

School-Wide Grants 2005-2006

Centerville Elementary

Wisdom through Qwizdom

Director: Pat Norfleet

Team: Terrie Combs, Deb Bonner, Deb Dupree, Rick DeLugo

Amount: \$5,000

Description: 636 students will have the opportunity to participate in "Electronic Jeopardy" through the interactive Qwizdom system. Each student will use a hand-held, remote controlled response keypad to answer questions and scores and results are displayed simultaneously. The live feedback for students and teachers helps pre-assess and instruct on Virginia Standard of Learning objectives.

First Colonial High

First Colonial's Community Educational Alliance

Director: Dr. Hazel Jessee

Team: Lionel F. Jackson Jr., Mark Butts, Suzanne Flach, Linda Durkee, Sean Andrews

Amount: \$4,100

Description: First Colonial is working to reduce the achievement gap between minority and non-minority students with Educational Alliance. Male students and their parents, community members, teachers and staff will participate in mentor programs and career exploration events to show students the power of education as it relates to their success in school, with their families, in their community, and in their future careers.

Landstown Elementary

WWW @ Landstown (Writer's Workshop on Wheels)

Director: Marie Booz

Team: Sarah Sykes, Shannon Leonard, Wendy Buckman, Kathleen Wirth, Margaret Trejo, Margaret Gentry, Nancy Saunders, Catherine Wright

Amount: \$4,500

Description: Fourth- and fifth-grade students will become active learners in preparation for the fifth-grade SOL writing tests. Mentor writing samples will be saved and files will be assessed through the classroom computers for interactive writing lessons in collaboration with teacher writing instruction.

Princess Anne Middle

The CLUB: Creating Learners by Understanding Books

Directors: Vickie Dean, Michelle Miller

Amount: \$5,000

Description: Students will have the opportunity to join book clubs so that they can read and meet on a regular basis to discuss new literature that is relevant to their daily lives, while increasing their self-esteem and confidence and improving their reading ability.

White Oaks Elementary

Everyday Mathematics Online Games

Director: Karon Mathews

Team: Shelley Deneau, Phyllis Razeeq, Pam Bergdoll

Amount: \$5,000

Description: This innovative way of learning was created to help students develop critical math skills while involving their parents in the learning process, too. Online games will be used in the classroom, computer labs, and be accessible at home to help students practice basic math in a fun and new way.



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Alanton Elementary School

Alanton Storytellers

Director: Kay B. Phillips
Team: Millicent Nash, Pam Zetterval, Peggy Lankford, Karen Wiley, Tom Stahl, Margaret Graf
Amount: \$450
Description: Fifth-grade students will become storytellers and share folktales with their classmates, parents and other "folks" in an effort to build confidence in public speaking, expand their vocabulary and enhance comprehension.

Arrowhead Elementary School

Munching at the Reading Gap with the Lunch Reading Bunch

Director: Jennifer Mitchell
Team: Mischelle Keller, Beth Greer, Mr. Hawkins, Kate Ruggles, Kary Ann Nixon, Shelley Wagner
Amount: \$800
Underwriter: Atlanta Bread Company
Description: Fourth- and fifth-grade boys will meet weekly for independent reading and literature discussion as a way to improve their scores on Standards Of Learning, Developmental Reading and Language Arts Assessments.

Bayside Elementary School

Measure the Treasure

Directors: Krista Clark, Gabriel Chidester
Team: Joyann Drumm, Pamela Bolt, Linda Sollner
Amount: \$930
Description: Bayside Elementary students can participate in several multi-sensory measurement activities throughout the school such as using rain gauges in the courtyard, thermometers, scales and equipment on a mobile measurement cart.

Bayside Elementary School

Give It Your BALL

Director: Vicki L. Dray
Team: Sharon F. Nultemeier
Amount: \$366.35
Description: Designed to improve balance, coordination and flexibility, exercise balls will be made available to special education fourth- and fifth-grade students. The balls will help students minimize movement and aid in their ability to complete more assignments.

Brandon Middle School

Bringing the Chesapeake Bay into the Classroom

Director: James Anderson
Amount: \$974.88
Description: To enable seventh-grade students to collect data and make observations about marine life and water chemistry in the Chesapeake Bay, Brandon's science teacher set up a model ecosystem and will build a larger habitat for oysters, crabs and vegetation.

