

Newmarket Community Education Partnership

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Funding Mules Mission

NCEP is once again proud to grant \$500 to the Mules Mission at the Jr./Sr. High School. The organization, led by Linda Albright and Janice Murray and run with student help, provides food and supplies to those students who otherwise go without these necessities. The funding will help keep the shelves stocked this year, and students in need will continue to have a discreet way to obtain support.



1st grade Books align with Common Core Standards

The first grade team at the Elementary School is excited to accept a grant from NCEP for \$424 to purchase *The Garden Collection Books*, a mix of fiction and

non-fiction texts that align with the Common Core Standards. Sometimes referred to as “just right books,” these leveled books are books that the children can read with minor support so that they are extending their skills in reading groups. By having multiple copies of the same text, each child in the group has access to their own book for reading along. The student brings the book home and is able to practice; thus keeping young readers engaged in the process of learning to read. All books are stored in the teachers’ book room with other collections of level books so they are available to other staff members who work with beginning readers.



8th graders visit

Washington, D.C.

NCEP granted the Newmarket 8th grade class \$750 to help defray costs of their annual June trip to our nation’s capital. The trip is a rich educational and cultural experience for the students. In addition to touring D.C. and surrounding areas, they undergo a tremendous amount of personal growth and independence. The cost of the trip is prohibitive for many families and the grant from NCEP will help make this opportunity possible for all students.



Popov award recipients

In June, Jocelyn Robinson and Nancy Wood were presented with the Nicholas Popov Memorial Award by NCEP. In addition to the award, each received a \$750 grant to be used to benefit Newmarket’s kids. Nancy and Jocelyn were nominated for this award by peers for their “above and beyond” dedication to children at the elementary school. *Congratulations!*



Instructional aide benefits all

NCEP is proud to grant \$426 to Nancy Miller for the Elementary School physical education (PE) program. The funding will purchase a camcorder and wireless microphone set for PE classes. The equipment impacts all students, including those that receive occupational, physical or speech therapy. In therapy sessions,



students with disabilities preview and practice the skills for the upcoming PE class. The

students gain confidence, and can sometimes even demonstrate to their peers how to participate in the activity. Peers, in turn, recognize these students have strengths, which helps create interpersonal relationships within and beyond the PE classroom.

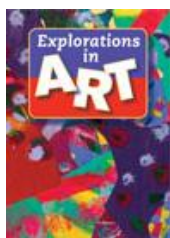
Education InFocus

NCEP has granted \$750 to the Special Education department at the Jr./Sr. High School for the purchase of an InFocus mobile projector and replacement parts. Students in the Study Skills classes will benefit from the integrated technology through videos and slides. Visual and auditory learners, who are a dominant majority, will especially benefit.



Art curriculum expands

With a grant of \$750 from NCEP, NES Art Teacher Sandy Stowe will add *Davis Explorations in Art* textbooks for the 3rd grade. These books help provide a hands-on experience for students, letting them see the images and read information about their subjects. Previous grants from NCEP purchased textbooks for the 4th and 5th grades, and this will complete the collection.



More minis

The fifth grade at the Elementary School received \$748 to purchase more iPad minis and educational apps. Requested by Sheana Thorell, the additional equipment will help accommodate the extra fifth grade students this year. The iPads help teach skills to struggling learners, reinforce skills for those who need more practice, and enrich students who need extended learning opportunities.



Environmental Science class plans a field trip



A \$750 grant, requested by Science Teacher Linda Albright, will help fund hands-on opportunities for a new science elective at the Jr./Sr. High School. With guidance from a UNH docent, the class is planning to collect data on dissolved oxygen, pH & salinity in Great Bay while aboard the Gundalow. NCEP is pleased to be able to support enriching hands-on experiences such as this for our science students.

Outing Club expands activities

With a \$750 grant from NCEP, the Newmarket Outing Club at the Jr./Sr. High school will be able to expand its activities from a ski-dominated organization to one offering a variety of other outdoor activities (kayaking, hiking, wall climbing, ropes courses, etc.). The funding will help with transportation costs, as well help pay for activities that could be cost-prohibitive to students. The Outing Club, led by Mark Leavitt, seeks to involve students who might not normally participate in a school-related sport, as well as promote activities in nature.



Mastering technology

Three Samsung Chromebooks will be making their way into the 8th grade science classroom and will be shared among the 8th grade team. A grant for \$747 was awarded to Elizabeth Franceschini for the purchase of the

Chromebooks. They will be used to enhance existing programs in the 8th grade science classroom, such as BrainPOP, and add new programs, such as Collaborize Classroom and Google Docs. Use of these programs will allow students to reach the new Common Core Standards that encourage the integration of language art skills in all content areas as well as ensure the opportunity to all students (not just those that can afford their own device) to master skills necessary to compete in the 21st century marketplace.



Celia Thaxter comes to life

Through a \$700 grant written by Cassandra Rodier, 4th graders will explore the rich history and culture of the Isles of Shoals and the remarkable life of island poet and folklorist, Celia Thaxter, via a series of three engaging workshops. One of the workshops will focus on poetry, which is part of the new Common Core Standards, and will allow students to explore this type of creative writing.



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**Spring grants due:
February 15, 2014**