

**MAMARONECK SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
GRANT AWARDS FOR
2005-2006**

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

MHS Student Cafe

MHS

Mamaroneck High School Student Café The new student café, set to open this fall, will receive high-tech equipment to turn the café into a hub of student communications, with an after-hours coffeehouse/performance space, and meeting venue.

Reinvention of the Hommocks Commons

Hommocks

The Hommocks Commons will be remodeled into an inviting environment with comfortable seating with carpeting for small meetings and theatre in the round, a museum wall, message board, kiosk/storefront, and a large-screen TV to display videos of students' musical performances.

TECHNOLOGY

Writing on the Wall

Mamaroneck Avenue

This new technology allows a document, whether a student's work, printed material or a computer site, held under a document camera, to be projected onto a screen or wall and instantly shared with the entire classroom. This equipment will be used by the fourth and fifth grades, as well as the resource room and self-contained classrooms at Mamaroneck Avenue School.

Third Grade Integrated Technology Project

Chatsworth

This same technology will be used to enhance the teaching of writing and math in the third grade at Chatsworth Avenue.

Multimedia Learning Cart

Central

The document camera, projector, laptop and screen will be placed on a mobile cart, for use by all the classrooms at Central School.

Technology for the Science Department

Hommocks

New equipment for the Hommocks science classrooms includes LCD projectors, ELMO digital visual presenters, GYRO remote wireless presenters and laptop computers.

College Information Center Enhancement

MHS

The MHS Counseling Department has recently purchased a state-of-the-art computer-based college search program called Naviance. This grant for five new computers and a printer for the new-and-improved College Information Center will help enhance the college search process for students and guidance counselors.

Creating SMART English Classrooms

SMART boards connect “blackboards” to the classroom computer to allow work viewed on the boards to be saved, manipulated and shared through the classroom computer. Previously used in science classes, these SMART boards will be used in high school English classes to teach areas as diverse as essay writing and grammar.

Reaching Each Student to Teach Each Student**Hommocks**

Team 4 at the Hommocks Middle School has also been awarded a grant to purchase a SMART Board, digital projector, and laptop computer.

Digital Literacy and Collaboration**Hommocks**

This Hommocks grant will be used to incorporate the use of technology in the English and Social Studies classrooms to enhance the learning of public speaking skills.

Building Inclusion with Danas**Murray**

Five Dana handheld computers for use by the resource room at Murray Avenue School for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be used for note taking and writing by students whose physical and perceptual difficulties limit their ability to write extensively by hand.

LITERACY**Author in Residence****All Elementary Schools**

All Elementary: Patricia Polacco, Author in Residence Patricia Polacco, distinguished author of many books for young readers, will visit all four elementary schools to talk about her experiences of growing up with a learning disability as well as issues of teasing and bullying, along with an evening presentation for parents.

Bilingual Family Mornings at the Library

An ESL teacher will facilitate monthly meetings at the Mamaroneck Library to bring parents and children ages 4 ½ to 7 together to read and talk about a selected bilingual book. The library will receive 180 bilingual books and the participating families will receive a book at the first and last sessions. This program is the recipient of the Barbara Bennett Rones Memorial Endowment grant.

Empowering Students Through Poetry**Chatsworth**

This grant will provide a wireless PA system, Califone Listening Center, dictation software and CD-roms to enhance the fifth grade poetry curriculum at Chatsworth, which includes a Poetry Slam, Poet’s Café, and a Poetry Center.

Electronic Spellers**Murray**

Young writers in grades 3 -5 at Murray Ave. will continue to be taught how to use dictionaries competently, but with electronic spellers in the classroom, will have an added tool to alleviate some of the frustrations children experience during the writing process.

SCIENCE

Upgrading the Advanced Biology Laboratory

MHS

This grant will purchase a variety of equipment such as an incubator, a centrifuge, spectrophotometers, and biology kits for the Advanced Placement Biology course.

Science Olympiad

Hommocks

This grant will provide equipment, materials and resources for the Hommocks Science Olympiad club.

ENRICHMENT

Building Bridges – Breaking Barriers

MHS

This follow-up to “Understanding Handicaps” is designed to develop awareness, sensitivity and respect for all individuals, including the disabled, across all the schools. It includes specialized resources at the school libraries, programs to increase community awareness, a collection of instructional resources for the Teacher Institute, and training for 20 Mamaroneck High School students to act as volunteer coaches for the High School Special Olympics Team.

Anti-Bullying

Hommocks

This grant will broaden a program that Hommocks school began earlier this year, with funding to start the Hommocks Players, an 8th grade performance group that will be established to carry the anti-bullying message to students in the school.

Conflict Resolution

Murray

This grant will fund the Creative Response To Conflict (CRC) to train a group of Murray Avenue administrators, teachers and parents as facilitators to promote communication, community and constructive conflict resolution.

Kinder Café Carts

Central

Carts stocked with cooking equipment at Central School will support cooking in the kindergarten curriculum, which helps teach science, math and literacy in an engaging way.

Traveling Treasure Chests

Six themed trunks will be filled with authentic cultural and historic artifacts for each grade to enhance the social studies curriculum with learning that is literally hands-on at Chatsworth.

Talking Trunks

Mamaroneck Avenue

Mamaroneck Avenue kindergartens will fill trunks with theme-based materials, from community to construction, designed to elicit and broaden language development.

PERFORMING ARTS

Shakespeare’s Women

Hommocks

In this new after-school program, girls in 8th - 10th grades from diverse backgrounds will study scenes and monologues that involve female characters, and put on a performance, to increase self-awareness and self-esteem.

Raising Voices

Mamaroneck Avenue

A Mamaroneck Avenue Performing Artists program with an after-school curriculum and mentoring in voice and percussion.

PACE Wheelchairs

PACE-MHS

Two manual wheelchairs, specifically modified for dancing, will be provided for the PACE program at the high school.

ATHLETICS

Peak Athletic Performance Prep

MHS

Every Mamaroneck High School student athlete will be able to participate in F.A.S.S.T., a training program that helps athletes develop the agility, speed and strength they need to withstand a grueling sports season and help prevent injuries.

Traverse Climbing Wall for

Mamaroneck Avenue

A climbing wall in the gym.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education College Resource Center

MHS

A new section within the College Information Center will assist the more than 200 of our high school students with special needs with targeted information about colleges and vocational programs.

The CLASS Project

Hommocks/MHS

Kurzweil software and equipment for Hommocks, the High School, and a fifth grade pilot program offers sophisticated reading, research and studying aids for children who need special assistance in these areas.

Pathways to College

MHS

Easing the Transition for Special Learners This program is designed to assist a group of college-bound special learners in navigating the college admissions process and preparing for college.

STRIVE

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This grant continues the development of the special education house plan at Mamaroneck High School with quarterly trips to cultural events.

VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY

MHS

APPLE Integrated Film Program Mac computers with video editing software and camcorders will be used to integrate a pilot video program into the APPLE curriculum.

TV/Video Digital Arts

MHS

Two video/film editing stations for the Digital Arts program at Mamaroneck High School.

Training And Staff Development

This special grant, funded by an anonymous donor, will support continuing professional development for district teachers and administrators.