



Whifford Middle

2009-2010

On-Site Outdoor School Experience: \$1,000

Funding Provided through the Building STEAM 4 All Program

Building on a week long on-site outdoor education adventure for all 6th graders, this project will offer students an invaluable learning opportunity. Central to the experience is the use of the outdoors as a classroom while providing exciting hands-on projects. A nearby wildlife refuge will be used to enhance the project.

2008-2009

Docudrama - Landmark Supreme Court Cases: \$1,000

Given a list of landmark Supreme Court cases relating to issues in the United States Constitution and/or Bill of Rights, students will form groups, select a case, and produce a video docudrama presenting the case. Students will receive training in digital videography, and will take on specific roles within the group; i.e. producer, director, videographer, scriptwriter, actors, etc. Movies will be shared at a family event, and selected projects will be submitted to the District's Signal to Noise Image Festival.

On-Site Outdoor School Experience: \$1,000

This project will create an on-site outdoor environmental education adventure for all 6th grade students. The staff will focus on literacy, higher order thinking and environmental science learning to develop exciting, interactive, hands-on projects. Central to this program is the use of the outdoors as a classroom. A close-by natural wildlife refuge will be used to greatly compliment the overall experience for the students.

BEF After-the-Bell Student Success Award: \$6,500

Funding supports an after-school homework club that offers academic support for struggling students, as well as assistance with homework. Homework Club is core focused, and offers students' study skills support, tutoring, review clinics, test preparation, goal setting and self-tracking progress.



2007-2008

Life, Literacy and I-Pod Technology: \$997

Funding through The Mike Osborne Memorial Award Fund

The Life, Literacy and I-Pod Technology project is designed as an innovative, technology supported, literacy skill building experience for struggling readers in the 8th grade. Audio books with multicultural themes will be purchased and downloaded from I-Tunes. Students will have access to books aurally while reading paperback versions at the same time. They will connect to texts through the creation of multimedia reflection journals, “read aloud” sessions, higher order thinking discussions and written responses.

BEF After-the-Bell Student Success Award: \$7,500

Funding supports an after-school homework club that offers academic support for struggling students, as well as assistance with homework. Homework Club is core focused, and offers students’ study skills support, tutoring, review clinics, test preparation, goal setting and self-tracking progress.