



June 2004 Grant Awards

In May 2004 the Canton Alliance for Public Education (CAPE) solicited grant applications from teachers, administrators and other staff of the Canton Public Schools. Nineteen applications were submitted requesting a total of over \$25,000. The CAPE Grant Committee reviewed all the applications and based on the available resources recommended six grants for funding. The CAPE Board approved the recommendations. All projects will be completed by the end of the 2004-2005 academic year.

Project Name: **Family Literacy Nights at the Luce**
School: **Luce Elementary**
Applicant(s): **Katherine Novick (novickk@cantonma.org)**

This project will provide evening workshops for parents of PreK – Grade 2 students highlighting reading strategies that promote literacy and helping parents to foster a love of reading in their children. By modeling reading strategies that foster a love of reading parents will be able to work closely with their child to enhance and strengthen reading readiness skills.

Kim Willett a Kindergarten teacher at the Luce, Holly Berkowitz Grade 1 teacher and Maura Hershman a Grade 2 teacher will assist Katherine Novick in presenting the workshops. Two workshops will be conducted. One was held on Oct. 27th 7:00-8:00 and the other will be held Nov. 2nd 2:15-3:15.

Project Name: **Students and Teachers Advocating Respect and Tolerance**
School: **Canton High School**
Applicant(s): **Kathleen Osbourne**

Students and Teachers Advocating Respect and Tolerance (START) is designed to train and support a targeted group of high school students who will speak to younger students throughout the school system about issues such as anger management, harassment and bullying. This project will include a diverse group of high school students and will provide an opportunity for these students to develop public speaking and leadership skills while helping younger student to deal with challenging social issues.

Project Name: **Listening Centers**
School: **Hansen Elementary**
Applicant(s): **Lori Mooney, Elizabeth Power, Kathleen Welch, Mary Cawley**

This grant will fund the establishment of two listening centers, each serving two 5th grade classrooms. The listening centers will enhance the guided reading approach currently being used in the Canton Public Schools. They will allow students to engage in literature through differentiated instruction and will create an atmosphere where students can interact with many forms of language and literature via books on tape.

Project Name: **Extreme Reading Club**
School: **Galvin Middle School**
Applicant(s): **Marilyn Capone, Patricia McCarville, Linda Murphy**

This grant will support an after school reading club for 30 students that focuses on award winning books and quality literature. It will create a safe and comfortable environment for students to discover young adult literature and their connections to it. This program will be an opportunity for learning and fun. At the same time it will compliment the existing classroom programs and will relate directly to the state frameworks in English Language Arts.

Program milestones are: 1) to have approximately 30 students as club members, 2) to complete approximately 20-26 sessions, and 3) to read at least 5 books

The program started mid-October, with a second sign-up mid January. They will allow three weeks for book reading and 2-3 sessions for discussions/activities. The book selections are: STARGIRL by Jerry Spinelli and THE MISFITS by James Howe (new purchase). About 20 members attended last week, with some additional sign-ups since then. Meetings are held on Wednesday at the GMS library from 2:15-3:30. Photo opportunities may occur during weekly club meetings and/or special events, such as a speaker or author's visit.

Project Name: **Math Games Club**
School: **Kennedy Elementary**
Applicant(s): **Jayne Moore**

The Math Games Club is an after school enrichment program for third grade students. Games are an integral part of the Everyday Math program. This enrichment program will provide children the opportunity to play games that offer extra practice with pertinent math skills, strengthening the foundation for more complex math concepts and problem solving within the classroom. Support from this grant will make it possible to include a larger number of students in the club and will support the training and supervision of volunteers to assist with the club.

Project Name: **Technical Theatre Training**
School: **Canton High School**
Applicant(s): **Libby Allison**

The newly refurbished auditorium at Canton High School will have new lighting and sound equipment. In addition there are new fire and safety regulations that must be implemented. This grant will fund a workshop for up to 30 people to provide the training needed to insure that the new equipment is used safely, effectively and that equipment is treated with the necessary care to insure long lasting use. Once the training is complete there will be a pool of individuals who will be able to provide effective, creative and safe lighting and sound services. While this project is based at Canton High School is will have a positive impact on all the schools and community groups that use the auditorium.