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EDUCATION GRANTS PROCESS FOR 2016

June 15, 2016 - The Rim of the World Education Foundation (ROTWEF) presented educational grant certificates to carefully chosen teachers at the Rim of the World Unified School District meeting on June 15th. Each year, the ROTWEF undertakes a competitive grant process to provide funding for individual classroom teachers throughout the school district.

The process begins with a brief session on grant writing training, conducted by a grant professional. Applicants submit a brief application that provides the details of the project they would like to offer to their students, including the purpose for the grant, the need the project addresses, goals, objectives, timeline and budget.

A sub-committee of 8 volunteers comprised of ROTWEF Board members and community members review and score the proposals. Awards are made in the following categories: Gold – one award for projects \$2,501 - \$5,000; Silver – two awards for projects \$1,001 - \$2500; and numerous Bronze awards for projects up to \$1000.

This year's Gold Level Grant was awarded to Karen Wirtz of Lake Arrowhead Elementary to fund a project titled "Interactive Lesson Design," SMART Interactive Panel to help 125 third grade students (especially English Learners and Title 1) using a four-teacher team to provide digital resources and lesson plans to increase student engagement, student achievement and student motivation.

Two Silver Level Grants were awarded. One grant to Tim West on behalf of the MPH Leadership Team, to fund the purchase of daily planners and student handbooks for 900, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to record important information that promote home/school communication and personal responsibility of Middle School Students.

A second Silver Level Grant was awarded to Carla Malagoli-Vitti of RHS, "Cooking to Learn," 11 special education students grades 9-12 will learn cooking skills integrated into existing comprehensive functional academics curriculum by purchasing a gas range for cooking and curriculum (Money Match, Cooking to Learn, PCI Photo Bingo).

Bronze Level Grants were awarded as follows:

- Mary Pat Schuster of MPH was awarded a grant for Advancement of MPH Chess Club. Promoting chess as a learning game of thought, manners, rules and etiquette with a goal of cooperation and competing in a first competition in Spring 2017 for 90 students.
- Cindi Longworth of RHS was awarded a grant to fund a Reading for Understanding Class. The program will encompass reader's theatre, vocabulary games, annotation workshops and basic reading skills workshops including main idea and inference, potentially for all grade levels and all students.
- Cindi Longworth of RHS was also awarded a grant for "Writing Center," that is intended to offer all RHS students a place to review their essays and research papers for global issues such as format and content to increase writing success and improve confidence across the curriculum.
- Annette Bain of RHS was awarded a grant to fund "French Camp," sending six RHS students in French 2 and 3 classes to attend a language immersion camp where they speak only in French, sing,



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dance, cook, eat meals, play games, arts and crafts and perform sketches in the target language. Funds partial payment of camp expenses.

- Maggie Kauffman of CHE was awarded a grant to provide the "Odyssey of the Mind" program for opportunities to increase student creativity to solve a long-term problem. Three teams of 7 students each from grades 3-5 will build mechanical devices, props, or present original interpretations of classical themes.

The flagship program of the organization focuses on providing a great education for all students by funding individual classroom/teachers for innovative and creative programs not available through traditional district funding streams. Year-end reports are required to be submitted by each recipient at the end of the school year in which funds are used for accountability purposes.

The Foundation has been successful in supporting the Rim of the World Unified School District because of the generosity of community organizations, businesses and individuals, and the School District teachers, administrators and support staff who donate through authorized payroll deductions. For additional information, please visit the Foundation's website at www.rimmedfoundation.org

About ROTWEF:

The Rim of the World Education Foundation strives to meet the needs of our students by funding innovative programs district-wide to all school sites. The Foundation directs donations toward many goals: technology, curriculum enhancement, resource renewal, staff development opportunities, the implementation of creative and innovative educational projects and the establishment of an endowment fund.

We support the Rim of the World School District by funding Rim Ed Grants to our teachers and supporting the AVID program. We are very excited to be supporting the ROP program in the starting in the 2015 school year. In 2015 we gave \$15,000 in Rim Ed Grants to teachers and \$15,000 to the AVID program at the middle school and high school. Historically, we have donated over \$450,000 to the schools since the program's inception.

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