



CAPE Grant News

In April 2007 the Canton Alliance for Public Education (CAPE) solicited grant applications from teachers, administrators and other staff of the Canton Public Schools. The CAPE Grant Committee reviewed the applications and approved four grants for funding, totalling \$7,500.

Time Passages: A Walk Through Canton's Past – For the past two years the Canton Junior/Senior Division Community Problem Solving Team has been working to create a historic trail for Canton's citizens and a textbook to satisfy the local history requirement for third grade students under the Massachusetts Frameworks. This grant will fund the printing of the third grade textbook and the teacher's edition.

Science in a Box – The grant will fund science kits in three fifth grade classrooms at the Luce School. Students will take a different kit home each week, providing them the opportunity to participate in hands-on investigation. All the concepts that appear on the fifth grade Science and Technology MCAS will be covered through this program of science inquiry.

Exploring Inuit Culture and Canada – Through this grant the fourth grade at the Luce will expand the social studies curriculum. The Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks require fourth grade students to learn about at least two Native American tribes. This grant will provide funds to purchase materials for a multimedia unit of instruction that will teach students about the Native People of the Arctic, Canada and Nunavut, the newest territory of Canada.

Technology and the Writing Process: Collaborative Writing through "Writing Buddies" – This project will create a first and fifth grade writing buddies program to build upon the teaching of the writing process that takes place in individual classrooms. The program will use technology to enliven instructions, provide students with immediate feedback and support social collaboration, enhancing the development of writing skills.

Save the Dates!

Friday, January 25, 2008 – Spelling Bee! Children in grades 3 through 12 compete in teams against their peers in other elementary schools and against other grades in the middle and high school to come out on top. We also need *you* to dust off your dictionaries and pay attention to spell check because we are looking for adult teams to compete. So gather your friends and put together a team of five for a fun night for the whole family.

Friday, March 7, 2008 – Celebration! Join us for a night of dinner and dancing at Brookmeadow Country Club, our most important annual fundraising event. Put aside the winter blues, and come out to dinner with your friends. You'll have the chance to bid on our silent and live auction items. So start putting your table of ten friends together to support our schools.

Please help us support creativity and innovation in the Canton Public Schools!

Yes, I would like to support the initiatives of Canton Alliance for Public Education (CAPE).

- Enclosed is my tax deductible \$10 membership dues for the 2007/08 academic year.
- I am making an additional tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____ .
(If you want a receipt for your donation, please check here and include e-mail address below).

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city _____ state _____ zip _____

telephone _____ e-mail _____

school affiliation (check any that apply): Hansen Kennedy Luce GMS CHS Other

- I would like to help with a small volunteer task. Feel free to contact me.
- I would like to take an active roll in CAPE, either on the board or as a project coordinator.

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