



May is always an exciting month at Humble ISD because that is when the **Prize Posse** rides into town! On May 9th of this year, the **Prize Posse** for the Humble ISD Education Foundation rode into our school district and surprised teachers and students when they awarded **\$112,000** in innovative education grants!

Through this special program, Humble ISD educators are encouraged to submit their ideas for a creative educational project. A committee of community members selects the award-winning projects. In 2003, **80** projects at **22** campuses were awarded an Innovative Education grant.

Our **Prize Posse** included directors and donors of the Education Foundation. Additionally, several local businesses and corporations showed their support for the Foundation by sending a representative from their organization to "ride the bus" on our special day. The **Prize Posse** spent the day traveling all across the school district, arriving unannounced to the award-winning teachers' classrooms, surprising them and their students with the great news!

Congratulations to all of our grant winners for their dedication in promoting excellence in education!

2003 Innovative Education Grant Winners

Recipient	Grant Description
John Baron Atascocita Middle School <i>Bulb Forcing Project</i> \$1,150.00	Students will use scientific methodology and technology to answer the question "When does a forced bulb grow at its most rapid rate?"
John Baron Atascocita Middle School <i>Frog Undissection</i> \$647.00	Using virtual frog dissection software, students will conduct a laboratory investigation of body systems in amphibians and extend the learning to body systems in humans.
Barbara Jones Bear Branch Elementary <i>Colonial Fest</i> \$250.00	Students draw comparisons and contrasts between past and present eras, participate in crafts and games of the colonial era and view actual artifacts in a "living museum" with a community docent present.
Debbie McKinney Bear Branch Elementary <i>Nutcracker Tradition Project</i> \$1,000.00	Fifth grade students will perform <i>The Nutcracker</i> by Tchaikovsky, including building scenery, making costumes, dance, singing and playing of the instruments.
Jessica Aument Bear Branch Elementary <i>Reading Success Across the Curriculum</i> \$1,037.97	High-interest, low-level texts will be used to support struggling readers.
Jessica Aument Bear Branch Elementary <i>Preferential Seating for Every Child</i> \$912.00	A sound field system will be installed at the campus to assist in the students' development of phonological awareness skills.
Jamie Hicks Career and Educational Technology Center <i>Computer Maintenance Outreach Program</i> \$1,500.00	This program receives computers donated from community members and companies and high school students refurbish them to then be donated to deserving students in the district.
Kathy Bowers and Terrie Currie Career and Educational Technology Center <i>Think Child Safety</i> \$600.00	High school students in the health science academy will be trained by the Humble Fire Department to teach local elementary students about various safety issues such as fire safety, poison control, reporting emergencies, and electrical safety.
Kathy Bowers, Terrie Currie and Lisa Perkins Career and Educational Technology Center <i>Surgical Suite</i> \$1,774.00	COSI Electronic Education: Students connect, via videoconference, to interact with surgeons and medical personnel during live open-heart surgery from Mount Carmel's operating theater in Columbus, Ohio.
Debra Sewell, Christy Keeling, Nancy Silberman, Pat Potok, Teri Ethington, Tasha Zendejas, Sherry Fischer, Lynette Purvis Deerwood Elementary <i>Let's Go Clubbing with the Writing Traits</i> \$2,400.00	A Traits Writing Book Club will be established to foster enthusiastic and motivated appreciation for reading and writing.
Gloria Reidlinger Deerwood Elementary <i>M&Ms - Math, Music and Science</i> \$2,500.00	Students will develop a handchime ensemble and integrate concepts of music in both science and math classes.
Nancy Silberman, Debra Sewell, Carole Henlsey, Jane Axum, Kimberly Price, Patricia Peters, Barbara Coffman, Allison Tabor, Carla Threadgill Deerwood Elementary	A well-known children's author, Patricia Polacco, will be the author of focus for an in-depth student study. Ms. Polacco will then come to the campus and meet with the students.

