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Ridgewood Public Schools Since 1989."

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December 15, 2009

Dear Friends of The Ridgewood Education Foundation,

As the year draws to a close I want to share with you my reflections on the accomplishments of the Ridgewood Education Foundation. Our mission remains clear: To enhance the quality of education for students in the Ridgewood Public Schools. Over the past twenty years, your generous donations and our steady membership has enabled The Ridgewood Education Foundation to provide in excess of \$450,000 to benefit the students and schools of Ridgewood.

This past year our funding benefited students at all levels, from pre-school to high school. The focus of these grants demonstrates the breadth of the educational opportunities in the Ridgewood schools, from environmental action to arts programs and community building. I encourage you to review the full scope of the 2009 grants on the reverse side of this letter.

Additionally, we will continue to sponsor Super Science Saturday. This community-wide event showcases student work in the world of science. If you haven't attended recently, I hope you will come this year. You will be amazed at the work the students of Ridgewood are producing! Super Science Saturday will be held on Saturday, March 6th at RHS.

Finally, I hope you again remember the Ridgewood Education Foundation in your year-end giving plans. Teachers come to us with ideas for innovative and unique classroom learning opportunities that are beyond the school budget. These are the programs that help to enhance the students' learning and make the Ridgewood schools special. As you can imagine, the number of grant requests increases as state budgets tighten. We strive to meet as many of the grant requests as possible and it is your generosity that allows us to make those dreams reality. I hope you will consider a gift of \$100.00.

On behalf of the Ridgewood Education Foundation I wish you and your family a warm and happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Gordon
President

Ridgewood Education Foundation

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2009 Classroom Grants Total \$14,463.69!

Spring 2009 Classroom Grants – Total \$4428

- *Electrify the Strings*, \$1500 awarded to Amy Hotto; RHS
- *The Way of the Brush: East Meets West*, \$1625 awarded to Kelli Conforth; RHS
- *The Power of the Graphic Novel*, \$660 awarded to Jason Ordini And Noreen Clarke; BFMS
- *The Lifestyle of a Chick*, \$293.00 awarded to Danielle Duffy and Helen Poulis; Orchard
- *Willard is Leading the Way*, \$350 awarded to Donald Friel; Willard

Fall 2009 Classroom Grants – Total \$10,035.69

- *Dinosaurs Rock!*, \$500 awarded to Karen Price and Kelly Buchsbaum (parent); R.E.D. program at Glen School
- *Shoot for the Moon: Tales of Astronomy, Stargazing, and Space*, \$950 awarded to Terry Dunn, Ellen Steiner, Jane Kalfus, Jill Feeney (parent), and Emily Young (parent); Hawes
- *Building Bridges Through Books*, \$500 awarded to Megan Bozios, Orchard
- *S.T.A.M.P. Out Bullying*, \$2864.19 awarded to Molly Sher and Jean Schoenlank, with Lorna Oates-Santos and Margaret Loonam; Ridge, Orchard, and Somerville
- *Ridgewood: Our Community Through Art*, \$350 awarded to Susan Chambre, Kate Droske, and Samantha Staliewicz; Somerville
- *Storming into 5th Grade (An Introduction to Robotics)*, \$1065 awarded to 5th grade students Christopher Black, Devon Etzrodt, James Mablí, and Brad Rynkowski, with teacher Scott Lupia; Somerville
- *Storytime with Paws for Literacy*, \$758.50 awarded to Elizabeth Holley, Donald Friel, and Linda Diorio; Willard
- *Willard's World of Wellness*, \$1650 awarded to Mike Lucchesi, Kevin Blois, and Dorothy Duffy (parent); Willard
- *The Physics of Vision*, \$1398 awarded to Harold Nelson, RHS

Arts Fund Grants Total \$9,069.55 in 2009

- *Canon digital EOS "Rebel" cameras, telephoto lens and macro lens*, \$4,999.55 awarded to Chris McCullough for new course offering "Advanced Digital Photography"; RHS
- *Two cellos and two bass clarinets*, \$4,070 awarded to Edward Schmiedecke for use at BFMS and GWMS

REF is also a co-sponsor of Super Science Saturday, the REEL Voices Film Festival at Ridgewood Public Library, and the College Speaker Series at Ridgewood High School.

Yes! I'd like to support innovative programs in Ridgewood Schools!

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