

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 2009-2010 Teacher EXCEL Grants. This year, 47 projects are being funded and 71 teachers will be honored on Wednesday, December 2. 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 ninth 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.

2009-2010 Teacher EXCEL Grant winners are: **David Galarza, Doris Ortiz, Ann Nelson, Kirk Peterson and Christopher Taylor**, Allen-Field, “Wisconsin’s Capitol” - \$650; **Alicia Moore**, The Alliance School, “Creative Response Lab” - \$750; **Carolyn Joubert**, The Alliance School, “Visualizing Solutions” - \$750; **Theresa Schwantes and Dirk Anderson**, Bay View High School, “Family Blood Pressure Awareness Project” - \$740; **Lynn Brown**, Clarke Street School, “Elementary Reading, My Dear Watson!” - \$550; **Jane Wall**, Community High School, “Martial Arts/Building a Strong Body and Mind” - \$750; **Joel McElrone**, Community High School, “Going Green Home Inspection” - \$750; **Kathy Masch and Carol Hanney**, Cooper School, “Mother-Daughter Book Club” - \$750; **Jessica Bahr and Erin Stanley**, Craig Montessori School, “Vermiculture and Composting” - \$500; **Janet Moreno**, Anna F. Doerfler School, “Old World Wisconsin” - \$750; **Laura Yale and Wendy Novak**, Fairview Charter School, “All the World is a Stage” - \$750; **Pa Vang Xiong**, Forest Home Avenue School, “Math Kits” - \$750; **Scott Fields**, Benjamin Franklin School, “Comics in the Classroom” - \$750; **Carmen Reyes**, Fratney School, “Early Literacy/Take Home Learning Packs” - \$750; **Jill N. Delie**, Gaenslen School, “Minds in Motion!” - \$750; **William Harvill** and

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Karen Peterson, Genesis High School, “Aspire to Inspire” - \$750; **Jacob Haskell** and **Kelly Kulinski**, Hamilton High School, “Groundwater Model Project” - \$750; **Kate Rutkowski** and **Nicole Henzel**, Hampton Elementary School, “Experience the Community with our Families” - \$750; **Amy Hagenow**, Honey Creek Elementary School, “Home/School Activity Bags” - \$500; **Gail Saler**, Humboldt Park K-8 Charter School, “Math + Family = Academic Success” - \$750; **Mark Eary**, Keefe Avenue School, “Finding Milwaukee through the Lens of Youth” - \$750; **Deirdre Lafford**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School, “VersaTile Learning” - \$750; **Lisa Loomis**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School, “Ready, Set, Read” - \$750; **Peggy Repka**, Lincoln Avenue School, “Exploring and Enjoying Wisconsin’s Winter” - \$750; **Richard Vail**, Milwaukee Education Center, “eFolios” - \$750; **Andrea Goldstein**, Milwaukee French Immersion School, “The Pleasure of Reading” - \$750; **Jane E. Nickodem** and **David Gass**, Milwaukee French Immersion School, “The Generations Project” - \$750; **Indalecio Manzano** and **Tao Zheng**, Milwaukee School of Languages, “Calculus Activities using Probes and a CBL2” - \$700; **John Nekich**, Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School, “Snow Shoeing” - \$750; **Diane Rakowski** and **Carol Gad**, Alexander Mitchell Integrated Arts School, “Unforgettable Edibles: Leaves, Stems, Roots and Shoots” - \$740; **Rachel Schlueter**, Morgandale Elementary School, “Linking Literature to Life” - \$750; **Isabel Roche-Román** and **Mulunda Jones**, Pierce Elementary School, “We Are All Connected” - \$750; **Ellen Evans**, Pierce Elementary School, “It’s Treeeeeeemendous” - \$750; **Cathleen Hunt**, **Brad Blatnik** and **Heidi Miller**, Project STAY Senior Institute, “From Diapers to the Dow” - \$705; **Kathleen Westrich**, Ronald Reagan College Prep High School, “Science, Technology and Critical Thinking Skills” - \$750; **Tina Johnson**, River Trail School, “Baby, It’s Cold Outside” - \$750; **Kathleen Leonard** and **Corina Herr**, Roosevelt Middle School of the Arts, “Learning Life Skills through Dance” - \$750; **Tracie Noah**, **Henry Leonard** and **Dan Kartz**, Sixty-fifth Street School, “Adventures at Camp Silverbrook!” - \$750; **Kimberly Gibbs**, Sixty-fifth Street School, “A Trip to Madison, the State Capitol” - \$750; **Eric B. Losin**, South Division School, “Mathematics Literacy with Airliners” - \$645; **Marianne Soldavini**, Gilbert Stuart Elementary School, “Student Volunteers: Observing, Working and Writing” - \$750; **Harry Orkowski** and **Alisa Nelson**, Thoreau School, “Lost and Found” - \$750; **Carey Flesner** and **Diane Edwards**, Victory School for the Gifted and Talented, “Lego Education Robotics” - \$700; **Mary Thundercloud-Eary**, Vieau School, “Our Earth Matters” - \$750; **Julie Rezash**, Whitman Elementary School, “Time Sure Flies When You’re Growing Like a Weed” - \$750; **John Kish**, Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning, “Rube Goldberg Machine Competition - \$750; **Char Harteau** and **Lynn Maholias**, Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning, “Investigating Our Court System” - \$750.

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