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The Newsletter of the CCHS Parents Association Grants Committee

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Hello from the PA Grants Committee,

As Spring weather finally arrives, we are pleased to share with you the wonderful additions to CCHS that will be made possible through your generous response to the Annual Appeal. This second of our two annual cycles, funded entirely through the appeal, awarded funds for a variety of endeavors highlighted in the newsletter. Each grant will serve to enhance the experience of our students as they progress through their high school years.

Grant awards are able to enrich the classroom experience across many subject areas due to the continued innovation and dedication of the teachers and staff. The time and effort they spend to apply for the grants reflects their continued desire to upgrade the quality of the education they provide.

Thank you for making it possible for our committee to support so many worthwhile projects!

The 2007/8 Grants Committee:

Sue Gladstone, Amy Harlow, Helen Lyons, Kate McCandless, Susan Mills, Shelley Mogil, Priscilla Sturges and Paula von Kleydorff.

GRANTED FOR THE 2008 SPRING CYCLE

Granted to:

John Lindner of the Art Department

\$663.15 to purchase a set of replacement shelves for the kilns used by the Ceramics program. With over 130 students enrolled in Ceramics classes annually, the shelves will enable faster turn around times for students' finished work.

David Prifti of the Art Department

\$1,750 for the purchase of materials and reference books to be used in conjunction with 19th Century Wet Plate Collodion Process. Study of this process is part of the enriched advanced photography course enjoyed by 60 to 70 students annually.

Kate Richmond of the English Department

\$1,000 towards participation in an Earthwatch Fellowship this summer. Kate plans to incorporate her experiences into the elective course she has been developing which looks at the literature of the colonizers and the colonized.

Ten new 35MM cameras to both replace broken and augment the number of working cameras available for use by photography students were purchased with a grant awarded to the Art Department, Fall 2007.





A Flammable Material Storage Refrigerator/Freezer was purchased to replace one of the two current units that is broken and to relieve the congestion in the remaining unit.

Erin Lynch of the Foreign Language Department
 \$1,250 towards the purchase of DVD's to be used in conjunction with the Novice and Advanced Spanish classes.

Caitlin Smith of the Foreign Language Department
 \$300 to purchase three international DVD players. These players will allow the foreign language classes, particularly the Culture and Conversation courses; to play DVD's accessible only on the zone-free players and to play DVD's with target language subtitles.

Tracy Tsou of the Foreign Language Department
 \$1,511.60 to systematically review Chinese characters with students through the purchase of IQChineseGO software for the language lab. The software would enable eight computers to operate the assistive software and personalize study for students in Chinese 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Dick Kerr of Health and Fitness

\$1,575 as a portion of a larger project to reassess the fitness center, optimize its layout and incorporate/install pegboard climbers, pull-up bars and ropes.

Michael Vela of the Science Department

\$1230.25 to update the labs offered in conjunction with the new and very popular Forensics course. This year two sections were offered providing a science elective for 48 students.

Kevin Pennucci of the Science Department

\$3,300 to enhance the core Physics curriculum with engineering design projects that would require application of physics principles learned in the classroom.

Matt Goldberg of the Science Department

\$1,500 in partial support of three teachers' travel and attendance at the National Association of Biology Teachers Annual Conference in Memphis this October.

Jen Benson, Ellen Moore and Nora Murphy of the Science Department

\$3,156 to extend and enrich the labs conducted in the CP, Honors and AP Biology classes. Over 350 students will conduct the upgraded molecular biology lab units annually.

Joe Hehn Representing the CCHS Achievement Team

\$5,000 to insure the continued functioning of the 58 reconditioned laptops currently loaned out to CCHS students. The funds will be used to complete software updates, purchase software applications and purchase spare parts for the computers. As part of the CCHS program to close the Achievement Gap, the laptop loan program has assisted METCO students, special needs students and students identified as coming from low-income homes.



Ten new comfortable chairs offer an alternate study option to the current table and chairs for those students using the library for reading. The chairs were purchased through a grant awarded to the CCHS library in the Fall of 2007.