Brandon Middle School

Get Fit Club

Director: Dorothy Cox
Team: Dr. Kathy Morocco, Todd Perdue, Stephen Newman, Wendy Revolinsky
Amount: \$500
Description: The Get Fit Club will be open to all students two mornings weekly. Students may strive to improve cardiovascular endurance via individualized workouts and muscle strength or weight loss training through equipment and nutritional information.

Brandon Middle School

Presenting Science as Inquiry

Director: Frances Shaneyfelt
Amount: \$501.79
Description: Grade eight earth science students will research, then develop an experimental design from which they'll perform an experiment. They will present their findings to their class using project boards that will later be displayed for parent viewing.

Christopher Farms Elementary School

Lunch and A Story Club

Director: Melanie Van Allen
Team: Patricia Csenar
Amount: \$500
Underwriter: Beach Bully
Description: Designed to encourage students to love reading, 20 fourth-grade students will meet weekly at lunch to discuss and read aloud stories using comprehension strategies. Each child will be able to purchase a book during a June trip to the bookstore.

College Park Elementary School

A Picture of Me

Director: Laurel Swenson
Team: Shirann Lewis, Wendy Carolino
Amount: \$275.20
Description: To build self-esteem and develop writing skills, 20 third- and fourth-grade students will work one-on-one with an adult volunteer to write, revise and edit captions of photos the students took for their individual scrapbooks.

College Park Elementary School

Ocean in Motion/Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center Mobile Tank Truck

Director: Laurel Swenson
Team: Tambrey Zang
Amount: \$750
Description: For two days, the Virginia Aquarium's mobile tank truck will be open at the school for students to gain scientific knowledge via hands-on exposure. Teachers will have a chance to hone their science-teaching skills with the help of marine science experts.

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Corporate Landing Elementary School

Lady Bug, Lady Bug Fly Away Home

Director: Joan Harwin
Team: Joseph Andreana, Lisa Dewitt, Lynda Gillikin,
Amy Brown
Amount: \$900

Description: Classes will be given a butterfly, ladybug and/or praying mantis kit to create a habitat, track metamorphosis or egg sac hatching (praying mantis) through time-lapse photography and multi-media programs, culminating in a school-wide release ceremony.

Corporate Landing Middle School

Our Watershed: Understanding and Improving It

Director: Sherry M. Kelly
Team: Steve Haywood
Amount: \$973
Description: With the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 60 seventh-graders will conduct lab activities, collect data on soil and water quality and discuss environmental issues in our local watershed while oyster gardening to positively impact the Chesapeake Bay.

Frank W. Cox High School

Vox Proxy for Foreign Language Students

Director: Larry M. Becker
Team: Marialuisa Alfaro, Margaret Beckner,
Marcelite Bennett, Patrick Ormsby, Allison
Tuthill
Amount: \$886.80
Underwriter: ESI (Electronic Systems Inc.)
Description: A 30-station computer lab will be equipped with Vox Proxy, a script-writing program with 3-D, talking, animated characters that speak German, French and Spanish. Students can add their voices to the characters and create presentations.

Frank W. Cox High School

Go Advanced Placement - "GAP"

Director: Mary S. Buchanan
Amount: \$470
Description: Tenth-grade minority students will participate in a week-long program to learn critical reading and practical test-taking strategies. Students will also meet with a college admission dean to discuss college requirements.

Frank W. Cox High School

2006 Mock Congress

Director: Karen G. Head
Team: Sylvester Smith, Kellie Torrence
Amount: \$836.49
Underwriter: Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office
Description: 240, twelfth-grade Virginia and U.S. Government students will participate in a four-week Mock Congress, designed to involve students in the legislative process of law-making and increase understanding of the relevance of federal laws in their lives.

Frank W. Cox High School

Cox Channel 4

Director: Beverly G. Holladay
Team: Judy Rea, Diane Johnson
Amount: \$1000
Underwriter: Cox Business Services
Description: Cox's library will be upgraded to house a television studio, complete with microphones, a television and partition. The equipment will improve the quality of Cox Channel 4 news, which is communicated to students each morning via closed circuit, live TV.

Frank W. Cox High School

"Granddad, what do you think?" Global Perspectives: Ages 16-96

Director: Virginia G. James
Team: Robyne Borum
Amount: \$817.90
Description: Twenty high school students will read Foreign Policy Association study guides that coincide with World Affairs Council programs they'll attend, then discuss with area retirement community residents to publish their findings on each chapter/lecture.

