

## Lake Central Education Foundation

### Round 11 - December 2001

#### "Rookie Round"

Number of Grants Funded: 12  
Amount: \$4,940

Cumulative Grants Funded: 115  
Cumulative Amount: \$66,047

**Civil War Day** (Sandra Ely, Tina Garcia, Anita Griffin, and Shannon Janes, Peifer, \$325) Fifth grade students reenact the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg.

**Crossroads Connection for Reading Success** (Jan Puller, Kolling, \$500) - High-risk first grade students gain reading skills and strategies.

**Electronic Portfolios** (Maureen Yaeger, LCHS, \$495) - Art students develop electronic portfolios on CDs.

**Fifth Grade Writing and Technology Project** (Karen Finley, Kris Johnson, Dawn Toms, and Ann Ziernkiewicz, Homan, \$500) - Fifth graders use portable word processors to develop meaningful written pieces at home.

**Literacy Groups** (Christina Triveline, Bibich, \$450) - Literacy groups are established in a first-grade classroom to address specific areas of need within the class.

**Memorial Wall** (Annette DeRolf, Peifer, \$225) - A patriotic wall is painted by student council members for the school's outdoor education area.

**Multicultural Cinderella** (Pat Biancardi, Homan, \$360) Third grade students explore twenty-five different cultures through Cinderella stories.

**Postcard Geography** (Mari-Jo Olenik, Watson, \$135) - Fourth grade students interact with other students across the globe through a postcard exchange program.

**Reader's Club** (Sharon Orr and Lindsey Tucker - Bibich, \$500) - Accelerated Reader, a computerized evaluation tool, encourages first graders to read more books and increase comprehension skills.

**Reading - An Interesting Activity** (Mary Jo Smith, Watson, \$500) - First grade students become actively engaged in reading by matching reading materials to students' interests.

**The Reading/Writing Connection - A Balanced Literacy Approach** (Justine Kasch, Watson, \$450) - Learning centers in this first grade classroom provide opportunities for students to improve their language arts and reading skills.

**Straw Bridge Project - \$500.00** (Ray Lentz, LCHS, \$500)- Ninth grade students build straw bridges to explore structural engineering principles

## Lake Central Education Foundation

### Round 12 - April 2002

Number of Grants Funded: 13  
Amount: \$11,045

Cumulative Grants Funded: 128  
Cumulative Amount: \$77,09

**Achieving the Standards** (Karen Kinney, Bibich, \$715) Kindergarten students use "hands on" alphabet centers, read books that emphasize word families, and watch videos that target specific standards.

**Book of Kells** (Lore Schechner, Debbie Fenters, Letitia Gustas, Maryann Ott, Karen Gross, and Cheryl Geras, Grimmer, \$500) Each sixth grader creates a Book of Kells as a way to explore writing during the Middle Ages.

**Explore-A-Packs** (Kelly Dobias and Alison Gercken, Peifer, \$1240) Kindergarteners use homework backpacks with language arts, math, science, and social studies activities.

**Flying Polygons** (Lore Schechner, Debbie Fenters, Cheryl Geras, Karen Gross, Letitia Gustas, and Maryann Ott, Grimmer, \$185) Sixth grade students create polygons using only craft sticks, test their creations, and compete in an aerodynamic contest.

**Inspiring to Write** (Dawn Toms, Homan, \$1200) *Inspiration* software encourages fourth and fifth grade students to use a variety of writing strategies: brainstorming, planning, outlining, diagramming, concept mapping, webbing, and much more.

**Kids and Parents Reading Together** (Mary Jo Smith and Donelle Extin, Watson, \$1080) First grade students use baskets of books as well as take-home book bags which encourage parents and children to become active readers.

**Kidspiration Writing Lab** (Jamie Cole and Pat Biancardi, Homan, \$1200) Second and third graders create newsletters, character maps, school year timelines, family trees, science exhibits, and much more using *Kidspiration* software.

**Living Literature Publication Project** (Lisa Schilling, LCHS, \$750) Eleventh graders create, revise, and publish products correlating to literature.

**Mastering Mathematics Through Technology** (Mari-Jo Olenik, Watson, \$560) Motivational CD-ROM programs allow fourth graders to work with fractions, graphs, measurement, and geometry through real-life, interactive activities.

**Reading: More Fun Than Recess** (Judy Toczek, Watson, \$835) Accelerated Reader titles are added to the Watson library.

