	Billy Wilson	PE Uniforms	\$400.00
Sebastian River High	Brian McMahon	Reasoning with Data	\$149.00
Sebastian River High School	Brian McMahon	Sharks Count	\$29,830.00
Sebastian River Middle	Tom Stull	Video Self-Modeling	\$500.00
St. Peter's Charter Academy	Lauren Nelson	Science is Elementary	\$9,200.00
Storm Grove Middle	Jenifer Idlette-Williams	Uniforms	\$500.00
Storm Grove Middle	Shawn O'Keefe	Green Classroom	\$20,000.00
Thompson Elem.	Kim Slade	Green Roof Technology	\$500.00
Treasure Coast Elementary	Ann Marie Cornacchione	Math Fluency	\$2,400.00
Treasure Coast Elementary	Denise Peschio	SMILE Writing	\$500.00
Treasure Coast Elementary	Tillie Newhart	Book Club	\$219.95
Treasure Coast Elementary	Amanda Ward	Promethean Plant	\$10,139.19
Vero Beach Elem	Jennifer Brewer	Ticket to Read	\$499.90
Vero Beach Elem.	Arleen Alter	Learning Support Team	\$442.50
Vero Beach Elementary	Arleen Alter	Swimming to Success	\$3,200.00
Vero Beach Elementary	Bonnie Swanson	Uniform Grant	\$500.00
Vero Beach Elementary	Karen Whelan	Green Meadows Petting Farm	\$500.00
Vero Beach High School	Connie Peterson	Atlanta History, Science and Career Exploration Field Trip	\$500.00
Vero Beach High School	Gary Curry	Intensive Reading	\$172.16
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$101,636.91</b>

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