



Tahoe/Truckee **Excellence in Education** Foundation  
*Community & Business helping students reach new heights*

*Tahoe Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation supports quality public education within the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. The Foundation raises money and provides grants, resources and partnerships to benefit students, teachers and the Kindergarten through 12th grade educational community as a whole.*

Annual Report 2008-2009



## Who We Are

**The Tahoe Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation** was founded in 1986 as a business/education partnership. The Foundation's efforts are targeted to enhance the education of 4,000 students in a school district that encompasses 11 schools in a geographic area of 720 square miles.

**The Foundation** supports hands-on academic learning experiences for students and promotes instruction that is meaningful and relevant in real-world situations.

**The Foundation** awards grants to teachers in the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District through a competitive, selective application process.

**The Foundation** recognizes exceptional teachers and classified staff through the Linda Brown Fellows and Star Awards programs.

**The Foundation** is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors and Advisory Board of over 40 community members with a broad range of experience, representing all geographic areas of the community.



Excellence in Education board members visit the Winter Discovery Program yurt in Tahoe City.

### REVENUE SOURCES FISCAL YEAR 2008 - 2009

Skiing for Schools	\$ 62,972 - 34%
Golfing for Schools	\$ 44,842 - 24%
Dining for Schools	\$ 41,685 - 22%
Recognition Dinner	\$ 7,880 - 4%
Payroll Deduction	\$ 2,351 - 1%
Fellows Program	\$ 400 - 0%
Membership Income	\$ 12,235 - 7%
Contributions	\$ 14,763 - 8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 187,128 - 100%</b>

### EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 2008 - 2009

School Site Grants	\$ 150,731 - 62%
Fellows and Star Awards	\$ 19,000 - 8%
Donor Development	\$ 3,130 - 1%
Administrative	\$ 47,414 - 19%
Programs	\$ 23,322 - 10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 243,597 - 100%</b>



## 2008-2009 Foundation Board

These twenty-seven volunteer board members represent all geographic areas of the community. They bring a broad range of experience and expertise to the Foundation including backgrounds in business, education, government, and community organizations.

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The businesses and individuals listed above reflect new and renewing donors for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. It is our intention to recognize every donor. If we have overlooked anyone, please advise us so we may include you in our next annual report.



## Fundraising Programs

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The fundraising programs of the Tahoe Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation support the allocations programs and the operating expenses of the Foundation. Through the generosity of the business community, these programs provide the purchaser with the opportunity to enjoy the unparalleled recreation and cuisine of the North Tahoe/Truckee area in addition to benefiting the children of Tahoe Truckee Unified School District



## Skiing for Schools

Excellence in Education

\$62,972

Each year, our skiing partners set aside special Skiing for Schools days to benefit the Foundation. These dedicated benefactors provide either discounted tickets or a portion of the day's total revenues to demonstrate their commitment to education in our community. Skiing for Schools has raised more than \$939,300 over its 18-year existence.

### SKIING FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort • Homewood Mountain Resort  
Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort • Squaw Valley USA • Sugar Bowl



## Dining for Schools

Excellence in Education

\$41,685

Forty local restaurants partner with the Foundation in the Dining for School program. Each Dining for School card entitles the bearer to a half-off entrée during the fall and spring. A number of these restaurants also participate in the "extended period" and offer this special discount during the winter months. Dining for Schools has raised \$742,000 since its inception in 1993.