**Sculpting the Writing Process** (Letitia Gustas, Debbie Fenters, Maryann Ott, Karen Gross, Cheryl Geras, and Lore Schechner, Grimmer, \$335) Sixth grade students create a pencil holder and compare the process to the steps a writer takes.

**Tech Ed Phase III** (Dan Stout, Grimmer, \$1300) A flexible, up-to-date technology education facility provides eight student stations.

**Young Engineer's Club** (Jan Puller, Kolling, \$1145) Third and fourth grade students use motorized Legos to explore simple and complex machines.

## Lake Central Education Foundation

### Round 13 - November 2002

Number of Grants Funded: 11  
Amount: \$3,265

Cumulative Grants Funded: 136  
Cumulative Amount: \$80,357

**Bulldog Readers** (Angie Milcarek, Bibich, \$460) - Students in the special education program receive alternative language arts curriculum.

**Disk-o-Disks** (Emily Maurek, Bibich, \$320) In a simulation of the music business world, fifth grade students engage in the design and promotion of a CD.

**Historical One Room School** (Dave Andrews, Schererville Historical Society, \$500) McGuffey Readers, slates, teacher resource materials, period games, equipment and supplies are purchased for the historical St. John School. Each fourth grade class in the district visits the school for a simulated 19<sup>th</sup> century school day.

**International!** (Brenda Kovich, Watson, \$175) Fourth grade students simulate a trip to a foreign country and use a computer-based simulation to learn about the countries of the world.

**Just the Facts: Accelerated Reader Quizzes for Nonfiction Books** (Barbara Kovach, Kahler, \$325) Kahler adds 110 non-fiction titles to its AR program.

**Literature Circles: Building Excitement for Books** (Susan Schweitzer, Grimmer, \$500) Seventh and eighth grade students work in literature circles to discuss various works.

**The Love to Learn Book Club** (Dawn Toms, Homan, \$500) First graders respond to books they've read by writing sequels, alternative endings, and letters about the characters; creating KWL charts, book reviews, poems, and songs.

**Reader to Writer Club** (Janice Malchow, Bibich, \$485) This club allows first grade students to reinforce, remediate, and enrich their language arts skills while participating in the Accelerated Reader program.

## Lake Central Education Foundation

### Round 14 - April 2003

Number of Grants Funded: 17  
Amount: \$9,200

Cumulative Grants Funded: 153  
Cumulative Amount: \$89,55

**Bound for Books** (Chris Mikuly, Watson, \$450) Second graders use Four Blocks: guided reading, self-selected reading, writing, and working with words.

**Extending Student Literacy Project** (Diane Richardson, Kathi Tucker, Cindy Sweeney, and Lynne Kasperan, Homan, \$425) Kindergarten students take home backpacks that promote literacy.

**First Grade Puppet Theater** (Julie Ason, Protsman, \$350) First graders read and perform various thematic plays using published and original works.

**Journey on the Phantom Tollbooth** (Silvana Morgan, Cindy Walsh, Diane Clapperton, Lynne O'Brien, and Mary Lou Sarkey, Protsman, \$1000) Fifth grade students use *The Phantom Tollbooth* as a year-long theme.

**Junior Journalism** (Julie Moore, Watson, \$390) Fifth graders produce their own monthly newspaper.

**Literacy Circles: Continuing the Reading Challenge** (Susan Schweitzer and Sandra Karottki, Grimmer, \$500) Seventh and eighth grade students use literacy circles to explore contemporary works.

**No Book Left Behind** (Edith Blush, Kolling, \$440) Third graders take home thematic literacy packs including books, games, activities, audio materials, and websites.

**The Quigley Club** (Angie Milcarek and Kathleen Kokot, Bibich, \$700) Students with special needs use the Shurley Method to learn grammar concepts.

**Quizzing Kahler's Current Collection** (Barbara Kovach, Kahler, \$345) Accelerated Reader quizzes are purchased for books in the Kahler library.

**PSAT Prep Project** (Penny Tokoly, LCHS, \$940) A PSAT preparation class begins at Lake Central High School.

**Reader/Science Club** (Diane Kowalski and Laurie Corman, Bibich, \$500) Science-related books are added to the Accelerated Reader program.

**Reader to Writer Club 2** (Sheila Huffman and Laurie Corman, Bibich, \$500) Biography selections are added to the Accelerated Reader program.

**Rosetta Stone Software** (Debra Rouston, Homan, \$530) *Rosetta Stone Explorer* language-learning software is installed in every classroom to help students new to the English language.

**Science on the Go** (Linda Powell, Bobbi Goins, and Karen Radencic, Watson, \$845) Third graders take home inquiry-based science kits.