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<p><i>How She Does It</i> \$3,000.00</p>	
<p>Janeth Walker Elm Grove Elementary <i>The Animal Project</i> \$2,067.00</p>	<p>This project encourages critical and creative thinking, and character development through the introduction of classroom pets into this first grade classroom.</p>
<p>Jo Carolyn Crowell Elm Grove Elementary <i>Making Analytical Thinkers Out of Fifth Graders</i> \$975.00</p>	<p>Through the school book club meetings and "coffee meetings", students will utilize reading response journals to record their responses when reading the selected novel and then discuss with their peers these impressions.</p>
<p>Tonya Hinojosa-May, Linda Avina, Patricia Hagy, Jennifer Vandenbrook, Didi Jordan Elm Grove, Humble, Woodland Hills, Oaks and Whispering Pines Elementary Schools <i>Extending Book Club Partnership</i> \$4,765.00</p>	<p>Funds will support the continuation of book clubs at four campus and to begin a book club at a fifth campus. Interested students sign up for the club, read the selected novel and then discuss it at the book club meeting where activities based on the book are planned.</p>
<p>Lynn Sayre Foster Elementary B.O.O.K.S. \$1,500.00</p>	<p>The campus library will update their collection of math and science books to reflect the latest research and technology.</p>
<p>Cara Rydell Greentree Elementary <i>Go Mad Over Reading</i> \$500.00</p>	<p>A summer reading program will engage students in improving their literacy skills during the summer break.</p>
<p>Jan Romeis, Jasmin Cradic, Robin Lawrence, Kelly Abdmoulaie Greentree Elementary <i>The Stock Market Game</i> \$762.14</p>	<p>This game is a fifteen-week investment simulation that teaches math and economic concepts as well as decision-making skills and cooperative learning.</p>
<p>Jasmic Cradic, Kimberly Zalesky, Heather Lopez Greentree Elementary <i>We're Literally Lovin' Literature</i> \$675.00</p>	<p>A fourth grade team of teachers will create literature circles where students will create projects on differentiated levels.</p>
<p>Jessica West, Cara Rydell, Melissa Aweida Greentree Elementary <i>"Smarter" Use of Technology</i> \$750.00</p>	<p>Technology resources will be made available to teachers to assist them in using technology effectively in the classroom to enhance instructional learning.</p>
<p>Kathleen Parker Greentree Elementary <i>Please Don't LEGO My Robots!</i> \$549.00</p>	<p>Students explore, investigate and solve problems while building robotic models. Robolab takes students beyond everyday classroom experiences to advanced programming skills and complex creations.</p>
<p>Kelly Abdmoulaie, Lisa Marshall, Eric Mathews Greentree Elementary <i>Digiscope 150: Microscopic Discovery for All</i> \$477.00</p>	<p>Through the use of microscopes in their science lab, students embark on a microscopic discovery journey.</p>
<p>Shannon Brabham Greentree Elementary <i>Knock 'Em with Knowledge and Life Long Learning</i> \$502.60</p>	<p>Students enjoy active learning in the physical education classes through croquet and bowling games. A family croquet and bowling tournament will be held to encourage parent participation.</p>
<p>Shannon Brabham Greentree Elementary <i>Teacher, Teacher, I Can't Hear</i> \$875.00</p>	<p>A portable public address system assist physical education students in hearing their teacher while playing outside.</p>
<p>Terry Putscher Greentree Elementary <i>Froggy Says "Read It, Read It!"</i> \$880.00</p>	<p>Self-sufficient readers are developed through a guided reading program at both home and school.</p>

