

Ashe County Schools Endowment Fund
2015
Award Ceremony for Grant Recipients

1. **Mountain View Elementary School** students will now be able to monitor their heart rate level in PE Class. This grant will provide the funds to purchase heart rate monitors that will allow immediate biofeedback to students who will learn the importance of being physically active for a lifetime.

The recipient of this grant is Ronnie Pruitt.

2. **Mountain View Elementary** School students will learn abstract mathematical concepts in cooperative learning groups. Students will engage in lessons that use the highly motivating and hands-on LEGO bricks with the expected outcome to be to strengthen key collaboration and communication skills, including the ability to work and express themselves in teams, as well as individually.

Teresa Goodman and Connie Howell are the recipients of this grant.

3. Health Occupation Students of America main focus is giving back to the community. This group's strategic plan is to increase membership by 30%, leading to increased student leadership, and involvement in competitive events. This grant will help build and mold future medical leaders and healthcare workers, while enhancing the face of medicine.

The recipient of this grant is Olivia Jenkins

4. Media Madness Mobile is a program that will fund the purchase of books that will travel from classroom to classroom at **Mountain View Elementary** School. Many students who attend Mountain View have limited experience with reading materials in their homes. This program is designed to instill a love of reading at a very young age and to help students to build reading interests in a variety of children's authors and topics.

The recipients of this grant are Ruth Turnmire and Beth Shelton

5. Students in this exceptional children's program at **Blue Ridge Elementary** will now benefit 30 students each year who have a much harder time acquiring and utilizing problem-solving skills. The LEGO More to Math kit uses hands-on tools and innovative software to help develop teamwork and problem solving skills in Math.

Tonya Blevins is the recipient of this Endowment Grant

6. Students attending **Ashe County Middle School** will now benefit from an e-book program funded by this grant. The goal of the program is to promote literacy among students, many of whom are reading below grade level. Having access to audio versions of text, students will be able to hear and enjoy stories that are appropriate for their social and emotional development. Many students have not learned to love reading because they have not been exposed to text that they consider enjoyable.

This grant goes to Alecia Giles and Holly McClure

7. Westwood Elementary students will benefit from the purchase of two additional musical instruments to add to an already established program that increases student involvement in music-making at an active and experimental level. The Orff approach involves students in music-making through song, movement and a variety of instruments. As a result of this program, many students continue music studies throughout high school.

Mary Greene is the recipient of this Endowment Grant.

8. Second grade students at **Westwood Elementary** will benefit from the use of timers . The use of timers will enable students to measure and record their growth in reading sight words and passages, addition and subtraction fact fluency, and spelling fluency and physical activities. Each student will use a digital tool to collect and record information regarding their growth in these subject areas.

The recipients of the grant are Sara Lambert and Audrea Little

9. This grant will help struggling Second Graders at **Blur Ridge Elementary** to read. Research points out that students who are not successful readers by the end of second grade are less likely to learn to read, are more likely to drop out of school, and choose to not read as adults. Decodable texts for small group instruction allow students to learn and apply phonic patterns to what they read. This grant will also fund the purchase of more books in the classroom library that are decodable.

Courtney Eller wrote this proposal and is the recipient of this Endowment Grant

10. Building an expanded library of the visual arts is the theme of this proposal that will benefit the students **Westwood Elementary**. The new resources will give students a greater understanding of artists' history, processes and the motivation for creating art. The new art prints and books will teach students to understand how art has reflected culture, interest, and environment.

Jill Stepp is the recipient of this Endowment Grant.