### DINING FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

Baxter's Bistro & Lounge  
Blue Agave  
Blue Onion Café and Catering  
Caliente  
Christy Hill  
Cottonwood at Hilltop Lodge  
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El Toro Bravo  
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Gar Woods Grill & Pier on the Lake  
Graham's at Squaw Valley

Jake's on the Lake  
Jason's Beachside Grill  
Las Panchitas  
The Lodge at Tahoe Donner  
Mamasake  
Mikuni Japanese & Sushi  
Montagna at Squaw Creek  
Moody's Bistro & Lounge  
Pacific Crest  
Pianeta  
PlumpJack Café  
River Grill  
River Ranch

Rosie's Café  
Rubicon Pizza  
Sandy's Pub at Squaw Creek  
Six Peaks Grille at Squaw Creek  
Sol y Lago  
The Soule Domain  
Summit Restaurant & Bar  
Sunnyside Steakhouse & Lodge  
Twenty Two Bistro & Bar  
Village Pizzeria  
West Shore Café & Inn on the Lake  
Wolfdale's  
Zano's



## Golfing for Schools

Excellence in Education

\$44,842

Our golfing partners generously donate 275 rounds each to the Golfing for Schools program. Each pass entitles the bearer to 18-holes of golf at each of seven courses, during specified times of the season. Golfing for Schools has raised over \$837,000 since its inception in 1994.

### GOLFING FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

Coyote Moon Golf Course	Old Greenwood Golf Course
Northstar-at-Tahoe Golf Course	Resort at Squaw Creek Golf Course
Old Brockway Golf Course	Tahoe City Golf Course
Tahoe Donner Golf Course	



## Payroll Deduction

Excellence in Education

\$2,351

Many employees of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District participate in a payroll deduction program to benefit the Tahoe Truckee Excellence In Education Foundation. The Foundation appreciates this direct support and the enthusiasm that these employees have shown toward the quality educational programs that it has been honored to fund.

Mary Berelson	Kilty Highfill	Susan Lowder	Antoinette Rockwell
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Mary Ferrari	Diane Laroche	Janice Polochko	
Karyn Freested	Hien Larson	Dana Pomeroy	
Jan Ganong	Julia Lawrence	Martha Reedy	
Patricia Hamilton	Erin LeFevers	Kathryn Rittner-Echols	



## Sustainability . . . The Endowment

Excellence in Education

The Board of Directors established an endowment in 1990 in order to fund the grant/giving program in perpetuity. In 2005, Excellence in Education met its \$1.5 million endowment goal and continued to grow the fund each year until the current fiscal year. During the economically challenging 2008/09 fiscal year, the endowment lost \$262,099, leaving a fund balance of \$1,385,760 on 6/30/09. The Foundation's policy is to annually spend up to 4% of the three-year trailing average investment balance.

## Linda Brown Fellows Awards

### Excellence in Education

The Linda Brown Fellows Award was created to promote and recognize excellence in teaching. This honor is presented to teachers who set their personal expectations high and make learning exciting every day. This year, five recipients were selected from 69 nominations for 28 teachers. The award winners each received \$2,000 to be used for educational purposes and an additional \$1,000 for personal use.



Left to right: Mike Depew, Candy Blesse, Karen Pilaar, Sue Mock, and Claire Boyle

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The following recipient biographies are put together with material from the nominations received.

#### **CANDY BLESSE**, Truckee Elementary

Candy Blesse is known as a visionary in environmental education. She has a passion for sharing the beauty of our world with her students. When Candy learned that the environmental programs of our district were getting too expensive to continue, she didn't give up and accept that the program was lost. Instead, she contacted U.C. Berkeley to find out how her grade level could partner through the National Science Foundation. With her aid, the program has developed from one-day to a three-day/two-night experience at Sagehen Creek. Ms. Blesse was invited to a National Education conference in Washington, DC because of her work with the environment. She empowers her students to take an active role in their future and their education and shows special dedication to teaching her students critical thinking skills.

#### **CLAIRE BOYLE**, Tahoe Lake Elementary

Claire Boyle is a "dynamo" of energy and dedication. Undaunted by the requirements of "No Child Left Behind," she knows that students need hands on experiences to cement skills they have learned in their classroom. While learning about native fish species, Ms. Boyle's students take a boat ride to observe part of the life cycle. When field trips are not possible, she brings the "ocean" to the classroom with a pool to show the migration of gray whales and how dolphins live.

