

Comal Public School Foundation Winning Grants Spring 2005

Achieving Exemplary Status through Multimedia Interactive Learning Systems – Canyon Intermediate School

\$5,000 to Dana MacRoberts, Vanessa Brown, Sue McInnis, Carmen Pletcher, and Mishaleen Allen

A UnitedHealthcare Innovative Teaching Grant

Data-driven instruction through the Quizdom Interactive Learning System will allow students to respond on individual remote controls so teachers can determine if students are learning the material.

Watch that Water, Please – Canyon Middle School

\$4,500 to Judy Lee, Ronald Rychel, Forde Andersen, Linda Dreibrodt, Sheri Luckemeyer, Dawn Mizell, Laurel Schumacher, and Richard Strachan

A Bartlett Cocke General Contractors Innovative Teaching Grant

Students will study the Guadalupe River Valley watershed by testing water quality and submitting results to Texas Watch at Texas State University at San Marcos.

Targeting the Tools for Science Success – Comal Elementary

\$4,651.90 to Mary Kay Covington, Joni Coker, Moni Arnold, Jan Sitta, Angie Blaylock, and Karen Whiteman

A Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze & Aldridge Innovative Teaching Grant

This school-wide collaboration will improve student achievement in science. It will allow the school to update scientific tools, equipment, and materials.

Entomology Garden – Comal Leadership Institute

\$2,548 to Russ Ansley and Jerry Kersey

A Joeris General Contractors Innovative Teaching Grant

This real-world eco-laboratory, using science, technology and English will extend the school's community outreach efforts to individuals and civic groups offering long-lasting mentor relationships. Students will visit Northwest Vista College, be paired with a college mentor, and spend a day learning digital imagery.

Hoffmann Hands-On! Interactive Outdoor Learning Center – Hoffmann Lane Elementary

\$4,100 to Susan Curtis, Janalyn Moos, Melanie Stelter, and Carla Shipley

A HEB Tournament of Champions Innovative Teaching Grant

This project will set up permanent improvements on campus for ongoing learning stations in science.

Science through Technology – Hoffmann Lane Elementary

\$1,591.18 to Karen Lackey, Rosie McConaghy, and Robin Toepperwein

First-graders will learn science through reading, writing, and technology with the help of Sunburst Learn About Science software. They will learn more about animals, plants, astronomy, the human body, the senses, weather, and much more.

Mountain Valley Post Office – Mt. Valley School

\$754 to Margaret Hamilton

The post office will provide students an opportunity to write letters to any student or staff member. Parents will be able to send notes to their children on special days. Students will manage the post office by applying for jobs, taking the postal exam, and interviewing for positions.

Music Department Digital Piano Lab – Smithson Valley High School

\$5,000 to Perry Dean, Paul Dixon, Jeff Lightsey, Gwen Gabriel, and Kristen Bowersox

A Guadalupe Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Innovative Teaching Grant

Ten to 15 digital piano units will enhance the music program. Digital pianos are musical computers and can be connected to utilize technology in the classroom while incorporating history and geography, math, and basic math skills.

Synergistic Lab – Smithson Valley Middle

\$5,000 to John Pursch, Pat Rogers, and Robert Loop

A Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Innovative Teaching Grant

Students will learn about the development of rocketry and the U.S. space program. They will construct and launch a model rocket as a means of applying the scientific concepts they learn.

Beyond Baking Soda and Vinegar: Making Science Real for Younger Students – Specht Elementary School

\$991.19 to Denise Nipper

Science will be meaningful and memorable through exciting experiments. Supplies will be bought through this grant. The hands-on lessons will allow students to see, feel, and create real science.

Bridging the Gap: Traditional Fine Art Photography in a Digital Age – Spring Branch Middle School

\$4,987.31 to Thomas Rogers, Dr. Erik Nielsen, Wendall Lyons, Belinda Maddox, Cindy Hubbard, Sue Tuttle, Troy Mann, Faylynn McMahan

A PBK Architects Innovative Teaching Grant

Students will use an onsite lab to learn photographic techniques, create traditional photographs, establish a digital portfolio, display their work, and sell their art in the community. A summer workshop on digital photographic arts is included.