



Conestoga Middle

2008-2009

Civil War Zine: \$1,000

Eighth grade students will create a zine (self-made publication that may include creative writing, artwork, comics, poetry, etc.) of an event, person or topic of the Civil War. Students will receive Civil War instruction in their history class several weeks prior to the arrival of an artist in residence from Young Audiences of Oregon. Students will select a topic and perform independent research. The artist will inspire and motivate students to create a real product for a real audience. The zine will be written, illustrated and bound, and will culminate in visits to elementary classrooms where students will share their creations.

BEF After-the-Bell Student Success Award: \$4,000

Funding provided for an after-school program assisting students with homework and offering after-school activities.

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Expanding the Horizons of English Language Learners

Book Tour: \$855

Sponsor – Verizon Foundation

Students will increase their knowledge of where to go to find books by expanding their horizons outside of Beaverton as they tour Portland's historic Central Library and Powell's City of Books. With BEF funded gift cards, students will have the pleasure of browsing for books and finding a "perfect read" to take home with them.

BEF After-the-Bell Student Success Award: \$5,000

The after-school program includes homework club, art club, fitness club, outdoor sports, movie discussion club and jazz band. The program serves more than 190 students, offering them a safe, structured environment after school hours.