



Milwaukee Public Schools

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Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation announces Teacher EXCEL Grant winners

The Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation, Inc. has announced the winners of the 2008-2009 Teacher EXCEL Grants. This year, 48 projects are being funded and 68 teachers will be honored on Monday, December 8. A reception and awards presentation will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Award presentations are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. in the MPS Donald J. O'Connell Memorial Auditorium, 5225 West Vliet Street. Grants are for up to \$750 each.



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The Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation, Inc. sponsors a mini-grant program for teachers to fund creative classroom projects or activities that enrich student-learning experiences. This is the eighth year of the program. The Teacher EXCEL Grant program is supported by:

- ❖ Generous donations of MPS employees through the annual Employee Combined Giving Campaign. Employees may designate their contribution to the MPS Foundation.
- ❖ Contributions made in memory of Ann Shansky, who was an elementary teacher in MPS for 34 years. Ms. Shansky was an advocate of early childhood education and dedicated her life's work to education and development of children.

2008-2009 Teacher EXCEL Grant winners are: **Jennifer Price** and **Bronwyn Lind**, Academy of Accelerated Learning, "21st Century Learning with iPods" - \$750; **Robin Duncan**, Clara Barton Elementary School, "Exceptional Education Engaged" - \$750; **Donna A. Whalen**, Audubon Technology & Communication Center, "Painting Relationships" - \$700; **Pam Guehlstorf**, Bradley Technical and Trade High School, "Teaching & Learning with Graphing Calculators" - \$750; **Todd Hartwig**, Brown Street Academy, "Math Club – Count On It!" - \$700; **Theresa Mattson** and **Kathy Masch**, A.E. Burdick School, "Mother – Daughter Book Club" - \$750; **Susan Mildren** and **Natalie Levanetz**, Browning Elementary School, "Maple Sugar Time: Learning to Appreciate Natural Foods" - \$500; **Lisa Limberger**, Cass Street School, "Pollution Solution" - \$750; **Debbie Ivy** and **Jody Wensink**, Luther Burbank School, "Fun With Letter Writing" - \$750; **Sue Dentice** and **Jason Wensel**, Clarke Street School, "Peaceful Playground" - \$750; **LeeAnne Brzenk-Nelson** and **Rose Haas**, Cooper School, "Adventures in Science" - \$610; **Deborah Mayfield**, Eighty-First Street School, "The Urban Literature Book Club" - \$750; **Cynthia Lorch**, Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy, "Academic Family Activity Nights" - \$750; **Laura Yale** and **Wendy Novak**,

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Fairview Charter School, “Every Step We Take” - \$750; **Barbara Riebau**, Custer High School, “Teaching and Learning with Graphing Calculators” - \$750; **Scott Fields**, Ben Franklin Elementary School, “Promoting Positive Self-Identity for Black Adolescent Males” - \$750; **Dana Thome**, La Escuela Fratney, “Reading for the Love of Math” - \$750; **Joseph Schauer** and **John Schmitz**, Hamilton High School, “EPIC Through Reading” - \$520; **Jill Delie**, Gaenslen School, “Bringing Literacy to Life” - \$750; **Debra Morrissey** and **Frances Bulger**, Hi-Mount Community School, “School Newspapers Connect Families and Community” - \$750; **Margaret Igowsky** and **Michele Hilbert**, U.S. Grant School, “Growing a New Crop of Young Ecologists” \$700; **Tina Harris** and **Rachel Krueger**, Honey Creek Elementary School, “Debate Team” - \$500; **Mary Beth Anich**, Humboldt Park Elementary School, “Exercise Your Brain” - \$750; **Monica Czyzewski**, Lincoln Avenue School, “My Family ... Me ... and Literacy!” - \$750; **Lisa Loomis**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, “Terrific Take Home Books” - \$750; **Peggy Repka** and **Ray Curry**, Lincoln Avenue School, “Exploring Milwaukee’s Lakefront” - \$750; **Barbara Berman**, Kluge Elementary School, “The Stories in Me” - \$750; **Virginia Lynch**, Madison High School Academic Campus, “Teaching & Learning with Sketchpad” - \$750, **Christie Mulligan**, Maple Tree School, “Shake, Wiggle, and Move” - \$750; **Rachel Elliott** and **Awilda Aranda**, Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School, “Hatching Hands-On Learning” - \$750; **Michelle Scott**, McNair Academy, “E-Readers Book Club” - \$750; **Enid Montalvo**, Mitchell Elementary School, “Leaping into Leisure Reading” - \$750; **Andrea Goldstein**, Milwaukee French Immersion School, “Home Reading Journals” - \$750; **Barbara Sem**, Morgandale Elementary School, “Guitars in the Classroom: Making Music Meaningful” - \$620; **Sandra Szymkowski** and **Anne Desotelle**, Neesksara Elementary School, “Walls to the World” - \$750; **Don Bolanowski**, Pulaski High School, “Teaching and Learning with Graphing Calculators” - \$750; **Ellen Evans**, Pierce Elementary School, “Exemplary Elementary Environmentalists” - \$750; **Adam Murphy**, Ronald Reagan College Prep High School, “Jazzing it Up” - \$710; **Cathleen Hunt** and **Erin Witty**, Project STAY Senior Institute, “Economic Literacy in the Marketplace” - \$740; **Michael Moore**, Ronald Reagan College Prep High School, “Reagan Takes the Stage” - \$750; **Marti Anderson** and **Maureen Dardis**, Sherman Multicultural Arts School, “Leaping into Literacy” - \$750; **Tracie Noah**, Sixty-Fifth Street School, “Shoebox Tasks” - \$750; **Brenda DePriest** and **Lori Orlando**, Sherman Multicultural Arts School, “Sensational Plants” - \$750; **Robin Shepich** and **Julie Kovalaske**, Stuart School, “Learning and Growing Together” - \$750; **Kimberly Gibbs** and **Linda Sukup**, Sixty-Fifth Street School, “Discovering Milwaukee” - \$750; **Matthew Napoli** and **Jonathon Mudge**, Thurston Woods Campus, “Home-School Connect” - \$750; **Jayne Jaskolski**, Twenty-First Street School, “Early Literacy Home and School Project” - \$750; and **Julie Rezash**, Whitman Elementary School, “Healthy Choices” - \$750.

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