



## Lake of the Woods Lions Club Awards First Teacher Innovation Grants

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The Lake of the Woods' Lion's Club is pleased to announce the winners of the 2010 Teacher Innovative Grants. The new program was enthusiastically received by Orange County's public school teachers. Twenty eight grant applications were received before the October 1 deadline! According to Dr. Robert Grimesey, Superintendent of the Orange County Public Schools, "The Innovative Grants provided a beacon of hope for teachers at the beginning this school year."

On November 5, seven of the 28 teachers who applied for grants were notified that their grants had been selected for full funding. The teachers represent four different schools and the head start program.

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The Head Start program will receive \$230.00 to purchase books and education materials to support **Carol Jewell's** *What is Kindness?* grant.

A subscription to *News -2-You*, an online newspaper, will be provided to **Cheri Norris'** class at Locust Grove Elementary School.



**Chrys Dermody**, from Orange County High School will receive \$150.00 to enrich the foreign language curriculum through a study of *Hispanic Artists*.



Locust Grove Middle School teacher, **Faithe Foster's Collaborative Communication** project will receive \$250.00 to promote cross county research projects.

**Karyn Spahr**, from OCHS, will receive \$230.00 to purchase *Study Island*, a web based Standards of Learning test preparation program.



The *Experimental Learning* grant written by **Michael Rogers**, Prospect Heights Middle School teacher, will receive \$250.00 to support field trip experiences.

**Peggi Knight's I-Pod Shuffle Phonemic Awareness** grant will receive \$250.00 to promote reading to students at Locust Grove Elementary School.



This grant program was endorsed by the Orange County Education Foundation. Grants were designed to assist with the development of projects to increase student achievement, promote tolerance, and exhibit new technology in the classroom. The Education Foundation is working now to provide continued support of the teacher innovation grant program. The remaining 21 unfunded grants will automatically qualify for review in the Foundation's forthcoming coming grant program.

Beth Ridpath, Lake of the Woods Lion's Club member, summed up the 2010 Innovative Teacher Grant experience with these words: "The committee was excited to be able to select seven grants providing a total of \$1,500 to strengthen the quality of education."

Individuals or groups interested in supporting the LOW Lions Club's TIG program may mail checks to: Lake of the Woods Lions Club Teacher Innovation Grant Program, P.O. Box 605, Locust Grove, VA, 22508. Individuals or groups interested in supporting the Orange County Education Foundation's TIG program may contact Matt Benefield, Treasurer, at 540-661-4550 or at [mbenefield@ocss-va.org](mailto:mbenefield@ocss-va.org).