John B. Dey Elementary School

I'm All Ears: Using AudioBooks to Increase Achievement

Director: Jean Koch
Team: Lynne Logan, Jennifer Haws, Jody Carroll,
Rae Cox
Amount: \$1000
Description: Audiobooks will be available to all students to listen to and share at home, in order to increase comprehension, fluency, phonemic awareness, pronunciation of difficult words, and expression and interest in literature through a home-school connection.

John B. Dey Elementary School

An "EYE" on Shapes

Director: Leslie Law
Team: Jody Carroll
Amount: \$948.97
Description: This project arms 35 fourth- and fifth-graders with digital cameras to photograph various polygons and shapes as they appear in their world/home. Students will convert photos into sets of flashcards for classes to use to recognize and name polygons.

Fairfield Elementary School

Power Hour: Knowledge is Power

Director: Susan O'Connor
Team: Sherri Lee, Felicia Hoyle, Dr. Sophia
Stubblefield, Michelle Stegall, Rosemary
Flamman, Diane Lancaster
Amount: \$987
Description: A school-city partnership will provide academic support to 65 students enrolled in the KidQuest after-school program, with the goal of closing the achievement gap through tutoring and homework assistance to target skills development and remediation.

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First Colonial High School

From Portfolios to Promotions

Director: Donna Draeger

Amount: \$489.12

Description: In order to increase future employability and their current involvement in school, 80 marketing and work and family studies students will create personal portfolios in class from which they can build upon.

First Colonial High School

Freshman in Action Team (F.I.A.T.)

Directors: Andrea Stanley, Susan Stallings

Team: Dilara Brantley, Laura Kight

Amount: \$1000

Underwriter: Richard Maddox

Description: FIAT will address NCLB mandates by increasing SOL test passing rates for 30 ninth-grade special education inclusion students. Core area inclusion teachers will offer the students academic assistance in content classes during their resource block.

Glenwood Elementary School

Economic Resource Book

Director: Al Doss

Team: Donna McCanna, Daisy Price, Kelley Kasmak, Neil Tucker

Amount: \$964.42

Underwriter: Richard Maddox

Description: Second-grade students will learn what the terms natural resources, human resources and capital resources mean by capturing digital images of the three resource categories, and then create individual economic resources books they will publish and share.

Glenwood Elementary School

Making Math Matter

Director: Donna McCanna

Team: Nell Tucker, Kelly Kasmak, Daisy Price, Judith Ferebee, Paula Gee, Pamela Gonzales, Melissa Cummings, Jean Joyce, Julie White, Malinda Capps, Melinda Tomchik, Audrey Hinkle, Eileen Roe, Kathleen Lee

Amount: \$1000

Description: Math games will be available for students, grades one through five, to use with peers during the end of their lunch and at home with parents. Games will reinforce math skills and allow students more time to practice, thereby increasing math SOL scores.

Green Run Elementary School

The Sky is the Limit

Director: Eric Baar

Amount: \$698.95

Description: Fifth-graders will work with local 4-H members, visit the Virginia Air & Space Center, and ultimately assemble, prepare and launch a model rocket. Students will develop real connections between the theory of flight and science, math and technology.

Green Run Elementary School

Bridging the Gap

Director: Ronald Sykes

Amount: \$1000

Description: In an effort to reduce the academic achievement gap, teachers will receive training and materials relating to understanding diversity and the learning needs of children from culturally diverse environments. Students will also learn test-taking strategies.

Hermitage Elementary School

Improving Language and Literacy One Book At A Time

Director: Terri Miles

Team: Diana Quinn, Cathy Bellomy, Mary Ann Peterson, Jamie Thuston

Amount: \$685

Description: To promote their language and literacy skills, special needs preschoolers will take one book home monthly in a canvas story bag they'll create. Books will be read in class and will correlate with curricular themes and Individualized Educational Plans.

Holland Elementary School

"The Secret Garden"

Director: Marie T. Culver

Team: Kathy Baise

Amount: \$1000

Description: School staff, parents, and students will grow an outdoor science center garden, providing an opportunity for young "scientists" to research authentic environmental experiments using natural resources, while integrating curriculum connections.

Floyd E. Kellam High School

Knight Writers: The Kellam High School Writing Center

Director: Angela R. Evans

Team: Anne Faircloth, John Merritt, Robin Sears, Kathy Sarosdy

Amount: \$750

Description: The center will assist students with their writing across the disciplines. It will be open for all grade and ability levels and available during lunch and after school. Students will be encouraged to submit their writing to publications and competitions.

