

The Township of Union Education Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of grants for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mini-grants of up to \$750.00 have been awarded to the following teachers:

Sam Caponegro and Susan Lisanti from Battle Hill Elementary School have been awarded funds for their grant "Life's Lessons." They will use DVD's that provide open ended discussion to be used to help build character. They will be used by students in grades K - 4.

Joan Pikula and Linda Hrevnack, from Connecticut Farms School, whose grant "Balanced Literacy" will be used to purchase Kindles and graphic novels to increase literacy and enhance the different learning styles of their fourth grade students.

Laura Torres and Jen Polinger, Hannah Caldwell School, whose grant "A Healthier Hannah" will enable teachers to incorporate physical activity into their daily lessons to increase the amount of time that children will spend in healthy physical activity. Students in grades K-4 will benefit from this grant.

Larry Petras has been awarded funds for his project "Save the Bats." Students at both Burnet Middle School and Kawameeh Middle School will learn about the plight of bats in New Jersey and build bat houses to provide a safe environment for bats to combat their depletion in New Jersey.

Jen McCartney, Burnet Middle School, has been awarded funds for her grant, "Wii Will Learn." This reading coach will use learning games with the Wii in order to motivate her students and help them improve their reading and increase their level of reading comprehension.

Adam Raffaele, science teacher at Union High School, has been awarded funds for "Navigation and Tracking" which will help him teach a new science unit at the ninth grade level which encourages outdoor learning.

Michael Riley, math teacher at Union High School, has received a grant to help his students "Get Wise with Money." Materials will be used to help students play games to navigate the maze of complicated modern finance.

The Foundation has also awarded a macro-grant of up to \$5,000.00 for Union High School teachers Jason Mauriello, Mary Clark and Richard Massarelli to provide "Interactive Learning" in the math and science department. This grant will be used in conjunction with the Smart Board purchased previously with Foundation funds and will enhance the Smart Board's learning opportunities.

These teachers will be honored at the Township of Union Education Foundation's annual spring reception which this year will be held on May 19th at Liberty Hall, Morris Avenue, Union from 5:30 until 8:30 pm. A special tour of the Liberty Hall mansion is available at 4:00 pm. Donation is \$25.00 per person and checks made payable to Township of Union Education Foundation should be sent to Irene Goldie-Petras, 1113 Liberty Avenue, Union, NJ 07083.

The TUEF is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) non-profit, charitable organization whose mission is to raise funds for innovative educational programs in the public schools in the Township of Union. For further information, please call 908-851-9869.