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Terry Putscher Greentree Elementary <i>High Ho, High Ho, It's Home to Write I Go</i> \$522.62	Students are selected as the "weekly star author". This student works with their parents to write a story at home and then present it to their classmates.
Cara Rydell, Jessica West Greentree & Bear Branch Elementary <i>Gator Tales Book Club Meets Bear Tales Book Club</i> \$400.00	Book club students from two different campuses will read the same book and then come together to interact and share their opinions of the book.
Ana Mascolo, Aweta Totman Humble Elementary <i>Nature's Gift of Knowledge: Garden and Butterfly Project</i> \$912.16	Students will planting and up keep a butterfly garden. Math, science and literacy will be connected to this project through activities throughout the course of the project.
Ana Mascolo, Aweta Totman Humble Elementary <i>In the Still of the Night: A Nocturnal Project</i> \$618.35	Students become active seekers of knowledge as they research, read and problem-solve on an unit about nocturnal animals.
Ana Mascolo, Aweta Totman Humble Elementary <i>4th Grade Field Trip: Historic Sites</i> \$1,326.00	Fourth grade students will visit San Jacinto Battleground and Battleship Texas State Historic Sites and have hands-on activities for students to experience history.
Chris Pearce, Mary Sanders Humble Elementary <i>Read To Me - A Parent/Child Read Aloud at Home Project</i> \$1,500.00	Students and parents will participate in a take-home-read aloud program including both English and Spanish books.
Kris Adrian, Chris Pearce, Mary Sanders Humble Elementary <i>Award-Winning Author Visit</i> \$1,214.00	Award-winning authors, Jan Peck and David Davis, will present a multi-sensory program based on their books, <u>Jazz Cats</u> and <u>The Giant Carrot</u> .
Kathy Rosenbalm Hidden Hollow Elementary <i>Stock Market Project</i> \$610.89	This investment simulation project teaches math and economic concepts as well as decision-making skills and cooperative learning.
Melanie Hunt, David Leith Humble High School & North Belt Elementary <i>The Mural: High School Artists at Work in an Elementary School</i> \$975.00	High school artists will decorate the cafeteria walls of an elementary school with a mural design that is chosen by the elementary students.
Mike Beck, Donna Graham Humble Middle School <i>PBIS/Character Education Weekly Lessons</i> \$1,795.50	Positive behavior is reinforced for students through character education lessons.
Micki Helsley, Adriana Lopez Jack Fields Elementary <i>Social Skills Training - The Key to Future Academic Success</i> \$1,153.00	Kindergarten students and their parents participate in a round table forum to improve students' social skills.
Freda Johnson Kingwood Ninth Grade Campus <i>Service Learning Pilot: Student to Student Geography Skills Project</i> \$388.00	High school students will facilitate a 30 minute hands-on geography skills lesson for third grade students.
Kathy Daleiden, Mary Ann Schaefer Kingwood Ninth Grade Campus <i>Orchard Reading, Math and Writing Software</i> \$3,500.00	A computer lab with software that provides direct instruction and practice of reading, writing, and math skills will be developed.
Andrea Feris Lakeland Elementary	A cognitively challenging math program builds skills that will assist students all the way to high school.