Floyd E. Kellam High School

Stop Action Animation in the Classroom

Director: Tim Kennedy

Team: Randy Rivers, Laura Peters

Amount: \$1000

Underwriter: Cox Business Services

Description: Forty eleventh- and twelfth-grade graphic technology students will create a stop action animation film to publish on the Web and present at a "Cans" film festival. Admission to the festival will be one can of food for the Southeastern Virginia Food Bank.

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Kempsville Elementary School

Picture This! It's Greek To Me!

Director: Lyn Hedley

Team: Donna Lewis

Amount: \$573.75

Description: 86, third-grade students, teachers, and parents will use disposable cameras to photograph examples of ancient Greek and Roman architecture. The photos will be compiled into a presentation and published in a book for use by other students and teachers.

Kempsville High School

Resource Pre-Algebra: A Stepping Stone to Success in Math

Directors: Elizabeth Jackson, Kathi Sedel

Team: Eileen Sutton

Amount: \$983.95

Description: Rising ninth-graders pursuing standard diplomas and in need of improved math skills in Algebra will participate in this program designed to immerse them in hands-on, technology-driven curricula with small group, direct and differentiated instruction.

Kempsville High School

iLead... a Leadership Workshop

Director: Meghan A. Timlin

Amount: \$1000

Underwriter: Richard Maddox

Description: 125 ninth- through twelfth-grade students will participate in a two-day workshop at the Jamestown 4-H Center, designed to develop leadership skills such as collaborative decision making, group dynamics and team building.

Kempsville Middle School

Closing the Achievement Gap

Director: Susan G. Carawan

Amount: \$687.52

Description: African American male students learning independent reading skills will participate in this enrichment program to increase their desire to read, improve their reading and writing and increase their comprehension.

Landstown Elementary School

Web-Based Interactive Notebooks

Director: Marie K. Booz

Amount: \$497

Description: Students will become Web authors through use of Web-based interactive notebooks. These notebooks will contain collections of student work that are housed on the school server and that will be used to support instruction and higher order thinking skills.

Landstown Elementary School

"Reading is in the Bag"

Director: Rhonda R. Coursen

Team: Clare Gloria, Deborah Haring, Nancy Lindgren, Marilyn Payn, Rickita M. Whitten, Michelle Williams

Amount: \$929.90

Description: Parents will become actively involved in their child's learning through this program. Literacy bags complete with entertaining stories, parent activities and a cuddly stuffed story character bring reading alive for Landstown students and their parents.

Landstown Elementary School

Perspectives on Pond Life - An Ecosystem Study

Director: Caitlin Heffelfinger

Team: Marie Booz

Amount: \$1000

Description: Students will study wildlife in an active ecosystem, recording, graphing, and collecting data from a nearby pond. Qualities of the pond such as rainfall, temperature, and pH levels will be logged with a handheld Palm and Probreware sensors.

Landstown Elementary School

Get Smart With AlphaSmart

Director: Mary Nolan

Team: Ann Anderson, Catherine Gray

Amount: \$1000

Description: Balanced literacy meets technology for kindergarteners at Landstown through use of AlphaSmart equipment. Students will use the AlphaSmart at home to summarize assigned stories, which encourages reading, typing skills, and parental involvement.

Landstown Elementary School

Suitcase Science

Director: Christina Troxell

Team: Sue Swager, Jessi Jock, Julia Myrick

Amount: \$575

Description: Fifth-graders at Landstown Elementary will pack their bags and embark on a journey of review and reflection of scientific knowledge. Their "science suitcases" will be packed with hands-on activities, models, and demonstrations of SOL science concepts.

Landstown High School

Creation of China - America Cross-Cultural Studies Course

Director: Amos Fodchuk

Amount: \$550

Description: Sophomore honors technology magnet English students will create curriculum for a course, "China: The Emerging Giant", to be offered at the Global Studies Academy in the 2006-2007 school year. Student creators will also design the class Web site.

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Landstown Middle School

Picture This!

Director: Mary Gunsalus

Team: Kathleen Brock

Amount: \$1000

Description: American history will come alive through pictures for students at Landstown Middle School. Struggling readers and higher-level thinkers alike will benefit from these SOL correlated books that promote thinking, learning, and knowledge in students.

