

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **TEACH FOUNDATION AWARDS ALMOST \$7,500 IN MINI-GRANTS TO AREA SCHOOLS TO ENRICH CURRICULUM**

San Luis Obispo - - - The Endowment for the Advancement of Children (TEACH) today announced that it has granted almost \$7,500 to eight area schools as part of its long term efforts to foster excellence and support special classroom projects and materials. The grants were announced Tuesday night at the San Luis Coastal Unified School District (SLCUSD) trustees meeting.

"This is the first grant cycle where we have had such an overwhelming application pool for grants," said TEACH President, David Cryden. "It speaks volumes to the community to the need for these grants. We had 34 applications and were only able to fund 12."

The grants are awarded in the following areas: the arts, music, drama, physical education, social science, reading, literacy, language arts, math, science, student health services, youth activities and community service.

Winter individual grants were awarded to:

- San Luis Obispo High School, \$750 for Jody Evans' Ag Business project, "SLOHS Floral Shop";
- Monarch Grove Elementary School, \$750 for the 3rd grade "Chumash Early CA Native Plant Garden";
- Morro Bay High School, \$750 for Faylia Chapman's science classes "Froguts Virtual Dissection Software";
- Baywood Elementary School, \$739 for the kindergarten's physical education project, "Sensory Motor Skills Project";
- Del Mar Elementary School, \$723 for Edward Reed's "Del Mar Weather Station";
- San Luis Obispo High School, \$710 for Marlene Mendes 9th grade PE Class, "Girl Assertiveness and Self Defense Training";
- Del Mar Elementary School, \$606 and \$416 for Vicki Furnis-Lawrence and Kate Bauer's, "Fifth Grade Science Curriculum Equipment";
- Monarch Grove Elementary School, \$555 for Gayle Goodman's 5th grade dramatic arts program, "Fun and Learning with Melodrama";
- Laguna Junior High School, \$500 for W. Whittman's 7th grade class "Know Thyself Through Literature";
- CL Smith Elementary School, \$500 for Lynnly Sainsbury's 4-5 class for "Drama Curriculum Enhancement";
- Hawthorne Elementary School, \$500 for "Library Books to Enhance Reading Program".

TEACH will be televising it's fourth annual TEACH Telethon March 6th in effort to continue funding for its long term endowment. Donation large and small can be made during the 12 hour telethon or by mailing donations to: The San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation FBO: TEACH, PO Box 1580, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406. For further information, to donate, or volunteer call 805/549-6454.

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