

**MAMARONECK SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
GRANT AWARDS FOR
2002-2003**

Focus: A Step Towards the Classroom of Tomorrow

All Elementary Schools

This grant brought a "Classroom of Tomorrow" to select fifth grade classes in each of the elementary schools as a pilot program, and also purchased 80 student microscopes. State-of-the-art video projection equipment allows teachers to instantly project student work or microscopic images on a monitor for all to see.

New York City Writing Project

MHS

Workshops for high school teachers focused on writing strategies to help students interact with and make sense of texts.

Opportunity Plus

Hommocks

After-school program for students at Hommocks who have recently immigrated from Central or South America. This pilot program for 40 students provided academic support, literacy development, access to computers, interaction with teachers and support professionals, help for parents in communicating with the school and their children, and a place for the students to "belong" and be productive after school.

Teacher in the Library

All Elementary & Hommocks

The Mamaroneck Public Library provided ten hours a week of professional after-school assistance for elementary and middle school students to help them understand and complete homework assignments.

Computer Workstations

MHS

This grant provided the APPLE program at Mamaroneck High School with seven workstations to allow sixteen members of the program to work together in an interdisciplinary approach to curriculum.

Keyboard Korner

Murray

18 electronic keyboards for the Murray Ave. music classroom, providing technological resources for teaching musical concepts and the creation and performance of music.

Multimedia Technology in the Science Classroom

Five large-screen projection systems for the Hommocks science department to allow the teachers to integrate multimedia in the classroom.

Tiger's Learning Lounge

MHS

This grant created the Tiger's Learning Lounge in the High School for after-school tutoring services and a supervised place for students to study.

Pottery Wheels

MHS

Fifteen pottery wheels for the High School art department's ceramics program.

Foreign Language Media Program**Hommocks**

Dubbing equipment and Califone machines enabling up to eight students at a time to listen to the same cassette tapes in foreign language classes at Hommocks. This equipment provides students, particularly those learning Chinese, with opportunities to listen to native speakers, and practice sounds and speech patterns inside and outside the classroom.

Butterfly Garden and Woodland Environment**Chatsworth**

Construction of a butterfly garden, woodland environment and an outdoor classroom at Chatsworth allowing for the enhancement of study units on growth, rocks and soil.

Commissioned Composition**Hommocks**

An original composition was commissioned for the premiere of the new Hommocks auditorium.

Applied Science and Computer Technology:

Mechanical equipment and machinery to update and integrate the old industrial arts program (shop) with the science, math and computer curriculum. In this required course students create topographical maps to apply principles learned in science, create rockets to explore dynamics of math and physics, develop fully autonomous robotic vehicles to integrate their computer science education, and utilize math and science skills to further enhance the hands-on projects they create.

Presentation by Ruby Bridges**Hommocks**

This grant brought Ruby Bridges, the first African American child to desegregate an elementary school in New Orleans in 1960, to Hommocks to speak at the inauguration of the Hommocks auditorium and to meet with the 8th grade students as part of their curriculum on the study of the civil rights movement.

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- DNA Fingerprinting in the Classroom** **MHS**
State-of-the-art equipment to study DNA “fingerprinting” and perform scientific “detective work” in the classroom.
- Family Reading Project** **Mamaroneck Ave. Pre-K**
An extension of the program initiated the previous year at the Mamaroneck Avenue Pre-K to develop pre-literacy skills for children and their families. Books and materials that foster positive parent-child interactions are provided on a regular basis for families to use at home.
- Dramatist in Residence** **Murray**
A drama consultant worked with grades 1 and 4 at Murray Ave. to train both teachers and students how to use drama as a way to further explore the curriculum.
- International Class-to-Class Web Conferencing** **MHS**
Computer equipment and software that enables tenth grade Global History students to engage in a live, ongoing dialogue with high school students in another country
- “Facing History and Ourselves” Professional Development”** **District**
Facing History and Ourselves” is a national non-profit education organization whose mission is to promote democratic citizenship through curriculum and strategies in teaching social justice for teachers, students and communities.
- Read at Home Program** **Mamaroneck Ave.**
Books, books on tapes, in English and Spanish, and tape players for kindergarten through third grade students at Mamaroneck Ave. so that they can enjoy the benefits of listening to books read aloud at home and involve parents and relatives in the reading process.
- Refurbishing of the Mamaroneck High School Free Weight Room** **MHS**
Free weights, bench presses and other equipment to add weight training to the personal fitness physical education elective.
- Fitness Equipment for Mamaroneck High School Fitness Center** **MHS**
New equipment to help students achieve a lifelong commitment towards fitness and wellness.
- Digital Video Project** **MHS**
Equipment for digital recording and editing for the Mamaroneck High School TV studios.
- Integration of MAC Technology in High School Art Classes** **MHS**
Macintosh computers, configured for graphics and designed for visual thinkers, enable students to use complex, professional art programs.
- Hispanic/Latino Literature Project** **MHS**

This grant for the High School's APPLE program was used to purchase texts, and to allow students to collaborate with Latino writers and attend a performance by a Hispanic theater group.

