

## Fall 2007 Spark Grant and Zoot Grant Recipients

**Zoot Technology & Entrepreneurship Education Grant** **\$1000.00**

**BHS Scribblings - Heidi Robison**

Scribblings Multimedia Publication 2007 – 2008

We will use funds to expand the Scribblings format to include a multimedia cd publication integrating student recorded music, student visual art and photography, as well as student authors reading their works. This grant will allow Scribblings to acquire recording equipment to make this goal possible.

**Chief Joseph Middle School**

**Brian McGeehan - Wild About Wildlife** **\$1000.00**

The Wild About Wildlife program is designed to be implemented both within the 7th grade CJMS life science classes and in the CJMS Outdoorsmans club (after school, 6-8th grade). The program involves learning about and viewing wildlife in the field. Multiple field studies occur throughout the year including trips to the school grounds to observe birds, an overnight to Yellowstone Park to watch the elk rut and other wildlife, an overnight trip to Freezeout Lake NWA to view waterfowl migrations. Collaborative Partners include the National Audubon Society and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

**Emily Dickinson School** **\$825.00**

**Robbye Hamburg - Empathy Development Through Prejudice Reduction**

This project will provide literature coupled with critical thinking skills with the objective of improve inter-group social behavior in the ever diversifying Bozeman School District elementary schools by working to eliminate inaccurate information, negative attitudes and discriminatory behavior (i.e., prejudice) toward groups other than one's own. The focused attention would be on these forms of prejudice: racism, ethnocentrism, handicapism and socioeconomic bias.

**Bozeman High School** **\$961.00**

**James Thompson - Young Men and Fire**

After reading Young Men and Fire, Norman Maclean's tragic account of 13 ill-fated Montana smoke jumpers, Bozeman High School students will retrace the fire fighters' route by touring the site at Mann Gulch.

**CJMS**

**Cynthia McBride - Let's Remove the UGH!!! from reading** **\$1000.00**

New audio equipment will serve the 125 students this year and will be available for teachers to use with 400 other students. Students that struggle with reading, struggle with school. The opportunity to provide listening centers in my classroom will help alleviate the UGH! from reading. Students can learn a tremendous amount of knowledge and skill from listening and following along. I want to reach all of my students.

**Whittier Choir****Adrienne Veca - Whittier After School Choir****\$750.00**

This is a collaborative group between the Whittier Music Teacher, Whittier School Principal, Whittier School Children, and Whittier Parent Organization. Students at Whittier have the exciting opportunity of being a member of the Whittier After School Choir. Children in grades 3-5 will learn a selection of repertoire and perform in various venues throughout the school year. Participating in choir builds student confidence and pride as they grow musically.

**Hawthorne Nutrition Committee****\$1000.00****Jenny Grossenbacher - Hawthorne Nutrition Committee's Farm to School Program**

From the inception of the Hawthorne Nutrition Committee (HNC) in Oct of '06 to the present, the group's mission has been to affect change district wide. The Hawthorne Farm to School program will connect schools with local farms. The objectives of this program are: serving healthy meals in school; improving student nutrition; providing health & nutrition education opportunities that will last a lifetime; and supporting local farmers. The F2S program provides classroom learning opportunities for students about the types of food that grow in MT, how these foods can be part of a healthy diet and how food choices affect the broader community.

**Morning Star School****\$1000.00****Susan Fox - Classroom Sound Amplification System**

Support for this sound system will allow collaboration with my fellow 3rd grade teachers, who already have these sound amplification systems in place in their classrooms. Classroom Sound Amplification Systems are a tremendous benefit to the elementary classrooms. These systems provide benefits to the learning of all students and are an indisputable aid to the teachers in these classrooms.

**BHS****Joni McCann - Prep Club-Blue Prints for Success****\$1000.00**

Since many students in Special Education programs are overlooked when clubs recruit, "Prep Club" will give them a safe place to practice social and networking skills, to learn more about their community and their options after high school, and to add something to their resumes. As part of the learning experience, Prep Club will offer activities such as guest speakers, field trips, service projects, and parties.

**Bozeman Schools****Debbie Adams - Artifact Garden/ Outdoor Classroom****\$1000.00**

This project includes planting many native plants to our area. An artifact dig site where students can uncover teacher-placed objects from our Native American and social studies units will be incorporated into this plan. Pathways in between plants would be used for observations of insects and plants.

**Chief Joseph Middle School****\$1000.00**

**Rosalie Lee** - The purpose is to attend the workshop "Adventure with Youth at Risk .." adventure based counseling.

The purpose in attending this workshop is to learn behavioral management techniques through adventure based counseling to work with youth who often present a significant challenge to traditional group management techniques. After attendance, components learned will be implemented into Chief Joseph's school guidance for the 2008/2009 school year.