Landstown Middle School

Outdoor Classroom

Directors: Gina Hofacker, Peggy Frederick

Team: Jim Keegan

Amount: \$1000

Description: Science concepts come to life for the entire Landstown community through the creation of an outdoor classroom. Interaction between organisms will be observed and investigated while life science SOL concepts will be learned through tactile activities.

Landstown Middle School

Gentlemen's Club

Director: Bobby Raye Huntley

Amount: \$1000

Description: Male students will meet twice monthly after school for 90 minutes with staff and community volunteers to work on issues from prejudice to tolerance and respect, so that students will make positive life choices, increase their self-esteem and attitude.

Larkspur Middle School

Picture A Story IV

Director: Irene H. Childers

Team: Dr. Cunningham, Susan Earley, Laura Dember, George Parker, Jean Wallace

Amount: \$1000

Description: This differentiated approach to the writing process uses illustrations from high school students as story prompts. The resulting stories, along with illustrations and student biographies, are published in a book that is distributed to the school community.

Linkhorn Park Elementary School

Linkhorn Park Wildlife Mapping Project

Director: Allison Dickens

Team: Suzanne Buhner, Sheila Carolino, Lisa Behm

Amount: \$905.51

Description: This project, in partnership with the Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries, will provide real-time data on the wildlife found in Linkhorn's community. Students will record and report on area species while becoming good stewards of fish and wildlife resources.

Lynnhaven Elementary School

Project STAR (Students Taking Advantage of Reading)

Directors: Bernadine Hines, Karen Gable

Team: Frances Mongin, Lori Horner, Felethia Stacy, Emma Bertok, Anita Gilligan

Amount: \$1000

Description: In an effort to promote literacy in the home as well as enhance student reading and comprehension skills, books will be provided and students will be encouraged to read to their parents or listen as their parents read to them.

Lynnhaven Middle School

Improving Reading Skills Through Audio Books

Director: Carol Hodges

Team: Shirley Deglow, Janice Jester, Cheri Lewis, Vivienne Marlowe, Sarah Morrison

Amount: \$1000

Description: In this project, all students will increase their fluency, comprehension and reading skills. Audio books will help to motivate reluctant readers and inspire those who struggle to keep on reading.

Lynnhaven Middle School

A Fresh Start for a Unique Group

Director: Laura Paige Swaim

Amount: \$1000

Description: New stimulating and motivating materials will assist a group of eight special needs students in enhancing their academic skills, while providing them with opportunities for consistent progress throughout the school year.

Lynnhaven Middle School

Beginning Band After-School Class

Director: Charles Taylor

Amount: \$931

Description: "Beginning band class" teaches students the necessary methods and skills to be successful in band. Students will play as they learn fundamentals that will expand their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of music.

Malibu Elementary School

Setting The Stage: Developing Language Skills through the Performing Arts

Director: Beth Estill

Team: Nate Kinnison, Lynn Bercowitz

Amount: \$870

Description: In "Setting the Stage," selected students will have a variety of opportunities to alleviate fears of public speaking and performing by developing their verbal and non-verbal communication skills through participation in this performing arts club.

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Malibu Elementary School

Art and Literature - A First Connection

Directors: Kathy Sands, Eileen Treon

Team: Ellen Pontiff

Amount: \$549.52

Description: Malibu students imitate life with art in this innovative project. The concepts of fiction and nonfiction are introduced as children learn, use, and understand connections between vocabularies of art and literature.

Malibu Elementary School

Hats on to Reading

Director: Kathy Sands

Team: Ellen Pontiff

Amount: \$352.60

Description: "Hats on to Reading" highlights the importance of family participation and reading at home. Both are necessary components in the successful process of reading and language skills development. Students will also receive books to keep and read at home.

Newtown Road Elementary School

Writing With Symbols

Director: Debbie André

Team: JoAnna Mills

Amount: \$205

Description: "Writing With Symbols" will enhance child-to-teacher and teacher-to-child communication through strategies that will help develop children's social, cognitive and motor skills.

Newtown Road Elementary School

Curious Students Investigate (CSI): Real-life Science

Director: Sharon Darling

Team: Jenny Sue Flannagan

Amount: \$900.69

Description: Newtown Road has its own CSI division with the implementation of this exciting project. Students will use scientific data collection probes, software and strategies for critical thinking to find solutions to real-life problems in the classroom!