Students are encouraged to think for themselves in Ms. Boyle's classroom, which was evident when one of the 7-year-old students announced that Mauna Kea was indeed the tallest mountain in the world. The student had counted from the bottom of the sea to the top of the volcano to come to this conclusion! This was an amazing example of the critical thinking that is taught and encouraged of her students.

#### **KAREN PILAAR**, Glenshire Elementary

Ms. Pilaar is well known for the "peaceful classroom" that she promotes. Working with kindergartners, this teacher believes it is important to instill the ideals of cooperation and peace at an early age to ensure students will have success in collaborative learning and living. Her passion leads her to teach a range of experiences - from hiking and skiing to learning manners and proper speech to the traditional "Three R's." Science with 5-year-olds can be a challenge, but Ms. Pilaar's "snail races" engage students as few projects do! And, the individually bound books of each child's kindergarten experience is cherished by students and consulted often to fondly remember their year.

# Linda Brown Fellows Awards

## Excellence in Education

### MIKE DEPEW, Community School

Mike Depew is the teacher of a one-room schoolhouse, the Community School, which takes students and moves them toward a better future. The Community School is considered the "last chance" for students of our district. In this classroom, Mr. Depew teaches all subjects at the high school level to a group of students who have not been successful in traditional school. Mr. Depew teaches English and critical thinking skills by engaging students in the greatest films of all time. *On the Waterfront* becomes a vehicle to discuss the overwhelming need to belong and be somebody. *Citizen Kane* becomes a vehicle to discuss abuse of power. Many of these students have a cynical attitude toward the world and adults; this teacher brings in countless community members to try and reconnect the students and their society. Students are allowed the chance to form personal connections with people whom they previously thought had written them off. The passion of Mr. Depew inspires his students to try again! They are not always successful at first, but many return in a couple of years to say how their lives were changed because he believed in them when no one else did.

### SUE MOCK, Alder Creek Middle School

When students are asked what makes Ms. Mock so special, they will excitedly tell you how much their life has changed because of their experiences in her classroom. Ms. Mock inspires students to truly live wisely and respect the environment. Ecology and the science surrounding a sustainable future is taught daily in class, but the students are also encouraged and inspired to not only talk the talk, but to walk the walk. Her students have implemented an extensive recycling program at school, and they have gone into the community providing education for adults to do the same. Ms. Mock's students beautify their campus while learning the classification of the plants they use. Most impressively, her students have installed solar panels at the school, which allows them to monitor the amount of solar power they have generated. This program will eventually lead to the school and town using the power they have helped generate.

## Linda Brown Fellows Awards Recipients

### 2008-2009

Candy Blesse	Truckee Elementary
Claire Boyle	Tahoe Lake Elementary
Karen Pilaar	Glenshire Elementary
Mike Depew	Community School
Sue Mock	Alder Creek Middle School

### 2007-2008

Maggie Bockius	Glenshire Elementary
Lindee Eckert	North Tahoe Middle School
Mike Franey	Truckee Elementary
Dave Green	Truckee High School
Julie Miescke	Kings Beach Elementary

### 2006-2007

Monika Bock	Kings Beach Elementary
Emily Hart	Kings Beach Elementary
Hien Larson	Alder Creek Middle School
Patricia Stonick	Sierra High School
Kim Warren	Truckee Elementary
Diana Whitten	Truckee High School

### 2005-2006

Leslie Fansler	North Tahoe Middle School
Heather Hardy	Tahoe Lake Elementary
Kilty Highfill	Glenshire Elementary
Tara House	Kings Beach Elementary
Larry Leatherman	Truckee High School

### 2004-2005

Vicky Brown	Tahoe Lake Elementary
Judi Johnson Finney	Donner Trail Elementary
Cynthia Lujan	Kings Beach Elementary
Terrina Woodard	Glenshire Elementary

