

## **2008-2009 PTA *BIGrant* Program Winners**

### **EARTHBOXES**

**Health and Wellness Committee  
Ms. Hicok**

The Health and Wellness Committee purchased six Earthbox kits to allow the students at each grade level and the entire school community to experience growing and harvesting their own fruits and vegetables.

### **WORKSHOP ON RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM**

**Kindergarten Teachers**

The Kindergarten Teachers attended a 1 day workshop on Responsive Classroom sponsored by the Northeast Foundation for Children.

### **ADDING MORE SPARKLE TO 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classrooms  
Mrs. Theodoropoulos**

Through this grant, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will purchase several hands on activities that target the areas of Language Arts and Math.

### **SUPPLEMENTING WRITING THROUGH MENTOR TEXTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classrooms  
Ms. Mueller**

This grant provides supplemental materials for the Lucy Caulkins writing program that will be introduced in the 2009-10 school year. The goal of this program is to launch a writing workshop in the classroom.

### **LIBRARY READING CORNER**

**Ms. Gasior**

Through this grant Ms. Gasior has enhanced the library space, making it more appealing and inviting for the students during library time. The grant provided funds for a story rug, bean bag chairs and posters to enliven the library.

### **GRADE 5 NOVELS**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classrooms  
Mrs. Marrucci**

This grant will purchase 2 novels to supplement the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts/Reading curriculum.

### **Wii GAME SYSTEM**

**Shannon Clark  
Occupational Therapy**

The OT Department will purchase a Nintendo Wii system and games to use in addition to the traditional occupational therapy treatment activities. Research has found the Wii to be an effective supplement to traditional therapy as it focuses on bilateral hand coordination, visual perceptual skills, sensory motor skills, fine motor skills and balance and coordination.