



Grants Awarded by the Panther Foundation

Winter/Spring 2011 Nine grants, total of \$25,036

■ First Robotics

This grant will assist with start-up costs and materials to build a robot for the Spring Lake Park Schools FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition (FRC). The competition challenges teams of students to be inspired, innovative, and involved in science and technology.

Learning Alternatives Community School

■ Summer Reading 4 All - Renewal

This grant will help provide 8 books throughout the summer to selected Kindergartners, 1st and 2nd graders to maintain and increase their reading achievement. This program will increase motivation to read and create life-long readers as they receive these books.

Woodcrest Elementary School

■ Social Studies Learning Centers

Funding for this project will allow for the purchase of twenty computer center stations in the 7th grade Social Studies classes. The utilization of computer centers will provide our students with an essential network of educational resources. Using this tool will enrich the learning experience and aid in retaining the knowledge beyond the classroom walls.

Westwood Middle School

■ Spring Lake Park Urban Boat Building

Funding for this project will assist with the costs of building two wooden boats. Boat building will be an after school program led by High School staff and assisted by community craftsmen experts. The grant was awarded with the understanding that one of the two boats would be donated back to the Panther Foundation to auction in the 2012 Gala.

Spring Lake Park High School

■ **The Science & Art of Skateboarding**

This grant will provide supplies and materials for this physics project. Students will explore the physics of motion, and the art and culture of skateboarding.

Learning Alternatives Community School

■ **High School Reading Intervention Book Club**

Funding will allow the High School Library to purchase twenty eReaders. With this technology tool, staff will start an *eReader Book Club* for at-risk students that are not reading up to grade level.

Spring Lake Park High School

■ **Cancer, Caps, and Covers**

Funding for this project will assist with the supplies needed to create caps and covers for Cancer patients. As a part of this project students will investigate difference cancers and compare treatment methods. After analyzing the effect of treatments on the human body, the students will make the caps and covers.

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■ **Outdoor Adventure: Learning & Leadership Opportunities for At-Risk Youth**

This grant will support the Outdoor Adventure Learning and Leadership Activities that allow them to do things they normally would not have the chance to do. The adventures will maximize abilities through challenge and adventure, recognize value as an individual and as a member of a team, develop self confidence and problem solving skills. The activities that will accomplish these goals include Rockwall Climbing, Archery and Canoeing.

Learning Alternatives Community School

■ **Westwood Middle School EBD Technology Grant**

This grant will allow for the purchase of technology tools, including video technology for the EBD program at the Middle School. Videos will be created to demonstrate social situations, exemplify skills, and will be used as assistive technology for students.

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