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WOCCISD Education Foundation presents innovative teaching grants

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Nine grants were presented at three West Orange – Cove campuses today by the West Orange – Cove Education Foundation. This is the sixth consecutive year for the foundation to present teachers with the grant awards. Today's grants totaled over \$8700.

Since the WOCCISD Education Foundation began awarding grants in 2011, more than 50 grants in excess of \$118,000 (including this year) have been awarded to classroom teachers in the WOCCISD school system.

The grant awards were made possible through the efforts of all dedicated past and present members of the Education Foundation Board of Directors and generous donors.

The WOCCISD Education Foundation is a not for profit 501(c) 3 created in 2009.

Today's grants were awarded to:

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<u>Name of Teachers</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project/ Synopsis</u>
WOS Elementary		
1. Lou Ann Benson Kindergarten (Team Grant)	\$1,000.00	Building Block / Developmental Center This grant will provide for the purchase of a building block center which will enhance problem-solving abilities, mathematics skills, and language and literacy abilities.
2. Jerica Washburn Kindergarten (Team Grant)	\$985.00	Purposeful Play Developmental Center This grant will create purposeful play learning centers that will allow students to learn with the following resources: play money, plastic fruit/vegetables, medical kit, grocery store play items, clip boards, aprons, small stuffed animals for vet/pet care, play telephones, write and wipe signs and markers.
3. Ashton Peddy Kindergarten (Team Grant)	\$922.00	Dramatic Play Centers for Kindergarten This grant will fund the creation of dramatic play centers which will integrate social growth, creativity, imagination, and science. It will fund community helper costume sets, mail sets, cash registers and play money, and cooking sets.
4. Summer Hall 3 rd Grade Math Team Grant	\$1000.00	For the Good of the Whole: Achieving Guided Math and Student-led Classroom goals This grant will fund the purchase of chromebooks, headphones, privacy shields, and vinyl wipe learning pockets for use in guided math small groups.

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WOS High School		
5. Grant Gilson Algebra	\$1,500.00	Kindle Fire Tablets This grant will fund the purchase of Kindles Fire tablets to use as calculators. The tablets will also allow students to access math software, and instructional math websites to equalize student opportunities.
6. Meri Elen Jacobs Journalism	\$951.00	Copy Editing The grant will fund the purchase of a document camera to teach copy editing to journalism students.
7. Kimberly Summers English	\$500	The Genocide Awareness Project The grant will fund the purchase a classroom set of novels and a field trip to The Holocaust Museum.
WOS Middle School		
8. Jessica Tant Social Studies Department Grant	\$950	Jump Into History The grant will fund the purchase of a camera, green screen and lighting, a microphone, and tablets so that students can place themselves into a historical environment to interview famous historical figures and create news reports. It will make history come alive through small group video activities.
9. Mattie Brittain Social Studies Department Grant	\$899.95	Totally Connected to Our World The grant will fund the purchase of a tablets to access interactive maps with a live knowledge base.

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Photo is attached: The West Orange – Cove Education Foundation presented grants at three different campuses today, including three grants to kindergarten teachers. Kindergarten teachers Jerica Washburn, Ashton Peddy, and Lou Ann Benson (each holding a check) were presented with grant awards that will benefit the entire kindergarten team at West Orange – Stark Elementary. Also pictured are fellow members of the kindergarten team, WOCCISD Superintendent Rickie Harris, WOC Education Foundation President Krispen Walker, and WOS Elementary Principal Glenetta Henley.

Background Information: Dr. Lois Bready, and her brother Doug Bready were present to help award the grants. Their families established the Foundation in memory of their parents Eva and Gerald Bready. Eva Bready was a beloved and innovative teacher in the WOCCISD School District who prepared a generation of students to excel in science and to make significant contributions to their communities. Both Eva and Gerald Bready were passionate supporters of the importance of science and math education.