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<p><i>Math Manipulatives/Blocks</i> \$2,810.67</p>	
<p>Andrea Feris, Kendra Hayward, Paulette Meeks, Katrina Gabrielson, Sue Schreiner Lakeland Elementary <i>Guided Reading Enrichment</i> \$2,196.75</p>	<p>Guided reading opportunities are enriched with the installation of classroom libraries.</p>
<p>Brandy Broussard Lakeland Elementary <i>Knowledge: It's in the Bag</i> \$698.00</p>	<p>Students are given a story bag which includes a book and activities to do at home with their parents.</p>
<p>Kathye Milburn Lakeland Elementary <i>Dr. Seuss' 100th Birthday Celebration</i> \$1,207.92</p>	<p>The entire school will celebrate Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday with several weeks of activities and events.</p>
<p>Diane West Maplebrook Elementary <i>Music Technology in the Classroom</i> \$1,904.50</p>	<p>Students use music technology to write, orchestrate and print a musical composition.</p>
<p>Robin Zorkic Maplebrook Elementary <i>Take Home Readers</i> \$1,120.35</p>	<p>Struggling readers from the ESL population will have the opportunity to participate in a take home reading program to build fluency and expand exposure to reading titles.</p>
<p>Lorrie Ogletree North Belt Elementary <i>Digital Media Productions</i> \$1,030.00</p>	<p>Fifth grade students will create a digital yearbook for their school, including making and editing videos.</p>
<p>Shelley McElveen North Belt Elementary <i>Energizing P.E. with Pedometers</i> \$471.75</p>	<p>Students utilize electronic pedometers to assess physical activity.</p>
<p>Susan Munsterman North Belt Elementary <i>The New Heights Program</i> \$869.00</p>	<p>Special education students will benefit from this five-level, research-based, audio-assisted, supplemental reading program.</p>
<p>Jennifer Vandenbrook Oaks Elementary <i>Breakfast with Books - Fostering a Home-School Connection with Literacy</i> \$2,500.00</p>	<p>Recognizing that parents are children's first and most influential teachers, they are trained on how their child's progress in reading is monitored and also learn how to facilitate the reading process.</p>
<p>Jennifer Vandenbrook Oaks Elementary <i>We've Got the Power - Powerful Nonfiction Teaching</i> \$2,010.00</p>	<p>Literacy activities surrounding the visit by a professional storyteller build students' reading comprehension.</p>
<p>Tiffany Caseltine, Cindy Stinson, Donna Acosta, Linda Winans, Shelby McPherson, Laurie Smesny, Leslie Yeage Oaks Elementary <i>Texas Talks! Reading News Around the Campfire</i> \$601.80</p>	<p>Fourth grade students will create their own rendition of <i>Texas Studies Weekly</i> newspapers to be delivered to other grade levels within the school.</p>
<p>Jane Poindexter, Josie Salumunek, Meredith Koerner, Meredith Martin, Ronna Hardin, Linda Crandall Pine Forest Elementary <i>Can't Talk, Can't Walk, Can't See, But Can I Learn? You Betcha!</i> \$2,964.00</p>	<p>Children with multiple impairments will receive the equipment to go along with an active learning curriculum that was specially designed for this population.</p>
<p>Phyllis Hager Pine Forest Elementary</p>	<p>Students with speech delays will become fluent speakers through hands-on interactive activities to</p>

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<p><i>Oral Language Development for Speech Delayed Children</i> \$700.00</p>	<p>build their language skills.</p>
<p>Stacia Gower Pine Forest Elementary <i>Generations of Storytellers</i> \$1,950.00</p>	<p>Students and their families create their own books based on a part of their family history, such as a funny story, biography of an ancestor or a collection of poems by family members.</p>
<p>Solomon Cook District Police Department <i>Utilizing Technology to Better Protect the Humble ISD Community</i> \$2,700.00</p>	<p>Laptops will be purchased to allow district police officers to access immediate information regarding community safety and/or warrants for arrests.</p>
<p>Amy Lothringer Shadow Forest Elementary <i>Parent-Child Book Club</i> \$2,125.00</p>	<p>Students and their parents participate in a book club to grow life-long readers.</p>
<p>Lynn Fair Shadow Forest Elementary <i>Bridging the Gap in Writing with Technology</i> \$1,648.00</p>	<p>The utilization of computer software, Co Writer, will bridge the gap between abilities and performance for those students struggling in their writing.</p>
<p>Laura Smith, Annette Hedderly Timbers Elementary <i>5th Grade Literature Circles</i> \$1,023.75</p>	<p>Students participate in literature circles to ensure all levels of readers are successful.</p>
<p>Melinda Cavanaugh Timbers Elementary <i>Six Traits Book Club</i> \$1,107.40</p>	<p>A campus book club will partner with the Harris County Public Library to reinforce the Six Traits of Writing Project.</p>
<p>Betsy Duplechain Woodland Hills Elementary <i>Friends of the Butterflies</i> \$610.00</p>	<p>Students will participate in "Journey North" which simulates the annual migration of monarch butterflies from North America to Mexico through the exchange of paper butterflies created by students.</p>
<p>Betsy Duplechain Woodland Hills Elementary <i>Practice Makes Perfect - Math in a Second</i> \$651.00</p>	<p>Parents and students have fun while perfecting their math skills during Family Math nights at the campus.</p>
<p>Glynda Hinton, Suzanne Baker, Paula Murczynski, Pat Buttermore, Janie Lamb, Lila Lovelady Woodland Hills Elementary <i>Summer Reading Program</i> \$1,065.00</p>	<p>A summer reading program will assist those students at risk of not being successful on the TAKS test.</p>
<p>Jerry Bales, Shirley Swain Woodland Hills Elementary <i>Put Your Hands on Science</i> \$1,300.00</p>	<p>Students will utilize new science equipment to perform hands-on activities that will build their knowledge of science concepts.</p>
<p>Kim Bales Woodland Hills Elementary <i>Sight Word Success</i> \$6,588.00</p>	<p>By using a systematic approach that combines student ownership and parent involvement, students will reach success in learning sight words.</p>
<p>Kyle Ferrall, Ann Adams, Laurie Alvis, Kim Bales, Angela Ford Woodland Hills Elementary <i>Science Pockets</i> \$850.00</p>	<p>Students will build their knowledge of science concepts through the use of science pockets which are hands-on activities students complete independently.</p>
<p>Lynn Ochoa Woodland Hills Elementary <i>A Cook for Life</i> \$650.00</p>	<p>Special education students learn reading and math skills as they learn how to cook healthy, nutritious food.</p>