### 2003-2004

Judy Cwikla	Truckee Elementary
Jennifer Jurosky	North Tahoe High School
Julia Lawrence	Truckee Elementary
Sandy Leatherman	Sierra Mountain Middle School

### 2002-2003

Michael Arington	Sierra Mountain Middle School
Linda Bendock	Kings Beach Elementary

James Easterbrook	North Tahoe Middle School
Kathy Echols	Glenshire Elementary
Barbara Gordon	Tahoe Lake Elementary
Barbara Robertson	Truckee High School

### 2001-2002

Danny Broliar	Tahoe Lake Elementary
Lisa Furr	Tahoe Truckee High School
Dave Green	Tahoe Truckee High School
Carolyn Keigley	Glenshire Elementary
Dick Lingle	North Tahoe High School
Nancy Shaeffer	Truckee Elementary

### 2000-2001

Vicki Decker	Sierra Mountain Middle School
Robyn McCartney	Kings Beach Elementary
Lois Moore	Glenshire Elementary
Dean Nordby	North Tahoe Middle School

### 1999-2000

Sue Lowder	Truckee High School
Warren Mills	North Tahoe High School

## Star Awards

### Excellence in Education

The Star Award, modeled after the Linda Brown Fellows Award, was created in 2008 to honor the Classified Staff of our school district. The Star Award recognizes classified (non-teaching) staff members that go above and beyond in fulfilling their position, make a positive difference and provide truly outstanding support. In the first year four recipients were selected from 34 nominations for 14 classified staff members. The award winners each received \$1,000 for personal use.



Left to right: Deed Verutti, Marci Calderon, Clemente Sarabia, Chris White

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#### **CLEMENTE SARABIA, TRUCKEE HIGH SCHOOL HEAD CUSTODIAN**

Clemente Sarabia goes far beyond his job description to make sure that the needs of the school and students are met. Mr. Sarabia often comes in not only a few hours early but a whole DAY early to make sure the school can be accessed after a snow storm! And, after construction all summer long, the staff feared that the school and classrooms wouldn't be ready. Thanks to Mr. Sarabia's organization, the tasks were finished. In fact, they were finished a few times after construction crews again caused messes that needed to be cleaned up!

Students at the school love Mr. Sarabia so much that they ask him to perform in student films and participate in student rallies. One staff member writes on the nomination form, "He completes the incompleteable and finishes the unfinishable!"

#### **CHRIS WHITE, TRUCKEE HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SECRETARY**

It is Chris White's quest to make sure that all of the students at Truckee High School feel welcomed and valued. Everyone is amazed that she knows the names of the entire student body of over 800 students. But what truly makes Ms. White exceptional is the "extra mile" that she goes. She helps students who cannot afford prom clothing by organizing "Ally's Closet." She encourages students and sometimes even signs them up for field trips and special campus events that she believes they will truly enjoy. And, she goes out of her way to connect with students she worries might not graduate and lets them know that she cares if they are successful. This is all above and beyond her job description.

#### **DEED VERUTTI, TAHOE LAKE ELEMENTARY LIBRARIAN**

Deed Verutti is appreciated by students, parents and staff for going so far above her job description of librarian. Ms. Verutti somehow remembers all of the students personal likes and dislikes in book choices and suggests books for them to check out. Many students have completed entire book series per her suggestions. The library often is the last recipient of funds, so Ms. Verutti is constantly fundraising to ensure that the students can find that perfect book. One teacher shared on a nomination form that Deed had just gotten a new shipment of books and found one that she knew one of her students had been waiting for. She charged out of the library, as the busses were boarding waving the book over her head calling out to the student. His eyes lit up as she handed him the book and she commented to curious onlookers, "Miles likes this series and the newest book just came in; I knew he would want it right away." Her enthusiasm has been a continual source of strength for this school for last 20 years!