**Showcasing LC Through Digital Photography** (Laura Zeller, Sarah Drolen, Carrie Wadycki, and Diane Handley, LCHS, \$1000) High school students use digital photography to create web pages, PowerPoint presentations, DVD Yearbook Scrapbook, *Indian Insights* cable show, and more.

**SWAT - Students Working Against Teasing** (Erin Spinks, Tim Doyle, Karen Bowman, Scott Graber, and Jack Thomas, Kahler, \$285) A student group lobbies against teasing and bullying through videos and posters.

## Lake Central Education Foundation

### Round 15 - November 2003

Number of Grants Funded: 15  
Amount: \$5,000

Cumulative Grants Funded: 168  
Cumulative Amount: \$94,55

**Enriching the Reading Experience** (Melody Wolff, Homan, \$230) High-achieving first grade readers use a variety of activities to expand their skills.

**Help Me Help My Child** (Rita Evanson, Watson, \$410) First graders use cross curricular take-home learning packs.

**I Love to Read** (Patti Graham, Peifer, \$130) At-risk students develop a love for reading at school and at home.

**Input Technologies** (Kathy Rosinski, Sally Wilkins, Rita Chavez, Cyndi Langford, LCHS, \$420) High school students learn to use input technologies, such as voice recognition, personal digital assistants, and scanners.

**Interdepartmental Logo Design Unit** (Maureen Yaeger, Jereme Rainwater, Vivian Velasco, LCHS, \$490) High school students experience communication skills necessary between artist, business student, and printing technologist to create a logo design.

**It's A Mystery** (Brenda Kovich, Patti Nuzzo, Mari-Jo Olenik, Gretchen Pishkur, Judy Simanson, Watson, \$275) Fourth graders explore a variety of mysteries and solve a simulated whodunit.

**Math Masters** (Angie Milcarek, Dee Meeker, Kathleen Kokot, Bibich, \$335) Students with special needs receive reinforcement and enrichment in mathematics.

**Mrs. Walczak's Book Bags** (Caryn Walczak, Bibich, \$170) Students read outside of school to develop a love for reading, while improving reading and comprehension skills.

**Paperback Readers** (Barbara Kovach, Kahler, \$165) Accelerated Reader quizzes for paperback books are made available to middle school students.

**Seussentennial** (Mari-Jo Smith, Pat Smith, and Brenda Kovich, Watson School, and Pam Neth, LCHS, \$365) Elementary students enjoy dramatizations of popular Seuss stories presented by high school students, listen to guest readers, explore themes of various Dr. Seuss books, and watch a biography of Theodore Geisel.

**Supporting Soldiers** (Julie Moore, Linda Hensley, Steve Starceвич, Donna Spivak, Paula Vela, Watson, \$470) Fifth grade students correspond with military personnel.

**Tangrams for Today** (Robert Gustas, Grimmer, \$165) Middle school students use tangrams to visualize and solve problems.

**Teaching with Touch** (Cheryl Pergher, Kolling, \$500) TouchMath provides a viable tool to remediate and enrich math skills.

**Trailblazers** (Nancy Wilk, Emily Mavrek, Bibich, \$500) The historical journey and cultural discoveries of Lewis and Clark are recreated through integration within the music and art curriculum.

**Writing Roundup** (Kelly Dobias, Peifer, \$375) - Kindergarten students have numerous opportunities to focus on words and print at an independent writing center.

## Lake Central Education Foundation

### Round 16 -April 2004

Number of Grants Funded: 15

Amount: \$11,315

Cumulative Grants Funded: 183

Cumulative Amount: \$105

**Author! Author!** (Michael Ritchie and Barb Kovach, Kahler, \$1275) Current reference materials allow middle school students to research and create products related to their favorite authors.

**Books Ahoy!** (Jamie Cole, Sher Cosgrove, Jacque Dywan, Renee LamChi, Kim Udchitz, and Beth Langton, Homan, \$500) Second grade students take home literacy bags packed with storybooks, puppets, laminated question sheets, and other manipulatives.

**Celebrate America** (Karen Semancik, Kolling, \$870) Fifth grade students design, create, and assemble historical floats for a patriotic parade in conjunction with a unit on elections.

**Digi-Block Manipulatives** (Micheline Beattie, Protsman, \$870) Students with learning disabilities use digi-blocks, array platforms, number lines, and place value mats to represent whole numbers, decimals, and fractions to understand math concepts.

