

## **EVCF 2007 Grant Award Summaries**

### 1) Eastview High School Remote Video Capabilities

This grant will support installation of video equipment in the gym, performing arts center and stadium. As a result of this project, Eastview community residents will be able to view live broadcasts of Eastview events in their homes.

### 2) Eastview High School ACE Program

The Academic Coaching program (ACE) provides academic intervention for struggling and at-risk students in the bottom 10% of their class who do NOT receive Special Education or English Language Learner services. After a successful 2006-2007 pilot program, this program will expand to include more students in the 2007-2008 school year.

### 3) Eastview High School Theater Microphones Upgrade

Eastview High School will upgrade current microphones, and add microphones to the current sound system. Approximately half of the 2150 students at Eastview are involved in band, choir, speech/debate or dance, which perform in the Performing Arts Center. Upgraded microphones will enhance the overall quality of productions and performances.

### 4) Eastview High School Athletic Storage Improvement Initiative

This grant will support funding needed to improve athletic program storage through a high-density, modular sports storage system. This system creates more room in less space and will be used for multiple sports' equipment.

### 5) Black Hawk Middle School WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Training

This grant will enable BHMS to implement a middle school transition program next year called WEB (Where Everyone Belongs). WEB is a peer leadership/mentoring program which has a proven success record in middle schools across the United States. Selected 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be trained to be student leaders and mentors to ease student transition into middle school and build a more cooperative community.

### 6) Oak Ridge Elementary 'Postcards Tell the Story'

This grant will help cover the cost of materials for a program that encourages 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading. On the last day of school, students were sent home with postcards and 2 books which have been selected as best suited for each child. When students are done reading each book, they are to draw a picture about the book on the front side of the postcard, write about a favorite part on the other side, and mail it back to school. Postcards will be displayed at the fall open house.

### 7) Oak Ridge Elementary Summer School Tutors

This grant will fund two high school or college students to tutor the summer school students at Oak Ridge. Oakridge Elementary School provides summer school for at-risk children, and each year, the number of students who qualify increases. About 1/3 of the students are English Language Learners (ELL); over 20 different languages are spoken at

Oak Ridge. Through the work of the tutors, many children will be able to receive the personal attention they need in order to succeed.

8) Highland Elementary Lego League Robotics Team

This grant will maintain and grow Highland's Robotics Team(s). Team members design, build, and program robots that perform tests or missions. They also conduct research and create a technological or engineering solution to the Challenge. The team competes in a regional competition, and has qualified for the State Competition the last two years. A Gifted and Talented specialist, classroom teacher and technology specialist coordinate and coach the team.

9) Greenleaf Elementary Parent Education and Support Group

This program provides families of students in need at Greenleaf with parenting education resources, and connections to community agencies. The intended outcomes include:

1. Increasing the skills parents have for dealing with stresses in their lives and supporting their children in school.
2. Helping parents feel more connected to the school and other families.
3. Increasing the parents' awareness of resources available to families within the community.

As a further incentive to attend the classes, parents will be offered evening meals, childcare, and incentive gift cards from local stores for attending all 6 sessions of the course.

10) Scott Highlands Middle School Visit by Author, Ron Gamer

Scott Highlands Middle School will bring noted author and teacher, Ron Gamer, to work with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Mr. Gamer's novels target adolescents, including reluctant readers. He will engage students in activities which teach elements of story writing including plot, setting, metaphors, similes and alliteration.