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WSRC Announces CSRA Mini Grant Winners

AIKEN, SC (March 18) – The Washington Savannah River Company Team at SRS is pleased to announce its 2008 Excellence-In-Teaching Mini Grant winners (see attached list of names and schools).

A team of WSRC employees reviewed 279 grant proposals submitted this year—without knowledge of the applicant or school—and selected 44 projects to receive a total of \$25,000 in funding. The Excellence-In-Teaching Mini Grants Program recognizes and supports excellence in teaching by funding projects that enhance public elementary and middle school science, mathematics and technology programs directly impacting students in the classroom.

Educators from all Central Savannah River Area public elementary and middle schools are eligible to apply for grants in one of three categories: \$500, \$750 or \$1,000. Since the program began in 1989, WSRC has awarded \$801,300 to fund 1,508 projects by 1,687 educators in the CSRA.

The grants will officially be awarded at a special ceremony on Thursday, April 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Newberry Hall, 117 Newberry Street, Aiken, SC, where all applicants will be honored.

The Excellence-In-Teaching Mini Grants Program is one of several initiatives coordinated through WSRC’s Education Outreach Programs Department. The grants are funded by WSRC’s Community Giving Program, which supports such community initiatives as education, health and welfare, civic and social activities, and culture and the arts.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Reporters are welcome to attend the awards ceremony. Nearly 300 CSRA educators will be in attendance, many of whom have applied over the years for mini grants and have benefited from this funding since the program’s inception.

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Winners of \$500 Grants

Sarah Emerling, Busbee Elementary, Hands on Helpers
Lyanne Haislip, Kennedy Middle, Dazzle the PACT with Winning Stars!
Anne Blackwell, Aiken Elementary, Tune Up to the Science of Music
Stephanie Camp, Aiken Elementary, Hear Ye, Hear Ye
Ashlyn Cooper, Aiken Elementary, Put Your “Caps” and “Hands-On”
Breanne Creswell, Aiken Elementary, M.A.T.H (Making Arithmetic Totally Hands-On)
Kristen Grant, Aiken Elementary, You Can Count on Me!
Jessica Icenhour, Aiken Elementary, High Five Math Alive
Carla Kerrigan, Aiken Elementary, “It’s Greek to Me”
Jennifer Powell, Aiken Elementary, S.M.A.R.T (Successfully Making Achievement Readily Tangible)
Danielle Rillo, Aiken Elementary, Math...The Key to Many Things
Kathleen Samaha, Aiken Elementary, Shark Attack
Suzanne Swann, Wheelless Road Elementary, May the Force Be With You
Carla Riley, East Aiken Elementary, Growing a Garden of Minds
Andrea Cummings, East Aiken Elementary, The Odds are on Probability
Janette Godwin, Chukker Creek Elementary, Bubbleology
Jennifer Coffey, Aiken Middle, Animal Mania
Heather Hatton-Key, North Augusta Elementary, Exploration of Math and Science
Jaime Creasey, Hammond Hill Elementary, Little Labs: An Early Learning Discovery Lab
Lorrie Jones, Hammond Hill Elementary, Where on Earth Have You Gone?
Christina Newsome, Johnston Elementary, It All Makes “CENTS”
Debbie McCain, Merriwether Middle School, And the Fossil Says...”
Andrea Baugh, Tubman Middle, Futurama Theme Park (Tapping into the Future Today)
Agnes Hobson, Oakwood-Windsor Elementary, Funderstanding Physics, Rolling with Force and Motion
Theresa Spieker, Belvedere Elementary, Tool Time Using a Compass
Lisa Toole, Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary, Science Technology/Media Materials
Maureen Manuszak, Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary, Academic Math Portfolio
Judy Simpson, Merriwether Elementary, Marvelous Measuring
Mandy Lowe, Merriwether Elementary, Untangling Tesselations
Angela Dickey, Clearwater Elementary, GAMES: Games Are Mathematical Educational Supplies
Susie Yonce, JET Middle, Pond Scum
Lisa Newman, **Yashonda Gardner**, Paul Knox Middle, What’s Bugging You?
Brandy Smalley, Millbrook Elementary, Eye Spy a Bug!
Elizabeth Toole, Langford Middle, Scientists Create a Habitat to Attract Wildlife
Jaime Bryan, **Cindy Grose**, **Natalie Dandy**, Merriwether Middle, Kickin’ It Up with Cognition

Winners of \$750 Grants

Jennifer Watkins, **Carole Collum**, Busbee Elementary, Building Bridges with Boardmaker
Jane DiTullio, Chukker Creek Elementary, On Your Mark-Get Set Go!
Karen Zeigler, Jackson Middle, Geo-Odyssey
Janet Gaddy, **Lynn Chapman**, Lewiston Elementary, Let’s Get Moving: An Investigation in Force and Motion
Beverly Horton, **Krystal Stevens**, Lewiston Elementary, Solar System Expansion...is it possible?
Dana Kaltz, W.E. Parker Elementary, All Systems Go!

Winners of \$1000 Grants

Christina Davis, Spirit Creek Middle, Learning to Like Lichen

Cassandra Rogers, Diamond Lakes Elementary, Music: Orff Schulwerk Style

Sonya Forker, Meredith Owens, Millbrook Elementary, Pollution and Solutions

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