**Establishing Parent Partnerships with High-Risk Kindergartners** (Diane Richardson, Homan, \$400) Teachers reach out to kindergarten parents by providing developmentally appropriate, hands-on reading and literacy activities at home.

**Fabulous, Fun-to-Read Fiction Favorites** (Judy Toczec, Watson, \$1385) Second and third grade students are encouraged to read a series of novels by five authors: Barbara Parks, David Adler, Ron Roy, Cynthia Rylant, and Mary Pope Osborne.

**Having Fun While Enhancing the Indiana State Standards** (Justine Kasch, Watson, \$500.00) Take-home totes will expose first grade students to many different formats of reading material and help build language skills.

**Help Me Help My Child** (Rita Evanson, Watson, \$500) A cross-curricular program featuring take-home learning packs and science activity tubs is available to families of first and second graders.

**Individualizing and Assessing Cardiovascular Fitness** (Claudia Triplo, Peifer, \$915) In gym class, children monitor and assess their fitness level using heart rate monitors.

**It's In the Bag** (Cheryl Pergher and Terri Kopanda, Kolling, \$500) Thematically prepared bags address first grade educational standards by providing soft-cover books, manipulatives, activity cards, and puppets for take-home use.

**Making Lists and Checking Them Twice** (Barbara Kovach, Mike Ritchie, and Laura Bloom-Johnson, Kahler, \$710) Middle school students read books from the Young Hoosier Book Awards list and vote for their favorites. Accelerated Reader tests are made available for YHBA and Book Fair books.

**Making Math Meaningful and FUNctional** (Christine Ekaitis, Homan, \$630) Math manipulatives, literature, and problem-solving activities will create a connection between concrete and abstract mathematical concepts for fourth grade students.

**Math Wizards II** (Angie Milcarek, Dee Meeker, and Kathleen Kokot, Bibich \$390) Students in the special education program add, subtract, and complete *story* problems using Touch Point Kits.

**Scientific Discoveries** (Alison Gercken, Lynn Makely, Jessica Niemeyer, Stacey Schwuchow and Kathy Binole, Peifer, \$1495) Animal classification cards, a big screen microscope, magnetic wands, weather equipment, an inflatable solar system and much more will allow scientific discoveries for first graders.

**Stations** (Caryn Walczak, Bibich, \$375) Third grade students will rotate through five hands-on learning stations each week.

## Lake Central Education Foundation

### Round 17 - May 2004

Number of Grants Funded: 13  
Amount: \$5,060

Cumulative Grants Funded: 196  
Cumulative Amount: \$110,932

**Above the Box: Accelerated Reader Books and Quizzes for Higher Level Readers** (Barbara Kovach, Kahler, \$345) High-level novels and AR quizzes are added to the Kahler library.

**Building the Beginning Bridges** (Rita Evanson, Watson, \$345) Second grade students read myths and legends from countries around the world.

**Community Voices Read and Students Succeed** (Julie Natt, Watson, \$435) Community members record favorite stories on audiotape for second grade students.

**Fantasy and Sci-Fi** (Barbara Kovach, Kahler, \$440) Kahler Middle School adds fantasy and science fiction novels and Accelerated Reader quizzes to its library.

**Graphic Novels: The Newest Library Superheroes** (Barbara Kovach, Kahler, \$395) Graphic novels, the latest incarnation of comic books, encourage middle school students to read.

**Home Reading Program** (Lore Scheidt, Protsman, \$470) First graders take home cassette tapes and books to practice reading.

**Learning About Our Town** (Pat Biancardi, Homan, \$160) Third, fourth, and fifth grade classes learn about the town using *Schererville Through the Ages*.

**Literature Program to Foster and Encourage Reading through Discussion Groups** (Marcia Gorelick, Freshmen Center, \$500) Ninth grade students read a series of novels, participate in discussion groups, and make presentations.

**Math Explorers After School Club** (Janice Malchow, Nancy Mackowiak, and Diane Fear, Bibich, \$260) Second grade students receive extra math instruction after school with the help of Lake Central's National Honor Society.

**Math Masters III** (Angie Milcarek, Bibich, \$500) Math kits provide extra assistance for special education students.

**Science Sacks** (Susan Spicer, Peifer, \$500) Each week, second graders conduct science experiments at home.

**Student Authors** (Ellen O'Rourke, Bibich, \$400) Fourth grade students write books and create educational games.

**Students Growing up in a Paperless Society** (Mary Dunlop, Watson, \$310) The Watson newsletter is posted on-line each month.

