

THE GRANT CONNECTION

“Change your thoughts, and you change your world.” ~ Norman Vincent Peale

Congratulations once again to **Brad Claussen** of **Tara Elementary School** for receiving a \$2,500 grant from the Florida Dairy Council and Fuel Up to Play 60 program for his Runner’s Club. Way to run Brad! Here are a few grant sources worth mentioning again and a few new ones. Feel free to contact this office if we can help.



As always, thanks for all that you do!

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MANATEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (MCF) – ENDS SOON! DEADLINE FEBRUARY 23, 2011!

Purpose: Arts and humanities, community development, education, environment, health, and human services.

Contact: <http://www.manateecf.org/grants/grantapplications.aspx> for guidelines.

<http://www.manateecf.org/Portals/0/Grants/School%20Board%20Application%202011.pdf> for the school application.

BOOKS

SNAPDRAGON BOOK FOUNDATION

Purpose: “To foster children’s literacy by providing financial grants to school libraries serving disadvantaged youth.” Grants fund libraries, symposiums, book clubs, etc.

Eligibility: All K-12 private, public, charter, and experimental schools can apply.

Amount: \$500 - \$2,000. Last year only (8) were funded.

Deadline: April 30, 2011.

Contact: <http://www.snapdragonbookfoundation.org/index/Apply.html>

Note: Provide our website to confirm you are part of the School District of Manatee County for the “proof” section of the application. Also, take a look at the website for ideas. Funding is limited and past awards went to unique programs that served high-risk and disadvantaged students.

CLASSROOM FUNDING

ING UNSUNG HEROES

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>

CONTESTS FOR TEACHERS!!

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.

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

CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION

Purpose: To encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities.

Eligibility: Public/private schools elementary through high school.

Awards: The range of grants awarded by the Foundation is \$250 to \$2,500.

Deadline: 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, & 12/31

Contact: <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=16> for a grant application.

LITERACY

TARGET: EARLY CHILDHOOD READING GRANTS – Start Planning Now!

Purpose: Grants to schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations to support programs such as after-school reading events and weekend book clubs – anything to encourage young children, preschool through 3rd grade, to read with their families.

Awards: \$2,000.

Deadline: Online applications will be accepted between **March 1 - April 30**, with notification in September.

Contact: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031821>

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)

AMERICAN HONDA FOUNDATION – NEW DATE!

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: May 1, 2011 is the next submission deadline for an August 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.

FREE RESOURCES

TEACH-NOLOGY.COM PRESENTS – THE BEST ON THE WEB FOR TEACHERS

What: FREE! Teacher timesavers, teacher resources, printable worksheets, lesson plan center, and more!

<http://teachers.teach-nology.com/index.html>

*“The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”
~Dr. Seuss*

Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day!