North Landing Elementary School

RISK- Differential Instruction for Students at the Elementary Level

Director: Rebecca Wallace

Amount: \$1000

Description: Students will be provided with authentic enrichment experiences in critical SOL areas as the scope of the "regular" curriculum expands in this project. Students are grouped into specialized clusters and then their specific interests are explored in-depth.

Ocean Lakes Elementary School

Ocean Lakes Ladies Club - "It Doesn't Have to Be Difficult Transitioning into Your Preteen Years"

Director: Madeline Day

Amount: \$800

Description: Transitioning from adolescence into young adulthood doesn't have to be difficult. This hands-on project allows pre-teen girls to openly discuss issues that will aid in helping them bridge the gap between childhood and adolescence.

Ocean Lakes High School

Precast Concepts Sales Catalog

Director: James A. Cartwright

Team: Kathleen W. Malone, Timothy Axley

Amount: \$1000

Description: This project will pair students with local businesses to create a catalog that brings SOL concepts and Technical & Career Education competencies to life through an actual business application.

Ocean Lakes High School

Developing a Community of Competent Consumers

Directors: Kristina Dasher, Andrea Pandeloglou

Amount: \$345.82

Description: Students with disabilities will receive direct instruction and additional resources in functional math skills that will ease their transition into the fast-paced, competitive academic environment of high school and everyday consumer situations.

Ocean Lakes High School

Take the Next Step

Director: Laura Eldredge

Team: Yolanda Boothe, Lori Burwell, Chris Murray, Leeane Turnbull, Tiffany Jenkins, Amy Hunley, Nidia Miller, Brian Alexander

Amount: \$1000

Description: "Take the Next Step" is exactly what this innovative project helps Ocean Lakes High School students do. This yearlong program helps ninth graders make a successful transition from the middle school to the high school level.

Ocean Lakes High School

Distinguished Gentlemen

Directors: Casey L. Foster, Janna Housman

Team: Cecil Mainor, Rickey Hailey, Tiffany Jenkins, Nancy Hicks

Amount: \$1000

Underwriter: Richard Maddox

Description: In this project, minority students will learn how to succeed not only in the classroom, but also in the world. Participation in mentoring activities will teach students to become accountable for their lives in order to master any educational challenge.

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Ocean Lakes High School

Dolphin Splash: Who's Making Waves

Director: Amy Jo Harrell
Team: Tiffany Jenkins
Amount: \$1000
Underwriter: Richard Maddox
Description: Ocean Lakes makes a splash with this novel project. Students will plan, create, and produce a television news program as they gain first-hand experience with media systems, television production equipment, and video distribution technology.

Ocean Lakes High School

S.P.A.R.K. Your SOL Reading Scores: Students Practicing Active Reading with Kits

Directors: Adrian Hayes, Leeane Turnbull
Amount: \$717
Description: S.P.A.R.K. will help increase English 11 reading test scores with the use of interactive kits, which provide meaningful and engaging instruction. This organized and appealing approach will arm students with the knowledge to pass the test!

Ocean Lakes High School

Teach a Tot

Director: Courtney Hundley
Amount: \$985.24
Description: Every student involved benefits from "Teach a Tot!" Ocean Lakes students will serve as mentors and role models to preschool-aged children, while they gain real life work experience and learn what to expect in a preschool setting.

Ocean Lakes High School

Java Enhanced Job Skills

Directors: Brooke Thompson, Amy Jo Harrell
Amount: \$988
Underwriter: Virginia Society of CPAs
Description: Coffee anyone? The Brew Ha-Ha is a coffee shop run by special education students who every weekday morning serve faculty and staff. Through this project, students will continue to develop essential real-world job skills in a workplace environment.

Ocean Lakes High School

Strength in Numbers

Director: Christine Thornton
Team: Yolanda Boothe, Jennifer Grinnell, Kathy Harcourt, Cheryl Hugo, Hank Kraft, Jim Prince, Tom Wetzell, Ed Lowery, Jack Harcourt
Amount: \$1000
Description: Students will be taught that a healthy body doesn't have to come at a high cost to the wallet. With the use of inexpensive equipment, "Strength in Numbers" teaches students the life-long benefits of exercising for both the body and mind.

Plaza Middle School

HUSH (Hampton University Students Helping)

Director: Kristin W. Benderoth
Team: Dr. Adolph Brown
Amount: \$1000
Description: Hampton University students will help make the transition from childhood to adulthood smoother. They will tutor and mentor at-risk students in all subject areas, providing them with a support system for success.

