

## THE GRANT CONNECTION

Can you believe that it is September already? Congratulations to **Ed Hashey** of **Wakeland Elementary School of International Studies** for writing an award-winning grant for his “Think it-Build-it” program. Also, a huge thank you to all of the staff working on various grants and sharing potential opportunities. By working together, we can bring more opportunities to our students, staff, and schools. As always, thanks so much for all that you do!



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

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

**Check it out! I have a new link! “Grant Resources” <http://www.co.sbmc/> - 5<sup>th</sup> down on the left.** You can also find it on <http://www.manateeschools.net/> under Quick Links. This site will be developed over the next few months with information on applying for grants, a “Wall of Fame,” articles on funding, and much more. Feedback is welcome!

### GENERAL EDUCATION & LITERACY

#### SUNCOAST FOR KIDS FOUNDATION BY SUNCOAST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

**Purpose:** This source funds a number of items from field trips to uniforms to basic student needs. Requests must state the purpose, dollar amount, and a simple budget narrative. Include a brief essay explaining how the learning experience will directly impact your students and how it presents **an engaging and exploratory experience** that would not otherwise be available.

**Contact to learn more:** Manatee County Schools Foundation (941) 708-8770 ext. 2148

### SERVICE-LEARNING & HEALTH

#### GENERAL MILLS CHAMPIONS FOR HEALTHY KIDS GRANTS

**Purpose:** The American Dietetic Association Foundation, the President’s Challenge, and the General Mills Foundation are partnering to improve youth nutrition and fitness through the General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids initiative. This grant works to encourage healthy eating and physical activity for children/teens ages 2-18. Grants will be awarded to nonprofits, schools, and agencies that show collaboration and innovation.

**Awards:** 50 grants for \$10,000.00 each.

**Deadline:** Applications for 2011 Champions for Healthy Kids grants will be available at the website **October 2010**.

[http://www.generalmills.com/en/Responsibility/Community\\_Engagement/Grants/Champions\\_for\\_healthy\\_kids.aspx](http://www.generalmills.com/en/Responsibility/Community_Engagement/Grants/Champions_for_healthy_kids.aspx)

**Contact:** Contact Beth Labrador at 1-800-877-1600 ext. 4821 or by email at [blabrador@eatright.org](mailto:blabrador@eatright.org) – AFTER looking at the website and application. Grants will only be awarded to programs that address both physical activity and eating habits.

**Note:** *This requires planning! Don’t wait until last minute!!*

#### UNITEDHEALTH HEROES WITH YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA– **DUE OCTOBER 22**

**Purpose:** Service-learning grants to create/implement programs addressing childhood obesity. Have students (ages 5-25) partner with organizations, the health department, and/or the district’s food service department for great ideas. “Each grant engages participating youth in service-learning, an effective teaching and learning strategy that supports student learning, academic achievement, and workplace readiness. The grants encourage semester-long projects that launch on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (January 17, 2011) and culminate on Global Youth Service Day (April 15-17, 2011).”

**Awards:** Educators, nonprofits, and students can apply for grants up to \$1,000.00.

**Deadline:** **October 22, 2010.**

**Contact:** <http://www.ysa.org/HEROES>

**Insider’s Tip!** *YSA will host two training webinars on Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. – this is where you can learn what they are looking for and how to develop a successful project. Also, YSA offers a number of grants throughout the year. Register for the updates.*

## **WORTH MENTIONING AGAIN!**

### **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? The possibilities are endless!

**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.*

### **THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS (AIAA) – STEM FOR CLASSROOMS**

**Purpose:** Classroom grants for hands-on science and math programs – consider aerospace, earth science, space science or human exploration/development for preference points. Teacher **must be an AIAA Educator Associate member** or an AIAA Professional member actively engaged as an educator prior to receiving the grant. **AIAA membership is free!**

**Awards:** \$200.00 per classroom submission and \$1,000.00 limit per school per year.

**Deadline:** Grants must be received one month prior to be considered for each quarter. **Submit in December for January.**

**Contact:** <http://www.aiaa.org/index.cfm>

## **BACK TO SCHOOL IS THE PERFECT TIME TO KICK-OFF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS!**

❖ **Box Tops 4 Education:** Look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper®, and Kleenex® when you do your everyday shopping. Some products even have double points! All you need to do is clip and send them to your school's coordinator - each one is worth 10¢. Visit the website because they have even more ways to earn funds! <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

❖ **Campbell's Labels for Education:** For nearly four decades, *Labels for Education* has been awarding free educational equipment to schools in exchange for proofs of purchase from the Campbell family of brands. It's easy to do and great for your school! Labels can be found on Bic® Products, Pepperidge Farm®, Prego®, V8 beverages, and of course – Campbell's soup – to name a few! <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/About/about-the-program.aspx>

❖ **DonorsChoose.org:** This nonprofit organization connects teachers with potential donors. <http://www.donorschoose.org/teacher/index.html>

## **FREE RESOURCES**

❖ **Gen i Revolution:** Developed for middle school and high school students, this **online game** gives students the chance to learn personal financial skills as they play and compete against fellow classmates. The game includes 15 “missions” in which students attempt to help people in financial trouble. <http://www.genirevolution.org/>

❖ **Financial Freedom Student Workbook:** For grades 6-12, this is designed to improve students' financial literacy while reinforcing FCAT tested skills. Each section of the workbook contains facts and information, personal finance vocabulary, illustrative worksheets, and more! Topics: Managing Cash, Banking Basics, Job Search, Consumer Credit and Debit, Automobiles, Automobile Insurance, and Finding a Place to Live. <http://www.fcee.org/classroom-resources/financial-literacy/financial-freedom/>

❖ **Make it Possible – Financial Workshops by State Farm Insurance Company:** For parents and teachers, these workshops are available in English and Spanish. State Farm also presents the “Slice of L.I.F.E.” for young adults focusing on basic financial tips and how to avoid credit card traps. Contact <http://www.statefarm.com> or this office and I can help you coordinate a workshop.

❖ **State Farm's Kid Stuff:** Fun and educational learning activities for you and your children up to age 11. It includes fire safety and various coloring pages related to safety issues. [http://www.statefarm.com/learning/kid\\_stuff/kid\\_stuff.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/learning/kid_stuff/kid_stuff.asp)

❖ **Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) – Money Smart Program:** The FDIC's Money Smart for Young Adults curriculum helps youth ages 12-20 learn the basics of handling their money and finances including how to create positive relationships with financial institutions. *Money Smart for Young Adults* has eight instructor-led modules that are fully scripted, include guides and overheads, and an optional interactive computer-based program. <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/young.html>



*“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains.  
The superior teacher demonstrates.  
The great teacher inspires.”*

*-William Arthur Ward*

**Thank you for being great!**

