

THE GRANT CONNECTION

Welcome back to school! Here's to a great new year filled with lots of opportunities to learn, grow, and achieve! Once again, a very special thank you to those principals, teachers, and staff who went above and beyond this summer in helping with grant initiatives. I would also like to recognize **Erica Weiffenbach**, the Macohi Advisor at Manatee High School for writing an award-winning Newspaper Association of America (NAA) Foundation grant. Way to go!

Please remember to let me know when your school is applying for a grant. I am here to help! In the next few months we will be launching a grant website that can be used as a resource. I will also have a "wall of fame" to recognize schools and teachers who are writing grants.

Here are a few funding opportunities to start off the school year. Thanks again for all that you do!

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Adult, Career & Technical Education Department (ACT) website:

<http://act.manateeschools.net/documents/grants/grant.html>

GENERAL EDUCATION

TARGET FIELD TRIP GRANTS – DO IT NOW!

Purpose: This program provides funds for K-12 field trips.

Amount: 5,000 grants up to \$700.00 each.

Deadline: Online applications must be submitted by **September 30, 2010**.

Contact: Visit the Target website to learn more about the program.

Note: Types of eligible trips include art, science, and cultural museum visits; community service and civic projects; career enrichment opportunities; and other events or activities away from the school facility. Funds may be used to cover trip-related costs such as transportation, ticket fees, food, resource materials, and supplies. *Idea! Around the Bend Nature Tours aligns with core standards and includes transportation. Karen Fraley is well-versed in grant writing and can help.*

Karen@aroundbend.com

BEALLS & WHISTLES FOR SCHOOLS – THIS WILL TAKE PREP TIME!

Purpose: Imagine your classroom or school receiving a grant to spend on the things that were previously out of reach. A new computer lab? Updated textbooks? An arts enrichment program? Whatever will improve the educational environment for your kids.

Amount: 10 grants for \$10,000.00 each.

Deadline: All completed applications must be signed by a school administrator and **hand delivered** to a store manager at any Florida Bealls Department Store by **December 31, 2010**. Each Bealls store will select one nominee from among all the applications received. That nominee will be forwarded to the Bealls & Whistles for Schools Board for final judging.

Contact: <http://www.beallsflorida.com/default.jsp?page=beallsandwhistles>

Note: *If you really want your application to stand out and get noticed, go the extra mile. Make a video. Submit photos. Write and record a song. Or give a great testimonial from a kid's point of view. Every little bit of extra effort will go a long way.*

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS - STEM

THE SIEMENS WESTINGHOUSE COMPETITION IN MATH, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Purpose: To recognize individual growth for high school students who are willing to challenge themselves through science research. Students may submit research reports either individually or in teams of two or three members.

Amount: The top individual and team winners receive scholarships of \$100,000.00. Runners-up receive scholarships ranging from \$10,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

Deadline: October 1, 2010.

Contact: www.siemens-foundation.org/competition

Insider's Tip: The judges look at whether the project address an important scientific, technical or mathematical question or major issue and if the student's work demonstrate a high level of intellectual input.

TOSHIBA AMERICA FOUNDATION: GRADES K- 5TH ~ DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1

Purpose: Elementary schools from throughout the United States can receive funding for innovative, project-based learning in science and mathematics.

Amount: Up to \$1,000.00.

Deadline: October 1, 2010. Notification of awards will be made by February 15 of the grant year.

Contact: http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5_apply.jsp

Insider's Tip: Before submitting a completed proposal, teachers are encouraged to call the Toshiba America Foundation team to discuss their project ideas. To learn more about the application process and the Foundation's grant-making guidelines call 212-596-0620. Also, check out the website for funded programs.

Not Funded: general operations, capital projects, endowments, conferences, independent study, fund raising events, or similar activities. Summer projects or after school programs cannot be considered. Salaries, facility maintenance, textbooks, video production, audio-visual equipment (e.g. electronic white boards, document projectors) and education research will not be funded. No grants are available for computer hardware.

ENVIRONMENT

THE DONALD SAMULL CLASSROOM HERB GARDEN GRANT ~ DEADLINE: DO IT NOW!

Purpose: Public and/or private 3rd through 6th grade teachers, with classes of a minimum of 15 students may apply for an indoor or an outdoor herb garden grant.

The classrooms selected will receive four (4) Prepara® Power Plant pro indoor soil-less gardening stations and educational materials to use in the classroom. The Prepara® Power Plant pro gardening station is all that is needed to grow herbs indoors. Each gardening station will include the unit, grow sponge, nutrient, seeds and the grow lamp. The Herb Society of America will provide the educational materials.

Amount: Four schools/classrooms to receive \$200 "Seed Money" to establish an outdoor herb garden. The funds may be used for supplies such as soil, plant trays, containers, child or youth sized tools, etc.

Deadline: September 30, 2010.

Contact: <http://www.herbsociety.org/resources/samull-grant.html>

LOWE'S TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION GRANT ~ DEADLINE: DO IT NOW!

Purpose: Create reading gardens, build playgrounds and implement other improvement projects that help strengthen their schools and their communities. Check out the website for ideas.

Amount: Between \$2,000.00 and \$5,000.00.

Deadline: October 15, 2010. If 1,500 applications are received before the deadline, then the process closes.

Contact: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/hta.html>

Insider's Tip: Applications are submitted online. Your school must be registered in the database. Confirm this beforehand by going through the first step of the application process: Verifying Your Contact Information. Your school can be added, but it can take up to 24 hours to process.

There is a preference for funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) as well as landscaping/clean up type projects. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. Grant funds cannot be used to pay for memorials, stipends, salaries, artists in residence, field trips, scholarships, or third party funding. Only 10% of any award granted can be used toward outside resources such as labor, installation, consultation and delivery.

2010 SUBARU HEALTHY SPROUTS AWARDS ~ DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1

Purpose: To be eligible, your school must plan to garden in 2011 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. You must show a relationship between the garden program and education related to environmental, nutrition, and hunger issues in the United States.

Amount: Awards to 30 schools or organizations. Each program will receive: a \$500 gift certificate and a number of resources to support the project.

Deadline: **October 1, 2010.**

Contact: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/healthysprouts.asp>

MUSIC

MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS FOUNDATION / *MELODY PROGRAM* ~ DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1

Purpose: Music programs serving low-income communities, programs with little or no budget for musical instruments and music programs that serve the most students out of the school population are considered before all others. We encourage you to seek funding from several sources in your community.

Applications are made available by invitation only. You must submit an online Pre-Qualification form to be considered for an invitation. Pre-Qualification forms will be available until October 1, 2010. If invited to apply, the application deadline is November 1, 2010 and results will be provided by March 30, 2011. Awarded programs will receive instrument donations in time for the 2011/12 school year. Please direct any questions regarding the application process to applicants@mhopus.org.

Amount: Up to \$10,000 to K-12 school instrumental music programs that take place during the regular school day.

Deadline: **October 1, 2010 for pre-qualification.**

Contact: Please direct any questions regarding the application process to applicants@mhopus.org.