



## **Spring 2007 Spark Grant Recipients**

### **Images of Greatness Biography Resources**

**Kristin Hopkins      Longfellow Elementary**

A classroom Biography Library enables students to read and learn continually about individuals who have made important contributions to society. While learning how others used their gifts and talents to benefit mankind, students will gain understanding of and will practice skills, concepts, and attitudes related to lifelong learning.

### **Birds in the Classroom**

**Joe Bradshaw/Brian McGee      Bozeman H.S.**

The Birds in the Classroom Project will incorporate a variety of community resources to create a hands-on environment through which students can learn important biological concepts through the study of local birds.

### **Kidz' Healthfair: Reaching Out, Reaching Up**

**Carol A. Cooke      Whittier Elementary**

The elementary Health Fair will provide an opportunity for our school students to interact with real health care providers. It will also give the local community health care providers and opportunity to connect with local children and hopefully, their parents. The hands on experience will help the students to understand how responsible choices now will affect them in the future.

### **The Woodworker's Art: Advanced Methods in Wood Turning**

**Gary Corneer      Bozeman H.S.**

"Woodturning: The Woodworker's Art Part II" allows General and Advanced woodworking students a way in which they can apply previously learned wood tuning basics into projects that are not normally covered in such detail in a High School setting. Students will be "mentored" by members of the Northern Rockies Woodworkers Guild, as well as by slide samples of world wide (multi cultural) designs and techniques.

### **Hands On! American Studies through Cultural Interest Groups**

**Joe Thompson/Derek Strahn      Bozeman High School**

The Cultural Interest Group presentations in American Studies provide students with a collaborative, hands-on, research-based venue for teaching their peers about the evolution of art, architecture, music, entertainment, technology, fads and fashions since the Civil War, culminating in a student-created 1960s museum open to the public.

### **After School Math Support Program**

**Randy Walthall      Longfellow Elementary**

The After School Math Support Program is designed to provide individual and small group math instruction for students who remain at school in the After School CARES Program at Longfellow School



### **Lunch Bunch**

**Marta Bush Bozeman H.S.**

Lunch Bunch will meet weekly at Bozeman High School with students who spend lunch time alone in order to foster friendships among students with similar personalities, thereby, increasing their sense of belonging in the school community and their subsequent self-esteem for life long interactive situations.

### **Returning Joy to the Reluctant Reader**

**Judy McKenna Chief Joseph Middle school**

Books for reluctant middle school readers enable struggling students to joyfully choose books that are not only on their reading level but, also, have adolescent and current interests at heart. These books have appealing covers as well. The more students read the more they "need" to read.

### **High Interest Fiction & Spanish Audio Collection**

**Laurie Scott Bridger Alternative**

"The High Interest Fiction & Spanish Audio Collection will provide our reluctant readers access to media in a format easier to understand and help them gravitate to reading books in print form while also providing practice in Spanish Instruction that is not presently included in the curriculum at Bridger Alternative High School."

### **"Seeing is Believing"**

**Ann Keith Chief Joseph Middle School**

Teachers in 7th grade at CJMS will enhance their lessons by using new technology: an Elmo Digital Presenter. This tool allows teachers to instantaneously display to the entire class, student work, teacher demonstrations, use of math manipulatives, highlighting reading passages, and any other item currently encumbered with overhead projectors or whiteboards. Teachers strive to show students what proficiency "looks like". This projector device allows teachers to do this easily and often.

### **Journey to Yellowstone**

**Kristi Sutton Irving Elementary**

This program will allow Irving teachers, along with highly qualified M.O.S.S. naturalists, to share with students, the unique environment, history, and dynamics of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem that exists in their very own back yard. It is the hope that this program will also instill a lifelong respect for and connection to student's community and rich, natural environment.