Plaza Middle School

WAC is Back: Writing Across (among and through) the Curriculum

Directors: Briana Jennings, Kris Troch
Team: Debra Weller, Susie Forehand
Amount: \$993.11
Description: In this project, writing is used as a form of discovery in all content areas and struggling students are provided with daily, coordinated writing instruction. "WAC" creates a community of learners and helps eliminate gaps between diverse populations.

Princess Anne Elementary School

Jamestown Garden

Directors: Meeta Jones, Betty Tecson
Amount: \$500
Description: Old and new are merged in this hands-on project. Students will plant two gardens, one modern garden and another that teaches them how the American Indians adapted to the environment to secure food, clothing, and shelter.

Princess Anne Elementary School

Princess Anne Parents: Partners for Math Power

Director: Sandy Overcash
Amount: \$1000
Description: Parents, faculty, and staff get involved in this creative project. Everyday math games serve as a motivating method to increase student performance and provide adults with the opportunity to improve their own understanding of (and enthusiasm) for math.

Princess Anne High School

Cavalier Kiosk Coffee Shop Expansion

Director: Regina Carpenter
Team: Margaret Burton, Corey Washington
Amount: \$620
Underwriter: Virginia Society of CPAs
Description: Princess Anne helps prepare their special needs students for life after high school in this project. "Cavalier Kiosk" will teach skills needed for gainful employment through an opportunity to work in a hands-on food preparation and marketing environment.

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Princess Anne High School

Extra-Extra, Read All About It: Using Technology to Build Language and Literacy Skills in Students with Disabilities

Director: Sherree Weeks

Team: Julee Donnell, Regina Carpenter, Adrienne James, Eileen Ouellette

Amount: \$995

Underwriter: Richard Maddox

Description: Students with disabilities will produce a monthly newspaper through this curriculum that focuses on functional life skills. The newspaper will be geared toward addressing the special needs of these students, their families, and their community.

Princess Anne Middle School

Multi-Discipline Large Rocket Project

Director: A. Jeffrey Goldstein

Team: Brian Gillespie, Fritz Sheurer, Shannon George

Amount: \$905

Description: Princess Anne takes off in this imaginative project! Students will design, construct, and build a rocket. This project will enhance previously learned SOLs in science and mathematics while offering students real-world experience in those subject areas.

Providence Elementary School

Mentor and Me

Director: Sarah Muth

Amount: \$1000

Description: High school students will mentor second graders with low reading scores to help develop the competence and character of the mentee, and also teach all students involved how to build a structured and trusting relationship between two people.

Red Mill Elementary School

Give Me Readers Theater - I'll Give You Fluent Readers

Director: Kyle Williams

Amount: \$1000

Description: In "Readers Theater," puppets will be used as a catalyst for inspiring students to read for pleasure and fun. Students will improve fluency, accuracy, and expression when reading orally and learn to have fun with language.

Rosemont Forest Elementary School

Reading for REAL (Relevant, Engaging, Astounding, Lasting)

Directors: Valerie Frederick, Barbara Imrich

Team: Annette Cook, Mary Vartabedian

Amount: \$897.41

Description: Each month students who have expressed a strong interest in a particular reading selection will receive an individual copy of that collection and then meet in groups to participate in activities that will engage them further in the topic.

Salem High School

"Teenagers: Preparing for the Real World"

Director: Kim Manoso

Amount: \$236.50

Description: This 10-day project is centered around a book "Preparing for the Real World" that helps students do exactly that. The "short course" is student-run and teacher-facilitated and helps students with workplace readiness skills.

Salem Middle School

Enticing Middle School Readers With Picture Books

Director: Pam Lawrence

Team: Kerry Koelenbeck, Sandy Wainscott, Beverly Armbruster, Alex Bergren

Amount: \$1000

Description: In this innovative project, picture books will be used to introduce, teach, and promote curricular objectives. Books will build student interest in subjects while making the concepts accessible to low-level readers.

Salem Middle School

Stained Glass Geometry Sun Catchers

Director: Charleen Paxton

Team: Debby Atwood, Toni Beth Kaup, Michelle Bantolino, Gail Huber

Amount: \$1000

Description: Sixth-grade math students will apply geometric knowledge and artistic knowledge to create geometrically designed stained glass sun catchers in an effort to improve student achievement and enthusiasm for math.

