

**The Aransas County ISD Education Foundation
GRANTS AWARDED Spring 2021**

Live Oak Learning Center

Shine the Light on Reading and Writing **\$6,300.00**

Presented to: Darla Perez

Grant funds will purchase document cameras for first and second grade classrooms. These media tools will enhance all students' learning in math, reading and writing. Adding the versatility of the document camera enhances classroom instruction and improves communication skills for both teachers and students.

Watch Us Bloom Motor Sensory Pathways **\$4,100.00**

Presented to Marcia Green

Grant funds will provide motor sensory pathways on the sidewalks outside the buildings, cafeteria, and Discovery Den. This will give students the opportunity to demonstrate coordination, balance, and use a sequence of movement. Learning directly relates to mobility and motor skills, and these pathways will help students develop executive function skills and reading proficiency skills.

Science Rocks! **\$4,500.00**

Presented to Susan Schneider and Darcy Frye

Grant funds will provide students with a nine-week, in-depth study of rocks and minerals through the process of scientific investigation and design. Students will identify, explore, investigate, classify, compare and contrast rock samples and design a rock garden for the Live Oak campus.

Fulton Learning Center

Picture Me **\$2,500.00**

Presented to Martha McLeod

Grant funds will enhance the current birding program by adding in the element of photography. Students will take turns using 2 digital cameras and will select a year-end picture to have printed onto canvas, culminating in a "gallery show" open to the public. People can purchase pictures from the team, which will generate funding for the following year.

Aquatic Visits to the Texas State Aquarium

Presented to Amber Gips

\$8,000.00

Grant funds will enable 5th grade students to observe and analyze external characteristics of several species of marine animals that are native to our local bays, estuaries, and the Gulf of Mexico. Students will encounter more than 460 species of animals and will benefit by seeing firsthand many of the organisms that share our ecosystems. This experience will help students learn the importance of environmental stewardship.

Rockport-Fulton Middle School

Visions and V.A.S.E **\$1,000.00**

Presented to Susan Travis

Grant funds will enable middle school art students to strive and aim for an outcome beyond grades or a local exhibition on camps by participating in the Jr. V.A.S.E. competition. This experience will recognize and reinforce their success as artists and be a natural transition into high school art.

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Journey Through the Body **\$2,400.00**

Presented to Tanya Waddell

Grant funds will provide students with opportunities to learn about the levels of organization in living systems. They will be able to look at cells and tissue through a digital microscope, and on a larger scale, print out organs using the 3D printer. They can then put the organs together to form an organ system and discover how the skeleton supports all of those organs.

Body Systems **\$2,400.00**

Presented to John Johnson

Grant funds will purchase dissection kits and supplies for students in the middle school to have an in-depth look at various body systems in an educational, hands-on experience.

Rhythm Bee for the Band **\$1,450.00**

Presented to Robert Cappa

Grant funds will purchase a projector and a program called Rhythm Bee to assist students in their ability to read and understand rhythms. The visual representation of rhythms will enable students to relate to the music they are reading and better understand how the rhythms work and interact with each other.

Collaborative Learning in Math **\$2,000.00**

Presented to Melissa Pena

Grant funds will purchase Markerboard desks for 7th grade classrooms. These desks will allow students to work collaboratively in math to gain a deeper understanding of the subject area. Students can work together to analyze math problems, work on remediation, and create mathematical models.

Rockport-Fulton High School

MAXA **\$2,500.59**

Presented to Jed Wilshire

Funded by Paul and Pat Lippke endowed funds

This grant supports the Math and Science Academy robotics programs.

2021 Music Grant **\$2,500.00**

Presented to Naomi Zamora

Funded by the Coastal Bend Community Foundation

This grant provides funds to purchase the necessary music for the 2021 Holiday Symphony by the Sea concert and other materials requisite to all choir music classes.

Piper **\$3,175.00**

Presented to Jed Wilshire

Grant funds will provide MAXA students with a Piper Computer Kit, which teaches form, construction, electronics, wiring, computer programming, and problem solving.

Leaders Dress for Success **\$7,500.00**

Presented to LTCMDR Luis Sanchez

Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment and clothing items necessary for NJROTC students to compete in a professional atmosphere and develop the leadership skills they need to succeed in school and in life.

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Equip for Success **\$1,500.00**

Presented to Mike Vicencio

Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment that will provide all students with opportunities to be more creative and innovative in the ways they prepare and present foods.

Life Skills **\$850.00**

Presented to Jonathan Masch

Grant funds will purchase equipment to enable Life Skills students to grow, harvest, and prepare their own vegetables and to learn how to keep an apartment neat and tidy.

Funding for School-wide Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports **\$4,000.00**

Presented to Mike Norris

Grant funds will provide proactive and effective behavioral support for students to improve school culture and student behavior and promote a safe environment for learning.

Books for Mrs. Buck **\$1,550.00**

Presented to Emma Buck

Grant funds will purchase books from a variety of genres to create literature circles in reading. Through class and self-selected works, students will explore texts that interest them, learn critical thinking and cognitive skills, and learn how to look at opposing world views.

Ocean Acidification **\$1,000.00**

Presented to Melissa Trangmar

Grant funds will provide students with an opportunity to experience a floating classroom and learn how PH affects the biotic and abiotic world around them.

Upgrade Mouthpieces **\$4,625.00**

Presented to Ryan Thornberry

Grant funds will purchase mouthpieces for a variety of school instruments that students who are unable to purchase their own instruments can check out and learn to play.

Bass Boost for the Field **\$2,500.00**

Presented to Ryan Thornberry

Grant funds will purchase a new 2000W generator and an 88 key keyboard to replace the ones lost during Hurricane Harvey. Adding bass support will help the instruments on the field sound fuller and add confidence to the musicians.