#### **MARCI CALDERON, KINGS BEACH ELEMENTARY SECRETARY**

To describe all of the special attributes of Ms. Calderon is a challenge. Nominators attribute this staff member with holding the school together by calming the "stressed out" teachers with a friendly, helpful and even-tempered demeanor. Staff members and parents are amazed at her ability to be the personal assistant to 35 teachers and over 400 students at the same time - and perform it all in record time with a smile on her face. The constant interruptions in a school secretary's day are legendary! It is noted by staff members, parents, community and students alike that Marci is successfully able to answer questions, do paperwork, band-aid booboos, repair machines, console crying, happily answer phone calls and generally fix everyone's problems calmly...in two languages! In addition, she knows the community and is often called upon to serve on committees and task forces that are far beyond the job description.



## DISTRICT WIDE GRANTS

### Sensory Motor Integration – Cindy Dunham

A program to help students, both special education and mainstream education, with sensory motor integration, from preschool to middle school. The grant will fund tools and equipment, such as weighted vests and “thera-bands,” to help students relax, attend to task, and assist with balance, strength and coordination. **\$6,217**

### School Bus Safety Program – Dawn Parkhurst

To develop and produce a 30-minute interactive program to present to 1st and 2nd grade students on school bus safety. **\$179**

### Early Intervention Hearing and Vision Kit – Jan Ganong

To purchase the EroScan and SureSight Screeners as supplemental equipment for the school nurses. The equipment allows nurses to objectively and efficiently identify hearing and vision impairments in difficult-to-test children ensuring early intervention and academic success. **\$8,527**

## MINI GRANTS

In response to the growing needs in the district for classroom supplies, Excellence in Education offered a special “Mini Grant” cycle in the spring allowing teachers to apply for grants up to \$400 including consumable items, which are normally not funded by the Foundation. The Foundation funded 68 “mini-grants” for a total of **\$22,142**.

## SCHOOL SITE GRANTS

### Kings Beach Elementary - \$11,659

#### California Mathematics Council Math Festival

– Linda Bendock

To purchase the Math Festival package, which demonstrates the importance of mathematics to students. The package is made up of “stations” with problem-solving tasks for all grade levels to participate in different hands-on activities, simultaneously practicing their math skills. **\$2,000**

#### Read Naturally for ELL and High Achieving Students

– Helen Moore

To purchase Read Naturally, a tool for teachers, parents and tutors to increase reading fluency, hear the English language read repeatedly, increase reading comprehension and develop a larger vocabulary. **\$4,310**

#### Comprehensive Home Library Program – Danielle Karowski

To purchase high-interest, multi-leveled, diverse reading resources to establish a comprehensive home library that will support each student’s reading as they progress throughout the year. The goal is to promote literacy-rich home environments by ensuring each child has access to quality literature to read with their families. **\$2,195**

### Literacy Books and Games – Kathleen Tippins

To purchase leveled reading books and games to supplement and enhance the Kings Beach ELD and guided reading programs. **\$637**

### Pottery Kiln – Cindy Burau and Suzanne Beye

To purchase a pottery kiln for the school. **\$1,800**

### Math Manipulatives – Linda Bendock

To purchase math manipulatives that assist students with the concepts of fractions, decimals and percents. **\$717**

## Tahoe Lake Elementary - \$7,525

#### Accelerated Reader – Teresa Ketron and Deed Verutti

To purchase supplemental materials for the current Accelerated Reading Program used by the 1st through 5th grades. Glenshire Elementary is sharing this grant. **\$3,102**

#### Thesauruses for Writing and Research – Rebekka Fine

To purchase sets of thesauruses for elementary age students. **\$500**

#### Lindamood Phonemic Sequencing Programs

– Elizabeth Black and Jan Ganong

To purchase two tools, LAC Std. Test and Lindamood Phonemic Sequencing (LIPS) therapy programs. These tools are designed to identify students who display deficiencies in the areas of phonemic awareness and phonemic sequencing through a standardized assessment. Tahoe Lake Elementary, North Tahoe Middle and High School will share this grant. **\$526**

