

THE GRANT CONNECTION

“Things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turn out.”

John Wooden



We are so thankful for all you do for our students each and every day. Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and a beautiful holiday season.

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First Class: the Grant Connection – Check this out for last minute grant notices, articles and other tidbits.

ACADEMICS

FLORIDA KIDCARE ACT-OUT FOR HEALTH CONTEST – ESSAY CONTEST*

Purpose: Stretch your students’ skills in creative writing, art, design and video production while they create a powerful message for families and kids in Florida – maintaining a healthy lifestyle is easy, and Florida KidCare can help.

Awards: Awards vary. Please refer to the website for more information.

Deadline: January 6, 2012.

Contact: <http://www.actoutforhealth.net/students/>

**Note: The Act-Out for Health Essay Contest is open to all 4th through 12th grade students in the state of Florida. Manatee County is part of the South Region District.*

ENVIRONMENTAL

WHOLE KIDS FOUNDATION

Purpose: Learning about the process of growing food helps children develop a deep understanding of the connection between healthy eating and a healthy body. School gardens offer an opportunity to integrate math, science and health curriculum into a dynamic, interactive setting. They also provide a base of knowledge that allows children to take an active role in healthy food choices.

Awards: \$2,000.00.

Deadline: December 31, 2011.

Contact: <http://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/>

THE LEXUS ECO CHALLENGE

Purpose: Partnering with Scholastic, Lexus challenges middle and high school students to create a better world through environmental projects.

Eligibility: Teams of 5-10 students and 1 teacher/advisory will define an issue, make a plan to address it, implement the plan, and report on the results with an online Action Plan. Teams are encouraged to provide visual documentation – videos, photos, websites, etc. Each challenge has a separate deadline.

Amount: \$10,000.00 to 2 middle school teams and 2 high schools in each of the 4 Lexus market regions. See the website for more details and additional prizes.

Deadline: For the Air/Climate Challenge: **Registration November 7th and submit by December 19th.** The final challenge starts in January with details to come.

Submission Format: Action Plan Powerpoint; Project Gallery (required): Part of Action Plan PPT. “Be mindful of 15-20MB space restrictions when submitting your lo-res photos, poster images, etc., as part of your completed Project Gallery.”

Contact: <http://www.scholastic.com/lexus/>

Let us know if you are writing for this. We are here to help!