

**Visiting Author Program**

A children's author will visit all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders during the 2011-12 school year. Meeting and interacting with a 'real' author/illustrator is exciting for any reader. In addition, this encourages and promotes reading and writing for our younger students.

**School of the Wild**

All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the district attend a multiple-day outdoor enrichment activity at MacBride Nature Center to learn about nature and conservation issues. This unique program provides a significant environmental experience and an awareness of wildlife and natural ecosystems in our area.

**The Symphony Goes to School**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade student will be treated to a special youth-oriented concert by Orchestra Iowa. Students travel by bus to City High's Opstad Auditorium to listen to a professional performance in a venue specially designed for concerts. Curricular connections to the program are made through the elementary student music classes.

**The Maia Quartet, Beethoven and Form**

The Maia Quartet will bring professional string performances to every 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grader in the district. The Quartet will be presenting Beethoven's music and concepts which encourages all students to expand their conceptual skills in a setting that entirely depends on listening and then relating information to what they hear.

**Trike/Bike/Cycling Project**

The West High Trike project's goal is to give all Jr. High and High School students in the district the opportunity to learn and participate in cycling, no matter what their mental or physical challenges. At the 2010 Special Olympic cycling competition, 50 students from the district competed.

**CPR Training Equipment**

This grant allows for the purchase of new mannequins and mannequin faces in addition to instructor materials that are essential for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training. This equipment is required to complete the program and crucial to the safety of every student in the district.

**Historical Fiction Paperbacks**

400+ paperback books will be purchased for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at North Central Junior High. Social studies texts encourage coverage rather than depth. Reading historical fiction puts people back into history; it presents individuals as they are.

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### **World Language Digital Recorders**

Digital recorders will provide all Junior High and High School students the opportunity to hear themselves speak a targeted language and to identify the areas in which they need to focus their work. Teachers can also use the digital recorders for oral assessments that will save instructional time.

### **Leveled Literacy Library**

Wickham Elementary will expand their collection of grade level appropriate reading materials for students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Students will also take home books from this collection for independent reading with parents/guardians on a nightly basis.

### **Early Childhood Music and Movements Kits**

These kits provide pre-school teachers with the necessary tools to facilitate student learning through listening, singing, playing instruments and moving to music. Both music and movement have natural connections to literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, art & technology content areas.

### **iPads inHands**

iPads are an interactive use of technology that will enhance academic achievement. Teachers will select students from Junior High and Elementary schools to be trained to complete class work using an iPad application to support and expand learning.

### **Green Cards (greeting cards & stationary)**

City High will collect and re-use tons of the districts' recycled paper to manufacture paper for greeting cards and stationary to be sold to the public. The business plan and marketing for this project will be done by the schools' Entrepreneur Class, bookkeeping by accounting classes and the manufacturing portion will be done by City High's moderately disabled students with at-risk students' supervision.

### **Online Learning Project**

Installation of fiber optics at Grant Wood will significantly increase opportunities for online learning for all students. Increased internet access will also benefit the students in the "Complementary Learning" program with online access to "Success Maker" - for students who are not proficient in reading and math.

### **SMART Senteo Interactive Response System**

SMART is an interactive hardware that can best be described as a "clicker" for each student that allows them to respond anonymously and immediately to questions. The "clickers" work similar to a poll system of an audience. This piece of technology for City High students will enhance the use of SMART Boards by allowing teachers to visually and graphically display responses from students to a set of questions.

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### **Performing Arts Programs**

Students at Tate are able to continue their drama and choir programs as a result of this grant. Drama participants will perform at the end of each trimester at Riverside Theatre and the choir's performance coincides with Tate's graduation ceremony. This program is a tremendous motivator and confidence booster for the students.

### **Visual Support Technology**

Visually supported technology – one for the ELL department and one for the Reading Strategies classroom at West High - will allow teachers to provide visual support for their lessons on a regular basis as well as being able to answer student questions immediately.

### **TI-84 Emulator for All**

Two TI-84 Emulators will be purchased to provide accessibility for South East students' use in math classes. The costs of these Emulators are often difficult for families to purchase and therefore, the goal is to have these available for students to use while at school.

### **APPLE Grants (Annually Providing a Positive Learning Environment)**

Five schools with 50% or greater free and reduced lunch eligible students will each receive \$1,000. These funds are used to supplement projects normally supported through PTO/PTA/PSTO fundraising efforts. Each building will determine how to use these funds depending on the needs of their students.

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