#### Enhancement of Educational CD and DVD Library

– Teresa Ketron and Deed Verutti

To purchase updated educational DVDs and CDs for the school libraries. These videos will serve as educational aids and enhancements for all grade levels and subjects. This grant is shared with Glenshire Elementary so the school sites’ offerings are in alignment. **\$3,000**

#### Singing and Acting Out the Core Curriculum

– Ingrid Bourke, Claire Boyle, Dawn Rye

To purchase musical plays and costumes which enrich the core curriculum. **\$397**



Truckee Elementary grant display.



**Truckee Elementary - \$15,291**

**Math Manipulatives – Nancy Shaeffer**

To purchase math manipulatives (equivalency fraction cubes) to aid instruction in fractions, decimals and percents. **\$3,176**

**Percussion Instruments – Rita Whitaker-Haun**

To purchase percussion instruments for use in music curriculum. **\$722**

**Listening Centers – Mardiece Patrick and Sandy Hines**

To purchase listening centers with tape and CD players for the school library. The stations come with six hole jacks and headphones. **\$1,583**

**Vermicomposting – Tamara Anderson**

To purchase the materials needed to expand the school’s vermicomposting project to include the cafeteria waste. **\$3,908**

**Auditorium Stage Sound System**

– Tamara Anderson, Rita Whitaker Haun

To purchase a new sound system for the school auditorium. **\$2,703**

**Bridging Literacy From Library to Classroom**

– Sandy Hines, Mardiece Patrick, Nancy Shaeffer

To purchase listening centers with tape and CD players and science books for the school library. **\$3,199**

**Glenshire Elementary - \$12,142**

**Daily 5 Component – Suzanne Samson**

To purchase copies of three different hardback books as a part of the Daily 5 program, which promotes independent student literacy. **\$900**

**Historical Fiction for Small Groups – Monika Bock**

To purchase historical fiction at varying reading levels and varying topics for small group instruction to go along with the 5th grade social studies standards. **\$4,147**

**Thesaurus – Suzanne Samson**

To purchase thesauruses for the 2nd grade level. **\$467**

**Making an Environmental CD – Claudia Waters**

To fund the development and creation of a musical CD with songs about environmental preservation. The proceeds from the sales will help with repairs and upgrades for the Music Department instruments. **\$1,500**

**Biographies for 2nd Graders – Jean Fournier**

To purchase biographies of heroes and leaders in American history appropriate for 2nd graders. **\$253**

**English Program for EL Students – Sue Bower**

To purchase the Rosetta Stone computer software designed specifically to aid those acquiring a new language. **\$2,550**

**California Mathematics Council Math Festival – Suzie Dailey, Andrea Batie**

To purchase the Math Festival package, which demonstrates the importance of mathematics to students. The package is made up of “stations” with problem-solving tasks for all grade levels to participate in different hands-on activities, simultaneously practicing their math skills. **\$2,000**

**High Performance Writing, Reading Mastery Plus – Tawny Edwards**

To purchase the High Performance Writing program, a comprehensive resource that addresses the writing needs of all students. The grant request is also for the Reading Mastery Plus program, which is not being funded at this time. **\$325**

**Donner Trail Elementary - \$918**

**Take Home Books – Michelle Reed**

To purchase sets of leveled readers for a take-home literacy program for K-1 students as well as 2nd and 3rd grade students reading at lower levels. The books will be sent home each week for students to read with their parents. **\$668**

**Fractional Power Cubes – Michelle Reed and Kathee Hansen**

To purchase math manipulatives (Tower Fraction Cubes) to aid instruction in fractions, decimals and percents. **\$250**



Truckee High students using science equipment funded by Excellence in Education.



