

New Grant Initiatives for 2008/2009:

Technology

Technology Integration: New Frontiers in Existing Curriculum funds the creation of a summer institute for faculty designed to optimize the use of our existing technology to enhance and extend our current curriculum. Faculty chosen to participate will explore the use of curriculum-based podcasts, blogs, webquests, interactive whiteboards and other state-of-the-art online resources to enrich student instruction. (Cindy Matthes, Instructional Technology Specialist).



Manipulate Math funds access to the National Library of Virtual Manipulatives web-based curriculum for grades K-3. The NLVM web-site is a highly regarded resource for establishing deeper math comprehension through interactive modeling and helping students who have difficulty conceptualizing topics such as fractions, base ten blocks, number line bars, etc. (Claire Groden/Lisah Rhodes, Faculty)

Technology Integration in the Arts funds the purchase of an Adobe Photoshop site license for use in the Grades 6-8 arts curriculum, establishing a consistent set of software tools across the district. (Edy McAndrews, Faculty)

Performing Arts

Lights, Camera, SOUND! provides for the purchase of eight wireless headset microphones with receivers. These microphones will be used by students participating in musical theater productions as well as instrumental performances to greatly improve the acoustic quality within our auditoriums. (Howard Worona/Kristin Hall/Ray Aucoin, Faculty)

“Be Somebody” brings in portrait artist Rob Surette for a fascinating and fast-paced multi-media performance for grades K-8. Noted as the world’s fastest portrait artist, Mr. Surette weaves together themes of respect, creativity, compassion and making a difference while creating life-size images of Einstein, Beethoven, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, Jr., and others. (Donna Lubin, Art Specialist)

Science & Engineering

School Science Fair/Science Share provides funding to support an expanded Science Fair for grades 5-8 and enhance the current Science Share for grades K-4. Specifically, this grant funds faculty planning and development time as well as the purchase of necessary physical materials such as presentation boards and tables. (Sharon Hobbs/Steve McKenna, Principals)



LEGO Engineering with NXT expands the current LEGO program with the purchase of the new LEGO NXT materials for use in one 3rd grade classroom. This pilot program will determine the feasibility of a roll-out to the entire Lincoln 3rd grade. (Terry Green, Faculty)

Foreign Language

New Spanish Language Curriculum funds the development of grade-specific learning guidelines, lesson plans and student assessment tools to support the launch of a new Foreign Language Elementary Spanish (FLES) curriculum for Grades 4 and 5. The new FLES program will establish Spanish as part of the core curriculum, offering approximately

300 students more frequent Spanish language instruction during the week. (Karena Hansen, Content Specialist - World Languages)

Reading, Writing and Literacy

Expanded Reading Curriculum - Grade 4 augments the current guided reading literacy program with the development of five new study units for Grade 4. These units will incorporate leveled books, comprehension activities, vocabulary development, response journal prompts and discussion guidelines. (Sarah Wood, Faculty)

EMPOWER: A Strategy for Teaching Expository Writing funds the training of five 4th and 5th grade faculty in the EMPOWER method in order to improve students' abilities in essay and open response assignments and to achieve more consistency in instructional practices across the grades. (Asya Shestopal, Special Education Liason)

We Both Read and Understand: Strategies to Improve Your Child's Vocabulary and Comprehension funds the purchase of interactive reading materials specifically designed for parents and children to read together (grades K-3). Additionally, this grant funds the development of a parent workshop demonstrating how to use these materials to improve your child's fluency and understanding. (Brenda Hedden, Reading Specialist)



Special Programs

Read All About It! supports the development and production of a student-run Lincoln School newspaper focusing on Grades 7 and 8. The newspaper will be distributed to all middle school families and will cover academic achievements, athletics, and the arts while also touching on local, national and international topics. (Keith Johnson, Faculty)

Marching with the Minute Men provides financial support for 3rd, 5th and 8th grade Revolutionary War history programs developed by the Lincoln Minute Men in collaboration with Lincoln School faculty. These grade-customized programs incorporate reenactment, role-playing, crafts and story-telling while highlighting the role Lincoln played in the birth of a nation. This specific grant allows for the purchase of additional costuming and authentic artifacts. (Marty Fahey, Lincoln Minute Men)

Library Live! provides funding to expand the hours of the Lincoln School library. Under the supervision of the Lincoln Recreation Department, the school library will remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:30 allowing students to take advantage of library resources for homework and special projects. (Dan Pereira, Lincoln Recreation)

Freestylin' Frisbees brings Frisbee World Freestyle Champion Todd Brodeur for an interactive presentation to all K-3 gym classes. Mr. Brodeur will demonstrate how a single piece of equipment can not only provide endless fun, but keep children physically fit and active at school and at home. (Stacey Clarkin, Faculty)

High Performing Students: Task Force Resources supports the research activities of the Task Force on High Achieving Students by funding presentations from leading experts, as well as the purchase of books and other research materials to aid in the development of specific strategies and recommendations on meeting the needs of high-achieving students. (Mary Sterling, Assistant Superintendent)

Raising the Flag funds a contribution toward the manufacture of two Lincoln town flags to be displayed at the entrances of the Smith and Brooks school buildings. (Susan Salm, Lincoln Flag Committee)

Opportunities for Parents & Kids

Family Math Nights will bring parents, students and faculty together (grades K-3) for a series of fun-filled evenings offering mathematics games customized for each grade level. The evening will also provide parents the tools to support the math curriculum at home. (Christina Horner, Metco Director/Shing Hsieh, Parent)

Tough Topics funds three professional theatrical performances which will address the difficult topics of bullying (grades 1-3), respect for differences (grades 4-8) and substance abuse (grades 6-8). Parents will be invited to attend the performances and participate in a discussion follow-up. (Sharon Hobbs, Principal)

Faculty Professional Development

The Great Plains: America's Crossroads funds transportation costs for one 8th grade faculty member to participate in a Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History seminar on westward expansion during the 19th century - a fixture of the 8th grade social studies curriculum. (Steve Cullen, Faculty)

Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture provides for the participation of a faculty member in a two and one half day summer training program on racial and cultural dynamics in order to inform the *Bridges To Understanding* course offering for 7th and 8th grade students. (Claudia Fox Tree, Faculty)

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SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 18, 2008, CODMAN BARN

Please mark your calendars and get ready to kick up your heels in celebration of the Lincoln School Foundation's 20th anniversary! No experience or dance partner required! Join us for a spirited evening of fiddle playing, fun food, and fancy footwork in honor of the dedicated efforts of Lincoln teachers, staff, and families.

