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SUPERINTENDENT

To: Dr. George Entwistle 3<sup>rd</sup>, Superintendent of Schools

From: Lynne Doblin, Senior Vice President 

Subject: Learning Excellence Grant Awards, Cycle 1

The Foundation for Belmont Education is pleased to announce and summarize the awards granted to date for Cycle 1 of the 2010-2011 academic year. We are grateful for both the continued interest of teachers and administrators in the Learning Excellence Grants Program, and for the great care taken in the preparation of applications for these awards. Both the number and quality of grant requests submitted in this cycle were especially high. For the first cycle, 16 Learning Excellence grants, totaling \$39,115, are hereby awarded.

Including these grants, the Foundation has awarded, since 1993, over 450 grants totaling almost \$2,000,000! You and your administrative and teaching colleagues have our gratitude for your stewardship of these funds. It is the Foundation for Belmont Education's pleasure to provide this well-deserved support to the Belmont Public Schools. We look forward to making many more grants to our schools in the coming years.

cc: Ms. Janice Darias, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Ms. Ann Rittenburg, Chair, Belmont School Committee  
Ms. Janet Carey, Principal, Winn Brook Elementary School  
Ms. Christine Francis, Principal, Burbank Elementary School  
Mr. Mike McAllister, Principal, Butler Elementary School  
Ms. Amy Wagner, Principal, Wellington Elementary School  
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Mr. Michael Harvey, Principal, Belmont High School  
Mr. James Davis, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, and Student Activities  
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Mr. William Pappazisis, Director of Fine and Performing Arts  
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Attachment

**Foundation for Belmont Education**  
**Cycle 1 - Learning Excellence Grants**  
*Approved November 15, 2010*

Applicant & School	Project Description	Approved
Mary Dominguez, All Elementary	<b>"Updating Elementary Science Teachers Guides,"</b> to purchase updated teacher's guides for two science units: The Senses in Grade K and Experiments with Plants in grade 4, for use at all elementary schools	\$4,785
Karen Duff, Chenery Middle	<b>"Chenery Author Series,"</b> to bring three authors to Chenery Middle School to instruct 5th and 6th grade students in writing and the creative process and to purchase related books and materials	\$5,000
Jean Griot-Cross, Winn Brook	<b>"Watershed Stewards - Turtle Project,"</b> to bring to the Winn Brook Elementary School experts from the Massachusetts Audubon Society to consult with teachers and provide workshops for students in grades 2 and 3, and to purchase curriculum materials and supplies as related to the "Watershed Stewards Turtle Project"	\$2,305
Marc Lefebvre, Belmont High	<b>"Physical Computing Platform,"</b> to purchase a physical computing platform for the Computer Aided Design and Electronics class at Belmont High School	\$3,578
Andy MacAulay, Dorothy Pulizzi, Chenery Middle	<b>"Techsploration Simple Machines Demonstration and Class Workshops,"</b> to provide workshops by Techsploration on the topic of simple machines for grade 5 students at the Chenery Middle School	\$3,100
Jessica Hackney, Devin Mailloux, Wellington	<b>"Alpha Smart NEO Portable Computer Grant,"</b> to purchase 20 AlphaSmart portable computers for use in grade 3 classrooms at the Wellington School	\$4,080
Samantha McFeters, Jess Hackney, Wellington	<b>"6 + 1 Materials,"</b> to purchase mentor texts associated with the 6+1 Traits Writing Program for use in 3rd and 4th grade classrooms at the Wellington School	\$2,600
Nicole Pond, Burbank	<b>"The Eric Carle Museum Comes to Belmont,"</b> to bring educators from the Eric Carle Museum to the Burbank School for workshops that link literacy and the arts for students grades K-4	\$2,250
Lindsey Rinder, System-wide	<b>"Reading Fluency Intervention Program,"</b> to purchase materials for intervention in reading fluency for each elementary school for use in grades 2 and 3	\$4,715
Patty Soliozy, All Elementary	<b>"Using Origo "Think Tank" Activity Cards to Develop Number Sense &amp; Problem Solving Skills,"</b> to purchase sets of "Think Tank" activity cards for 3rd and 4th grade classrooms across the system to develop number sense and problem solving skills in math	\$1,500
Chris Brindley, Belmont High	<b>"Designing for the Stage,"</b> to bring in a consultant to train BHS students in the fundamentals of lighting design for the stage	\$1,000

Marguerite Hamilton, System-wide	<b>"Preschool Literacy Program,"</b> to enhance literacy among preschoolers at the Belmont Public School Preschool by purchasing books, CDs and listening center equipment related to phonemic awareness in young children	\$999
Gwen Irish, Wellington	<b>"Brian Lies - Author/Illustrator Visit,"</b> to bring author and illustrator Brian Lies to the Wellington School for presentations to second grade students	\$1,000
Denise LaPolla, System-wide	<b>"Teach Like A Champion" Mentor Program,"</b> to purchase copies of "Teach Like a Champion" for use in mentoring new teachers	\$900
Michael McAllister, Butler	<b>"Mobile Dry Erase Board for Music,"</b> to purchase a mobile dry erase board with music staves for use in teaching general music classes in the Butler cafetorium, where more students can be accommodated	\$473
Rosanne Mili, Butler	<b>"Music from the King's Court: Exploring the Early Winds,"</b> to bring an outside expert on early wind instruments to the Butler School for an interactive presentation for students in grades 3 and 4	\$830
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