## Alder Creek Middle School - \$11,896

### Stop Watches – Nancy Casper

To purchase stopwatches for resource students to individually time themselves on their daily multiplication facts. **\$250**

### Everybody Sings! – Teresa Eppolito

To purchase the Math Notes Sing-Along CDs and books which put math rules, formulas and concepts into rhyme and songs with familiar tunes. **\$3,080**

### Civil War Core Literature – Lori McMullen

To purchase the book *Bull Run* for the Civil War curriculum. **\$700**

### Flash Master – Teresa Eppolito

To purchase Flash Master hand-held computers for practicing basic math facts. They give feedback after each activity and remembers the results of the previous activities. **\$1,659**

### Karaoke & Reading – Hien Larson

To purchase Karaoke machines for the eighth grade students. Karaoke is used to facilitate student reading. **\$700**

### Supplementary Math Materials – Becky Schaffnit

To purchase math games and manipulatives for all grades and levels. The items would be available for all teachers in the Math Resources section of the library. **\$1,300**

### Science Picture Books – Teresa Eppolito

To purchase age appropriate science picture books. The kid-friendly books present middle school science topics in an easy to read and understand format. **\$3,966**

### Interactive Social Studies Game – Lori McMullen

To purchase an interactive football game that reviews U.S. History facts. The game would be used as test-prep for CSTs. **\$241**

## North Tahoe Middle School - \$4,314

### Musically Based Performance Learning – Julie Brisbin

To support the production of a musical performance that involves science curriculum and a concert by the Banana Slug String Band. **\$550**

### Triple Beam Balance – Julie Brisbin

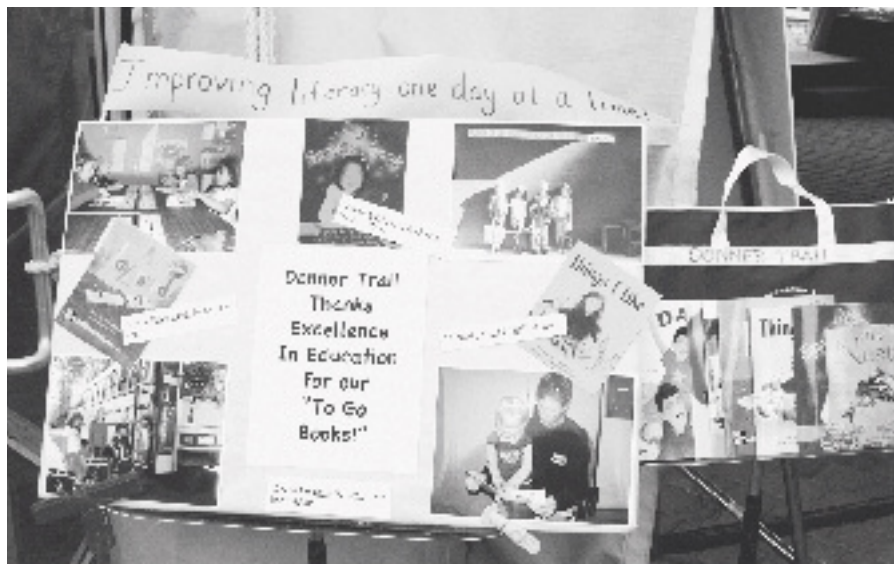
To purchase nine triple beam balances for the science department. Triple beam balances teach students the importance of how to measure mass in grams as an international system. **\$903**

### Read Naturally – Pat Hamilton

To purchase Read Naturally, a supplemental tool for teachers, parents and tutors to increase reading fluency, hear the English language read repeatedly, increase reading comprehension and develop a larger vocabulary. **\$786**

### CPR- First Aid – Kelley Swarberg-Ogilvy, Jamie Hinkle, Ivazina Bolla

To purchase materials, including CPR mannequins, first aid kits and First Response DVDs for a Health and Safety unit currently offered at Alder Creek Middle School. The course would include CPR and basic first aid. **\$2,075**



