

THE GRANT CONNECTION

“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” ~ Albert Einstein

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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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.

THE DONALD SAMULL CLASSROOM HERB GARDEN GRANT

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 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 1, 2011.

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

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>