

Great Grant Giveaway

Pleasant Grove ISD Education Foundation members and corporate sponsors loaded on a school bus with balloons and Hawk Spirit Shakers Tuesday, December 18, 2008 to award more than \$15,000.00 in grants to teachers.

Teachers were surprised as the GREAT GRANT GIVEAWAY team entered their classrooms to award money for "Inspiration through Innovation" grants.



Cobb Financial in Partnership with the PGISD Education Foundation

"We're Digging In What?"

Kim Altenbaumer-5th Grade Science-\$187.75

Teaching food chains by using owl pellets



Aven and Sal Williamson in Partnership with the PGISD Education Foundation

Capturing the Community Around Us: Through the Eyes of an Artist

High School Art Department- Nicole Brisco and Nina Cork-\$4,828.61

Students will utilize SLR and digital cameras, adobe software, and a large scale art printer to explore multi media digital photography as an artistic medium.



Peoples State Bank in Partnership with the PGISD Education Foundation

Flash Back to Digital Learning

District Technology Department- Julie McClurg, Tracy Capps, Rick Patrick- \$3,280.20 Provide an easily accessible storage device to allow teachers to download education videos provided by Region 8 Service Center.



Bobby and Lisa Howell in Partnership with the PGISD Education Foundation

iLOVE TO LEARN WITH IPODS!!

Middle School Science Department – Jeanna Morris and Judith McKinley-\$2,203.11

This project is designed to use technology currently available through Apple and iPod for technology integration on the middle school campus.



Guaranty Bond Bank in Partnership with the PGISD Education Foundation

PGTV: It's Elementary!

High School Journalism Department- Charla Harris-\$1,561.00

Creating the next generation of broadcast journalists by introducing elementary students to PGTV with a one-day clinic and establishing an ongoing relationship with the participants.



Office Source in Partnership with the PGISD Education Foundation

Lights, Camera, Action; Take 2

High School Teacher- Beth Pesek-\$1,000.00

Working with video editing, from start to finish. Multimedia students will meet the state mandated Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for video editing. Each student will learn to operate the video camera, learn how to shoot a variety of camera angles, import and edit video and create a final project.



Joseph and Nancy Robbins in Partnership with the PGISD Education Foundation

"When It Comes To Learning, We're Not the Same, Differentiation Is the Name of the Game"

1st Grade Teachers- \$823.40

Differentiating reading instruction through small groups to meet individual needs.



State Farm- Greg and Melanie Cockrell in Partnership with the PGISD Education Foundation

Inspiring Authors of the 21st Century

Third Grade Teachers and Technology Team- \$1,173.50

Inspiring students to be more creative writers by allowing them to author and illustrate their own multimedia story using Story Book Weaver Deluxe.

Teachers Awarded Teacher Take Wing Grants

Pleasant Grove teachers were awarded Teacher Take Wing Grants from the Junior League of Texarkana totaling just over \$1500.00. Deanna Landreth and Amy Coleman presented the teachers checks at the December School Board meeting.



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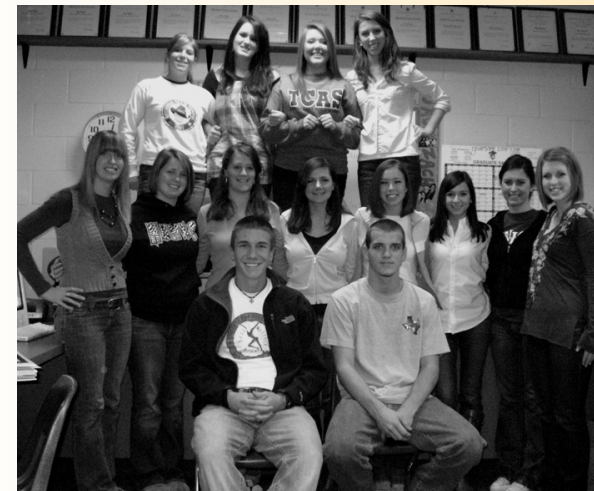
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Linda Kirby
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Katie Whitecotton
Kim Altenbaumer
Deanna Morris
Susan Friday

PRIDE
Touchdown History
Sensational Sensory Stuff
A Mouse Around The House
Don't Tie Me Down
The Mobile Mouse
Bury the Old Hatchet

High School Yearbook Named Crown Award Finalist

The 2008 Hawk yearbook, Define, was one of 28 high school yearbooks from across the country named as Crown Award Finalists by Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This is the fourth consecutive year that the Hawk staff has been recognized by national journalism organizations. Editors for the 2009 edition were Amy Boler and Autumn Scrivner.



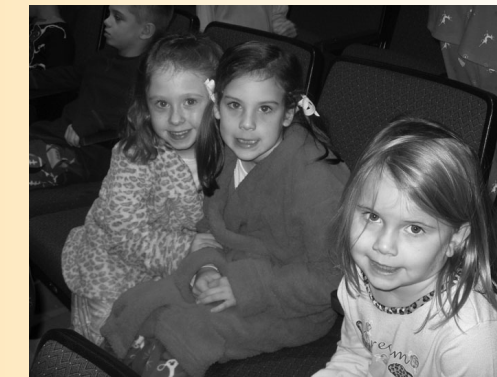
The Crown Award finalists will be presented with either a Gold or Silver Crown Award during CSPAs 85th Annual Convention, held from March 18-20, 2009 at Columbia University in New York.

PGISD Education Foundation Presents Check to District

Scott Norton, President of the Pleasant Grove ISD Education Foundation presented a check to John Tidwell, President of the school board for \$15,057.57. These monies were awarded to teachers for grants they had applied for this year.

Polar Express Day at the Elementary

Students enjoyed Polar Express Day at the elementary. Students wore pajamas and participated in many activities surrounding the book Polar Express. The students viewed the movie at the Performing Arts Center at the High School. Thanks to the high school drama department for working the show and performing for the students.



Three High School Band Students earn spot in the All State Band.

The PGHS band had three students selected for the Texas ALL-STATE band!! Junior tuba player Greg Payne and senior alto saxophonists Ethan Hodde and Kevin Sutton each earned by competitive audition, a position in the All-State band. Together with students from around the state they will attend the Texas Music Educators Association Convention / All-State Clinic in San Antonio in February. There they will rehearse under the direction of internationally known conductors and present a concert on Saturday, February 14th. This is the largest music convention in the world and puts on display the phenomenal talents of Texas music programs. This is Ethan's second year to qualify for All State Band.



Kevin Sutton, Ethan Hodde, Greg Payne