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Pat Buttermore Woodland Hills Elementary <i>Mentoring of At-Risk Students</i> \$625.00	Staff volunteers are paired with at-risk students to serve as mentors. These mentors will provide support while nurturing and enhancing the student's growth in math, reading, and writing.
Pat Buttermore Woodland Hills Elementary <i>Principal's Award</i> \$285.00	A "Principal Awards" program will promote strong character and reinforce character education lessons.
Sarah Ballard Woodland Hills Elementary <i>Tote a Book Home</i> \$2,380.00	A take-home reading program for third graders will encourage and support students' independent reading time.
B. J. Whittaker Whispering Pines Elementary <i>Multisensory Reading, Language Arts, & Math Activities for Special Education</i> \$1,845.50	Special education will receive multisensory materials and manipulatives to expand individual learning styles of the students.
Danna Greer & Robert Cunningham Whispering Pines Elementary <i>The Sound of Science</i> \$1,597.00	Students will make their own instruments as they learn about the science of sound.
Jene Anne Pendleton Whispering Pines Elementary <i>Kinder Reading Rods</i> \$1,004.00	Kindergarten students will enhance the acquisition of literacy skills through hands-on activities.
Sandra Maker Whispering Pines Elementary <i>Promoting Literature Based Learning in the Classroom</i> \$1,144.25	Third grade students will participate in extending reading practice and a home reading program to develop enthusiastic, life time readers.
Tara Tarwater & Shannon Stander Whispering Pines Elementary <i>Sitting Smart</i> \$3,156.69	Number and alphabet squares are used to remediate kindergarten students not achieving academic success.
Wendy Gustafson & Kelley Andrews Whispering Pines Elementary <i>Science Tool Kits</i> \$2,355.27	Kits of scientific equipment and supplies assist students in acquiring increased knowledge of science concepts through hands-on activities.
Debbie Hebert District-wide <i>Using Technology to Support Positive Classroom Behaviors</i> \$2,000.00	Effective tools will be employed in teaching activities with students in a proactive manner, focusing on reducing the likelihood of problem behaviors which interfere with the student's learning.
Donna Goldstein District-wide <i>Make and Take Lab</i> \$563.95	Teachers create visual supports that can be utilized by students to achieve academic success.
Donna Goldstein District-wide <i>A Thousand Words: Digital Camera for Student Evaluation & Support</i> \$357.90	A digital camera will be used by the Central Assistive Technology department for student evaluations and staff development activities.
Donna Goldstein District-wide <i>Visual Supports for Language and Literacy in PPCD</i> \$3,853.05	Teachers will utilize visual supports to assist students in PPCD acquire the foundations of language and literacy.
Donna Goldstein District-wide <i>Adapted Stories to Go: Making Language &</i>	Speech/Language Pathologist and teachers of the Auditorially Impaired utilize visible language materials to assist students in completing tasks that

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<i>Literacy Visible</i> \$300.00	require literacy skills.
Stacia Gower District-wide <i>A Creative Kaleidoscope for Young and Old</i> \$900.00	The community will be invited to a Fine Arts Festival held at the Humble Civic Center. The event will include hands on creative activities, storytellers, musical presentations by school groups, theater performances and a district-wide art and literary exhibit.