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Hello from the PA Grants Committee

In late November we completed the first of the two grant cycles for the year. We are excited to share with you the wonderful requests we were able to fulfill. Thanks again to the generosity of the community and the creativity of the teachers at CCHS there will be something additional in many academic departments and new activities for students at school.

Our next round will be underway shortly, please respond generously to the appeal letter so we may continue to fund a large number of the requests.

Thank you for your continued support-

The 2008/9 Grants Committee:

Susan Mills, Susan Gladstone, Debra Hankey, Amy Harlow, Shelley Mogil, Kate McCandless, Paula von Kleydorff

GRANTED FOR THE 2008 FALL CYCLE

Granted to:

Peter Badalament & 2Volunteer

\$1,700 for teacher training in the implementation of Service Learning. The training will formalize curriculum integration of academic learning with real-world service.

John Lindner of the Art Department

\$2,332 for a cabinet to secure and organize the many hand and power tools used in the sculpture classes. Over 48 students a year take a sculpture class.

Nicole Lonergan for the CCHS Cheer Team

\$1,345 to purchase five uniforms for loan to team members as a means of reducing the high cost of team participation. Presently the cheerleaders purchase their own uniforms that are expensive. The funds will help to ease the financial burden and so open the team to a more diverse group of students.



iTunes gift cards
for purchase of
foreign language
songs, podcasts
and videos.

Beatriz DesLoges for the Dance Club

\$750 to cover the cost of four dance workshops for the 2008-2009 school year. About 30-40 students attend the workshops as part of their participation in the Dance Club.

Eric Pohl for the Foreign Language Department

\$500 for costumes and props to be used to enhance the presentations, role plays and skits that are part of each of the Foreign Language classes.

Tracy Tsou of the Foreign Language Department

\$1,620 to expand the IQChinese GO courseware to accommodate 15 additional computers. The software has been very successfully used in the language labs. It allows for more individual learning and feedback as students master the many Chinese characters.

\$400 for a workshop in the ancient Chinese writing form known as seal engraving.

Robin Cicchetti for the CCHS Library

\$1,000 towards a culminating event for the "One School... One Book" program. The plan is to bring in a non-profit group called HERVoices for a multimedia, interactive series of dramatic readings. The presentations will take place during the school day and be open to specific classes. Additionally, interested students will be encouraged to attend during lunch blocks.

Ray Pavlik for the Science Department

\$1,160 as partial support for travel and attendance at the Northeast Geological Society of America Conference in March. Four Earth Science teachers plan to attend the conference which will be held in Portland, Maine.

Eric Pohl for Serious Repercussions

\$1,120 so that additional drums can be purchased for group which continues to grow and gain popularity.



Students using enhanced software at the language labs.

Michael Vela, Carla Sechman, Ray Pavlik of the Science Department

\$568 to purchase two laboratory activities. Both the Water Quality and the Soil Analysis kits can be used from year to year, as they do not contain perishable items. The kits will be used by students in the chemistry and community course, those participating in the environmental science portion of Science Olympiad and by several students undertaking an independent study course to take the AP exam in Environmental Studies this May.

Kimberly Bovell for the Zeta Phi Delta Step Club

\$3,000 to purchase forty uniforms and 40 pairs of boots for its members. Currently the members supply their own clothing for their performances.

George Kendall of the Theater Arts Department

\$3,000 as partial funding for rental of a fog screen to be used in the CCHS production of *Miss Saigon*. The fog screen is a sophisticated piece of technology that will be used by the students in the stage design and technology class, the participants in the play and the students in several of the earth science and physics classes.



A selection of foreign language DVDs that can be viewed with the new international zone-free players.