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## North Tahoe High School - \$20,781

### Real Life Characters – Anne Butterworth

To purchase graphic tablets for the Computer Animation class. The tablets allow students to publish professional quality animation. **\$2,160**

### Career Center Enhancement – Margie Falk

To purchase CEV Career Cluster Exploration Curriculum to help students in all grades understand in-depth careers conducive to today's business world. **\$5,000**

### Touchstone Book Series – Bonnie Whittemore

To purchase the Touchstone book series to help increase reading comprehension skills for 7th through 12th grade. The grant will be shared with NTMS. **\$428**

### English Novels – Erin McKee

To update and replace novels for English 9th through 12th grade, including honors and AP classes. **\$6,521**

### Athletic Equipment – Bill Freeman

To fund alternative PE activities, including equipment and instruction for personal training, core strengthening and balance. Items include: stability balls, Bosu balls, resistance bands and medicine balls. **\$5,000**

### Checking for Understanding: Teacher and Student Based Tools – Jennifer Jurosky

To purchase games, timers and whiteboards to make learning more fun to create a non-threatening way for students to respond to questions. **\$1,360**

### Culinary Books (Food & Nutrition) – Laura Hartung Robert

To purchase food and nutrition literature for the Culinary Program. The books are linked to the food and dietetic profession. **\$312**

## Truckee High School - \$31,793

### Shakespeare Plays on CD – Patrick Mooney

To purchase the complete set of Shakespeare's plays on CD from Arkangel Productions. The CDs will be used to aid student comprehension and understanding of the plays. **\$660**

### School Sound System – Grant Steunenberg and Kevin Cowie (ASB Secretary)

To purchase a new sound system for the student body as well as specific classes including Music Production, ROP Video 1 & 2, Leadership, Drama and Band. **\$2,930**

### Green Chemistry – Susan Lowder

To purchase the laboratory equipment necessary to complete green chemistry experiments such as the synthesis of biodiesel. **\$4,384**

### Local Aquarium Habitat – Trent Kirschner and Kathy Tallant

To fund a local river habitat simulation in a 55-gallon aquarium as a supplement to the "Trout in the Classroom" program. **\$934**

### Anthropology and Hair/Fiber Analysis – Kathy Tallant

To purchase Anthropology and Hair/Fiber Analysis units to expand the Forensic Science course curriculum. **\$3,723**

### Functional Life and Vocational Skill Development

#### – Jennifer Smith

To purchase sewing machines, digital cameras and DVD players to help the Special Day Class students practice job and life skills in order to increase their chances of obtaining and maintaining future employment. **\$700**

### Nuclear Chemistry – Kathy Tallant

To purchase equipment and materials to enhance the current nuclear chemistry curriculum being offered. **\$1,700**

### Energy and Amusement Park Physics – Susan Lowder

To purchase laboratory equipment to increase student understanding of physics principals in and out of the classroom. **\$2,990**

### Digital Photography Portfolio – Jon Halvorsen

To purchase high quality digital EOS cameras for the Digital Media class. The cameras will allow students to create professional digital photography portfolios. **\$1,525**

### Advanced Biology – Paul Smith, Kirby Reed (NTHS)

To purchase the equipment and supplies needed to offer an Advanced Biology class. Advanced Biology will be the entry into AP Biology. This grant is shared with NTHS. **\$4,000**

### Specialized Reading Curriculum – Jennifer Smith

To purchase the Read Naturally program which provides students with special needs a research-based reading skills program designed to increase reading proficiency. **\$1,944**

### Taxidermy Additions – Kathy Tallant

To fund the taxidermy of local animal specimens to aid in the discussion and teaching of local wildlife. **\$894**

### Anatomy and Physiology Refresher – Paul Smith

To purchase additional laboratory equipment and supplies to enhance the Anatomy and Physiology course. **\$5,409**



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