Salem Middle School

SMS Parent University

Director: Kimberly Robillard

Team: Catherine Meechan, Emily Tenerowicz

Amount: \$386

Description: Parents are put to the test at "SMS Parent University." This project was created to provide a wide range of background knowledge and skills for parents to assist their children with the challenges of middle school.

Shelton Park Elementary School

"Story Sacks"

Directors: Jen Lane, Debra Kline

Team: Marcie Dean, Lola Laird, Renee Sanders, Stephanie Doris, Angie Segerblom, Lou Anne Rheins

Amount: \$900.69

Description: "Story Sacks" was created to facilitate the literacy development of first-grade students through multisensory story kits that can be used at school and checked out for use at home. The kits engage young readers and actively involve parents with literacy.

Building Futures Grants 2005-2006

Tallwood High School

Welcome to Tallwood

Director: Leslie Allman
Team: Stephanie Burr, Junius Gradney, Jack Wagaan, Peggy Bryan, Julia Oravetz, Kim Tucker, Liz Tuckerman
Amount: \$1000
Description: Tallwood students in visual language, public speaking, journalism and English will produce a DVD encompassing their high school and its surrounding community to introduce and welcome incoming freshmen to their new world.

Tallwood High School

Timber Wolves and Lions Partners in Reading, Part II

Director: Jo Ann Andrews
Team: Sherry Coates, Claudia Blake, Margaret Fletcher
Amount: \$1000
Description: This project aims to improve the reading skills of Tallwood Elementary students with one-to-one tutoring from Tallwood High's Child Care Occupations students. Both groups are expected to reap additional benefits from mutual interactions and observations.

Tallwood High School

Wolf Cubs Taking Early Steps

Director: Jo Ann Andrews
Team: Val Rowland
Amount: \$1000
Description: All families with preschoolers ages 2-5 and their caregivers in the Tallwood Elementary School zone will have the opportunity to earn intervention strategies and readiness skills that will help them prepare for their first day of school.

Tallwood High School

Arts Patrons League

Director: Lisa A. Walker
Amount: \$1000
Underwriter: Richard Maddox
Description: This project will encourage an appreciation of the fine arts among Tallwood students, parents, teachers, and the community by offering visual and performing arts events four times a year at the school and at various Hampton Roads locations.

Technical and Career Education Center

Building Future Police Officers for the Community

Director: Sidney Delepine
Amount: \$994
Underwriter: Richard Maddox
Description: Students who hope to become police officers will enhance their aspirations through materials new to the public safety curriculum that will reflect methods used by police agencies across the country. Students will role play situations in police videos.

Technical and Career Education Center

Putting to Success

Director: Andrea Tomlin
Team: Kenneth Anderson, Bob Shanks
Amount: \$1000
Description: This grant will support the construction of a miniature golf course that will be used for studies by students enrolled in the Turf Management course. Students will learn how to use equipment like reel mowers, spreaders, aerators and other tools.

Thalia Elementary School

Multi-Sensory Learning Project

Director: Melissa Forrest
Team: Myrna Maissonave
Amount: \$1000
Description: This grant will help exceptional learners acquire knowledge through linguistic, musical, logical-mathematical, visual/spatial, bodily-kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal and naturalist activities.

Thalia Elementary School

Expanding the Ability of Preschool Students with Developmental Delays to Communicate Throughout Their Day

Director: Kelly LaRue
Amount: \$990
Description: Special needs preschoolers will use a picture exchange system to include picture books that students can flip through to find pictures of desired items that will help communicate their intent with staff and decrease their level of frustration.

Thoroughgood Elementary School

Young Authors

Director: Jeanne Weaver
Amount: \$268
Description: Throughout the school year, 50 first-graders will work to develop their writing skills and produce a final draft that they will illustrate and present to their parents at a Young Authors' Party in June.

Three Oaks Elementary School

Mighty Three Oaks Writers

Director: Rhonda Rechkemmer
Amount: \$1000
Description: This project will enable fifth-graders to prepare for writing and language arts SOLs by using the Lintor publishing software and materials as the tools for writing and publishing their own books.

Bettie F. Williams Elementary School

Everyday Mathematics Family Games Take-Home Kits

Director: Tammy Stafford
Amount: \$883
Description: "Everyday Mathematics Family Games Kits" will be rotated among third-graders for them to take home and play with their families, which will allow parents to help reinforce the math skills their children gain in the classroom.