Central After School Enrichment Program

Central

This grant developed a formal after-school enrichment program at Central School, specifically targeting its third and fourth grade students who could benefit from increased academic and social interaction support.

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Hooked on Books **Central**

A program to provide Central second graders with select books and supplemental support to promote the routine of independent reading

Young Writers' Workshop **Central**

Hands-on workshops with writers of various backgrounds including journalists, novelists and poets.

Lincoln Center Institute **Murray**

Workshops and performances at both Lincoln Center and Murray Ave. School introduced students, teachers and parents to the offerings at the Lincoln Center Institute.

Art Appreciation **Chatsworth**

Through classes taught by professionally-trained parent volunteers, Chatsworth children of all grades learn to look at a variety of art forms in a more inquisitive way.

Student Art Magazine **MHS**

Funds will to create an annual student art magazine at the High School to showcase student artwork.

Symposia for Children and the Schools **District**

A series of symposia for teachers and parents that encouraged dialogue about basic questions and issues of education. Guest speakers addressed such topics as the Emotional Growth of Children in Schools and Multicultural Education.

Fashion Design **Hommocks and MHS**

Two state-of-the-art sewing machines and software for High School and Hommocks students interested in fashion design.

Environmental Science: Naturalists from the Local Involvement for Environment (L.I.F.E.)
All Elementary Schools

Center developed an environmental science curriculum for each of the elementary schools in the district. The programs take place on-site at each school and take advantage of each unique habitat.

Poet in Residence **Mamaroneck Ave.**

Poet Georgia Heard assisted students in kindergarten through second grade at Mamaroneck Ave. with writing and publishing original works of poetry.

Computers for Kids **Hommocks**

Eligible Hommocks students who do not have a home computer are able to borrow computers for home use that have been donated to the Foundation and fully upgraded by computer professionals.

Alpha Smarts

Hommocks

Computers used for word processing, research and writing lessons in Hommocks English and Social Studies classes.

Family Reading Project

Mamaroneck Ave. Pre-K

Children and families at Mamaroneck Avenue's Pre-K general and special education programs received a weekly packet of books and materials and teacher home visits to help encourage reading and develop pre-literacy skills.

Learning to Look: Integrating Reading, Writing and the Arts

Central and Mamaroneck Ave.

Through museum visits, classroom experiences and visits by an artist and author-in-residence, second graders at Central and Mamaroneck Ave. Schools learned to look at art with an emphasis on developing visual literacy and strengthening reading and writing skills.

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1999-2000**

Technologically Enhanced Curriculum

Chatsworth and Mamaroneck Ave.

The Foundation partnered with the district to create two fully-computerized classrooms at Chatsworth and Mamaroneck Ave.

Probing Science – Computers

Purchased computers, probe packages and sophisticated software to enable students to collect, manipulate and analyze data more efficiently.

Anti-Defamation League World of Difference Program

Central

Composer in Residence

MHS

David Fetheroff was commissioned to compose an original musical work performed by Mamaroneck High School students.

Science Curriculum - Outdoor Education

A series of workshops led by a professional science educator was offered to district parents, LIFE naturalists and teachers.

Deepening the Writing Experience - A Collaborative with Teacher's College

Murray

Murray Ave. teachers received training to improve teaching techniques in writing.

Artists and Writer's Workshop

Central

In a series of seven workshops with writer Emily Hanlon, teachers at Central School strengthened their writing and teaching skills.

Poetry with Andy Green

Murray

Poet helped expose 2nd and 3rd graders at Murray Ave. to the joys of writing poetry.

Partners in Writing

Mamaroneck Ave.

Three published writers-in-residence at Mamaroneck Ave. School assisted 3rd, 4th and 5th graders with writing skills.

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1998-1999**

School Libraries Enhancement of interactive technologies	District
Drew Lamm Author in residence at Central School	Central
Teacher's Aid Training	Chatsworth and Murray
Building Instrumental Music Education within our Minority Community Giving minority students supervised instrumental practice with music instructors and student mentors.	District
Identities: A Collaborative between Central School and the Whitney Museum An eight-session program featuring student visits to the Museum and culminating in a special exhibition of students' work.	Central
Lunchtime Chess Lunchtime Chess brought the successful "Chat Chess" program to Murray and Mamaroneck Avenue Schools	Mamaroneck Ave. and Murray
Life Skills Training Program This grant incorporated a drug prevention component to the popular sixth grade "rap group" program run by the Larchmont/Mamaroneck Community Counseling Center.	District
Mamaroneck High School and Community Fitness Center Strength-training equipment	MHS

**MAMARONECK SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
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1997-1998**

Hommocks School Planetarium
New optical equipment

Hommocks

SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity)
anti-bias training for teachers

District

E PLURIBUS: Promoting Diversity Awareness

Mamaroneck Avenue

Missoula Theater Arts program

Central and Murray Avenue

Lunchtime Chess Program

Chatsworth

Oral Histories Project
Purchase of tape recording equipment

District