

2009 GAF Grants

Total Amount Awarded by Geneva Academic Foundation Was \$58,881.33

- **Class Performance System** **Geneva Middle School North**
One Classroom Performance Set (CPS Unit) was bought to be used by 8th grade students to improve classroom learning. These devices allow all students to use technology to answer questions while providing instant student feedback to teachers.
- **Cardio for Kids** **Geneva Middle School North**
An elliptical cross trainer and a stair climber were purchased for the fitness room to provide more students with optimal cardio exercise on a regular basis.
- **Randy Sabien, Jazz Violinist** **Both Middle Schools and High School**
Money was given to help pay for Randy Sabien, an internationally known jazz violinist, to spend two days giving jazz clinics at Geneva's two middle schools and at the high school. The culmination of his visit will be an evening concert presented by all of the participating students and Randy Sabien.
- **Document Camera** **Geneva Middle School North**
Money was given to purchase a document camera to allow more teachers to have the opportunity to present crisp, clear, detailed images through the LCD projectors which are mounted from classroom ceilings.
- **Mastering Problem Solving Through Manipulations** **Fourth Grade Classrooms**
Money was given to purchase ETA Cuisenaire Super Source Books for all the fourth grade classrooms in the district. Each book gives teachers many ideas on how to use their classroom math manipulative sets in new ways to increase and deepen students' understanding of math concepts and problem solving.
- **Teaching in a Wireless World** **Heartland Elementary School**
Money was given to purchase a video wireless extender for the Library Media Center. This piece of equipment will allow teachers to facilitate presentations from a computer in any location within that room.
- **Headphones for High School** **Geneva High School**
120 headphones with recording devices were purchased to allow students to independently listen, record, and hear the information they are reading and writing while using special computer programs

- **Scholastic Bookflix Interactive Literary Resource** **Western Avenue School**
 A year-long on-line multimedia literacy subscription was purchased for this school's networked computers. The Bookflix program pairs fictional video storybooks with non-fiction eBooks. Having this resource will help children to increase their love of reading, reinforce their reading skills, and develop their real-world knowledge and at school and at home.
- **Though the Eyes of Children** **Williamsburg Elementary School**
 Twelve stereo microscopes were purchased for students to use in the classroom. These microscopes are very user friendly for younger children because they are sturdy, have binocular style eyepieces, and have a larger area where specimens to be viewed can be placed.
- **New Set Design for GTV Studio** **Geneva High School**
 Money was given to help design, create, and buy components for a new set for the television studio at the high school. This new set will give a much more professional look for student newscasts and magazine shows, for Studio 304 shows, and for the programs viewed on Channel 10 and the Internet.
- **Putting Yourself into the Curriculum** **Geneva High School**
 Six megapixel digital cameras and six memory cards were purchased for students to use while they create more meaningful projects and presentations for their social studies classes.
- **Using Exercise Balls in the Classroom** **Mill Creek Elementary School**
 Money was given to purchase a classroom set of stability balls for the purpose of replacing some student chairs at desks and tables. Research suggests that students with attention problems greatly benefit from using this equipment.
- **Tag Readers** **Harrison Street School**
 Money was given to help purchase Tag Readers for children to use in classrooms. This special literacy technology allows children to hear a story by using a special reading pen.
- **Portable Document Cameras** **Harrison Street School**
 Money was given to purchase more document cameras for classroom use. This new technology allows teachers the opportunity to present crisp, clear, detailed images through the LCD projectors which are mounted from classroom ceilings.

- **CD Listening Library** **Mill Creek Elementary School**
 Money was given to purchase books on CD for students. Research shows that listening to a book improves vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and an interest in reading.
- **Fusion Writers** **Fabyan Elementary School**
 Five assistive technology learning programs were purchased to enhance the ability of students with fine motor, writing, or spelling difficulties to complete classroom assignments independently or with minimal help.
- **Listening for Success** **Fabyan Elementary School**
 A listening library of CDs and books was purchased for the Kindergarten Booster program. This listening library will help beginning readers become more successful with literacy skills.
- **Dance Dance Revolution** **Fabyan Elementary School**
 The purchase of this program would enable each of the elementary schools in our district to have their own Dance Dance Revolution program. This popular group fitness system combines contemporary music, the latest dance steps, and technology to motivate students to get healthier by becoming more active.
- **Document Camera** **Fabyan Elementary School**
 A document camera was purchased to allow the school's music teacher to project musical notation, documents, and images onto a full screen for students to view and actively learn during whole group musical instruction.
- **Poster Printer** **Fabyan Elementary School**
 Money was given to allow teachers to create large graphic organizers and other classroom posters which depict specific reading, writing, and math strategies. Students will be able to refer to these posters and transfer this knowledge into their long-term memories.
- **Technology in Visual Learning** **Fabyan Elementary School**
 The money for this grant was donated in memory of Warren "Bud" Gilligan, a founding member and first chairman of Geneva Academic Foundation. This money will be used to purchase an interactive board. This new visual learning technology will help students to become more active learners.

- **Reading in a Digital World** **Geneva High School**
 Money was given to purchase eleven Kindles and Kindle downloads to pilot an afterschool reading E-Book Club for high school students.
- **Expanding Technology in Visual Learning** **Geneva High School**
 Money was given to the art department to purchase digital and 35mm cameras, a color printer, and three document cameras for students to use in the photography classes at the high school.
- **Geneva History Booklets** **Geneva History Center**
 The money given for this grant will pay for the printing of six classroom sets of a booklet titled *A Trip Through Geneva's History*. Each of the elementary schools will receive thirty booklets to use when Geneva's history is being taught and learned.
- **Visual Aid Upgrades** **Western Avenue School**
 Money was given to purchase more document cameras for classroom use.
 This new technology allows teachers the opportunity to present crisp, clear, detailed images through the LCD projectors which are mounted from classroom ceilings.
- **Enrichment Resources Available to All K-8 Teachers**
 Reading and Writing VersaTiles sets and Problem Solving and Critical Thinking VersaTiles sets were purchased to help provide all elementary and middle school students with challenging and enjoyable ways to develop their intellectual and learning skills to their fullest potential.