

THE GRANT CONNECTION

As 2010 comes to a close, the Grant Resources Department wants to thank each of you for putting Manatee's students first and doing all that you can to inspire greatness. This first year has been a whirlwind filled with a lot of learning, wonderful successes, and new partnerships. We are looking forward to an even brighter year ahead.



In celebrating achievement, help us congratulate **Brad Claussen of Tara Elementary** for receiving a grant from Toshiba American Foundation for his innovative program integrating math and physical education. What great work!

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CLASSROOM FUNDING

ING UNSUNG HEROES ~ 1ST DEADLINE: 1/31/11

Purpose: Grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods/techniques to improve learning. Each project is judged on its innovation, creativity, and ability to positively influence students.

Eligibility: K-12 educators employed full-time by an accredited public or private school.

Amount: \$2,000 to \$25,000 each; (100) educators will receive \$2,000. The top three will receive additional awards.

Deadline: April 30, 2011.

Contact: <http://ing.us/about-ing/citizenship/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes>

***Insiders Tip!** In addition to this grant, the ING Foundation provides grants for: financial literacy, children's education, diversity, and environmental sustainability. Deadlines for these grants are **Jan. 31** and **April 30**. Proposals must be for \$2,500 or more.*

CONTESTS FOR TEACHERS!!

NEW TEACHER SURVIVAL CENTRAL SWEEPSTAKES BY DISCOVERY EDUCATION ~ DEADLINE: 12/17/10

Purpose: Enter to win or refer a teacher. If that teacher wins, you'll be a winner too with a trip to a professional development conference and an Elmer's Classroom Prize Pack.

Awards: (1) Grand Prize: participate in a Discovery Student Adventures "Teachers Only" adventure in Costa Rica, a Samsung N150 Netbook, an Elmer's Teacher Prize Pack, and a DVD Collection from Discovery Education.

Deadline: All entries must be received by 5 p.m. on **December 17, 2010**.

Contact: Limit one (1) entry per person per day. www.discoveryeducation.com/survival

TEACHER TREASURES MONTHLY CONTEST ~ ONGOING!

Purpose: Teacher Treasures is a new feature on the Department of Education's *Just for Teachers* website.

Awards: Enter each month for the chance to win prizes and gift certificates. November's award was \$100 to Chick-fil-A!

Deadline: Each contest begins the first of every month with the drawing the last Thursday of every month.

Contact: <http://data.fldoe.org/register/justforteachers/> Or visit the *Just for Teachers* website at www.fldoe.org/justforteachers

ENVIRONMENT

WELCH'S HARVEST GRANTS ~ DEADLINE: 2/11/11

Purpose: To provide hands-on experiences with planting, tending, and growing gardens to benefit kids of all ages.

Eligibility: Public/private schools and accredited home school associations serving Pre-K through 8th grade.

Awards: A customized indoor or outdoor garden package filled with a variety of tools, seeds, educational materials, and more.

(5) "\$1,000" gardens and (95) "\$500" gardens will be awarded. Two schools from each state will be selected March 25, 2011.

Deadline: February 11, 2011.

Contact: <http://www.scholastic.com/harvest/> for a grant application.

HEALTH

YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA: GET INTO IT GRANTS (PARTNERING WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS)

Purpose: K-12 teachers can apply to help youth create and implement local, hands-on obesity prevention programs.

Amount: Grants for \$500 and \$1,000.

Deadline: January 19, 2011.

Contact: <http://www.ysa.org/getintoit>

Note! Projects should launch on March 2, 2011 and culminate on Global Youth Service Day in April. The application must be completed by a teacher and two students (one with and one without an intellectual disability). Training webinars: 12/2/10 at 3:00 p.m. and 1/4/11 at 5:00 p.m.

LITERACY CONTEST

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE (LAL)~ DEADLINE: 12/10/10

Purpose: Students in grades 4-12 can write a letter that explores their emotions inspired by a book, short story, poem, etc.

Awards: State winners will receive a \$50 Target gift card and advance to the national level judging.

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by December 10, 2010.

Contact: http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org/how_to_enter to obtain the official "coupon" required with each entry. See the website for all of the rules and requirements.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP GRANTS / NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Purpose: To support public school teachers, support professionals, etc. for one of the following two purposes:

1. Grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; or
2. Grants to groups fund collegial study, including: study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

Eligibility: Public/private schools and accredited home school associations Pre-K - 8th grade.

Awards: \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study.

Deadline: The next quarterly deadline is **February 1, 2011** for an April award.

Contact: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/learning-and-leadership/>

Note: "One-shot" experiences, such as attending a conference, are discouraged. **NOT funded:** college credits, indirect costs, salaries, or travel costs/conference fees for more than (1) person. Grants will fund activities for twelve months from the date of the award.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)

AMERICAN HONDA FOUNDATION

Purpose: To support programs reflecting the basic philosophies of Honda companies. Programs should be creative, scientific, innovative, and humanistic. Honda supports youth education with a specific focus on STEM in addition to the environment, job training, and literacy.

Amount: \$20,000 - \$60,000 over a one-year period.

Deadline: February 1, 2011 is the next submission deadline for a May 2011 award. (Quarterly submissions)

Contact: Proposals should be submitted online. <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Note: The website lists past grant recipients, future deadlines, and Honda's Report of Giving.

SERVICE LEARNING

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION YOUTH LEADERS FOR LITERACY GRANT

Purpose: Successful projects will be youth-led (ages 5-25) with an adult mentor and address an established literacy need in the school or community. The projects will launch on NEA's Read Across America Day on March 2nd and culminate on Global Youth Service Day, April 15-17.

Amount: (30) \$500 grants.

Deadline: January 5, 2011.

Contact: Proposals should be submitted online. <http://www.ysa.org/grants/nea-youth-leaders-literacy>



"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more." - Dr. Seuss (How the Grinch Stole Christmas!)

*Wishing you and your family all the best for a joyous holiday season and a
New Year filled with peace, prosperity, and good health!*