

THE GRANT CONNECTION

Although it doesn't quite feel or look like it, we are already into the autumn season. My kids have been bouncing up and down about Halloween for weeks!



Besides getting ready for the imminent sugar rush, there has been quite a bit of grant writing at our schools this past month. As always, thanks to all of you who are working to bring in those extra dollars for special programs.

I would also like to welcome **Suzanne Theiss**, the newest member of the Grant Resources Team and part of the Adult, Career & Technical Education Department. Suzanne will be helping with research and grant tracking.

Please let us know about your winning grants and share your experiences with a particular funder and/or grant process. This collaboration will help all of us learn, grow and achieve.

*Note: Many of these grant opportunities are cyclical. Take a look at back issues of The Grant Connection under **Grant Resources** (5th down on the left) on the intranet. Feedback is welcome!*

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ENVIRONMENT

ANNIE'S GRANTS FOR GARDENS

Purpose: A limited number of small grants to community gardens, school gardens, and other educational programs that connect children directly to gardening. These funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds, or other needed supplies.

Awards: Grants seem to be small (\$500.00 or less).

Deadline: On-going.

Contact: http://www.annies.com/community_giving

Note: Take a look at funded programs on the website. Think of innovative ideas that involve students planning an originally-themed garden. Involve the community and business partners.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FRUIT! GRANT PROGRAM ~ DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 29

Purpose: Jamba Juice is sponsoring the It's All About the Fruit Grant Program to provide schools with fruit trees to create engaging nutrition and gardening experiences.

Eligibility: The grant is open to schools and community garden programs in the United States gardening with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18.

Awards: 20 recipients will receive fruit trees valued at \$500 and the Jamba Juice *It's All About the Fruit Youth Garden Guide*. Trees will be selected based on recommended varieties for each area.

Deadline: November 29, 2010.

Contact: <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/jamba.asp>

AWARDS FOR YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS ~ DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2010

SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards

Purpose: To recognize the outstanding efforts of K-12 students and teachers who are working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. Nonprofit community groups who are working to protect the environment at the grassroots level are also eligible.

Awards: 8 projects will be selected to receive \$10,000 grants and all-expense paid trips for selected students and adult leaders to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event.

Deadline: November 29, 2010.

Contact: Call 1-877-792-4332 (toll-free) or (407)-363-2389. Or [Ask Shamu](#) - simply address the subject line as 2011

Environmental Excellence Awards. <http://www.seaworld.org/conservation-matters/eea/faq.htm>

Note: Check-out the website for important information. Previous award-winning projects include: habitat restoration, school yard beautification, waste reduction, environmental education, wildlife protection, and natural resource conservation.

GENERAL FUNDING

WALMART STORE AND SAM'S CLUB GIVING PROGRAMS

Purpose: To support a wide range of local nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and K-12 schools and higher education institutions located in communities with Walmart Stores and/or Sam's Clubs.

Amount: Minimum grant award is \$250.00; the maximum grant award depends on the budget of each facility.

Deadline: Apply annually between **February 1 - December 31**. Visit the Walmart website to review the giving guidelines.

Contact: Contact the Community Involvement Coordinator at the Walmart Store or Sam's Club facility nearest you.

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8782.aspx>

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR ACCESSIBLE GOLF

Purpose: To support efforts to make the game of golf more accessible to people with disabilities. Priority is given to inclusive programming; opportunities that allow participants with disabilities and participants without disabilities to learn and play the game side-by-side.

Amount: Grants of up to \$20,000 are provided to assist with core golf program costs such as adaptive golf clubs and bags, golf course access, and transportation to and from programming.

Deadline: Rolling basis every 30 - 60 days. The next two review dates: November 30 and December 30.

Contact: <http://www.accessgolf.org/grants/index.cfm>

VISUAL ARTS

BRADENTON GECKOFEST 2010 ~ DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1

Purpose: Funds from the proceeds of the Bradenton GeckoFest 2010 are being designated to help fund visual arts programs in Manatee County's middle and high schools.

Awards: \$200.00 - \$1,000.00 per school.

Deadline: December 1, 2010 (mail or fax applications).

Contact: Jayne Kocher, (941) 915-6000

WORTH MENTIONING AGAIN!

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

Purpose: Open-ended funding to support school or classroom initiatives.

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

Deadline: **Hand delivered** to a store manager of any Bealls Department Store by **December 31, 2010**.

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

FREE RESOURCES

- ✦ STEM: *Design and Discovery* is a free print curriculum designed for students 11-15 years old with supporting resources available at the Intel® Education website. Through *Design and Discovery*, students can explore engineering through hands-on, design activities. "The design activities require students to develop concepts and principles from real encounters with their own world." <http://educate.intel.com/en/DesignDiscovery/Overview/>
- ✦ STEM Competition: **ExploraVision**: For K-12 students of all interest, skill, and ability levels. Kids can create and explore a vision of future technology; all inventions and innovations result from creative thinking and problem solving. Entries must be received at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) headquarters by 5 p.m., February 2, 2011 (online or by mail). For more information: <http://exploravision.org/about/>
- ✦ Thousands of FREE printable worksheets and activities at <http://www.abcteach.com/>

"When witches go riding, and black cats are seen, the moon laughs and whispers, 'tis near Halloween."

- Author Unknown



"Hold on, man. We don't go anywhere with 'scary,' 'spooky,' 'haunted,' or 'forbidden' in the title."

- From *Scoby-Doo*