## Lake Central Education Foundation

### Round 18 - May 2005

Number of Grants Funded: 12

Cumulative Grants Funded: 208

Amount: \$14,115

Cumulative Amount: \$125,047

**Connecting the Dots** (Eric Bushong, LCHS, \$2,150) Our schools and community are united under one common theme: astronomy. LCHS astronomy and photography students explore space using new telescopes, partner with the Calumet Astronomical Society, and provide community stargazing events.

**Flexible Hi-Tech Teaching** (Dan Stout, Grimmer, \$375) This project creates front-row learning experiences during Technology Education laboratory demonstrations. Students create computer-designed illustrations, computer-measured working drawings, wood and metal projects safely.

**Hands-on, Minds-on Science** (Julie Natt, Watson, \$750.00) Science teaching is enhanced through focus on big ideas, hands-on experiments, providing trade books, giving choices, group work, and daily writing with Science Centers and Scientist for a Day.

**I Do and I Understand** (Rita Evanson, Watson, \$750) Second grade students access hands-on science and math materials combined with language and reading experiences.

**Input Technologies II** (Kathy Rosinski, LCHS, \$1,190) Keyboarding students dictate to train software, dictate actual business applications, use graphic tablets and digital pens.

**It's the Little Things that Count** (Kelly Bell & Cindy Walsh, Protsman, \$1,000) Microscope- based experiments allow students to better understand their environment.

**LCTV in the Digital Era** (Laura Zeller, LCHS, \$2,700) Students in Video Production and DVD Yearbook classes use the latest digital camcorders and digital media for producing *Indian Insights News*, DVD yearbook, cable show, and special segments.

**Panther Productions Theater Company** (Julie Ason, Protsman, \$600) Protsman students have the opportunity to perform the musical *School House Rock! Junior*.

**Rebuilding the Drama Department** (Trishanne Parish and Amy Sutton, Grimmer, \$3,000) Students and teachers resurrect the old stage, add lighting and a curtain for various middle school productions.

**RoboChallenge** (Silvana Morgan, Protsman, \$400) A robotics team designs, builds, and programs LEGO robots to solve a thematic challenge and participate in the Purdue 2005 RoboChallenge Competition.

**Super Supplements for Saxon** (Kate Waechter, Kolling, \$300.00) Activities solidify, enrich, and extend the third-grade math curriculum.

**Young Hoosier Book Award Program** (Judy Toczec, Watson, \$900) Watson students help choose the Young Hoosier Book Award winners by reading books from a list of twenty nominated titles and voting for their favorite.

## Lake Central Education Foundation

### Round 19 - November 2005

Number of Grants Funded: 8

Cumulative Grants Funded: 219

Amount: \$3,370

Cumulative Amount: \$128,417

**Eyes on the Copy Is Still the Rule** (Kathy Rosinski, Sally Wilkins, Rita Chavez, Cyndi Hurley, and Todd Iwema, LCHS, \$500) High school keyboarding students will use keyboarding covers to gain self-confidence in mastering the skill.

**Literacy Connections** (Alison Gercken, Kathy Binole, Stacey Schwuchow, Lynn Makely, and Jessica Niemeyer, Peifer, \$490) First grade students connect reading, writing, and phonetic processes through a small-group framework.

**The New In's and Out's of the Food Pyramid** (Chris Bruns and Vivian Velasco, LCHS, \$400) High school students will learn to balance meals and follow daily nutritional needs using the new food pyramid.

**Reading Fitness** (Patti Graham, Peifer, \$405) This program is designed to help at-risk first graders develop a love for reading. The "trainees" read at their own level and are encouraged to share their reading at home.

**Relighting the Indian Stage** (Raymond Palasz, LCHS, \$500) In partnership with the LC theater, band, and choir, the Lake Central Education Foundation will replace six old (1960's) lighting instruments with newer, more reliable fixtures.

**Tutoring Tykes** (Michele Wisowaty, Kolling, \$415) Kindergarten students will use teacher-made kits for individualized tutoring in language arts and mathematics.

**Using Picture Books to Teach/Learn the Elements of Writing** (Karen Kinney and Laurie Corman, Bibich, \$500) Through a workshop, teachers will learn to use picture books to model writing skills.

**Walk Off Planet** (Rita Evanson, Watson, \$160) Second grade students will simulate the distance between the planets. On the playground they will unroll yards of rope and attach their planets at appropriate intervals. What a surprise that Pluto is 101.5 yards away!

## Lake Central Education Foundation

### Round 20 - May 2006

Number of Grants Funded: 14

Cumulative Grants Funded: 233

Amount: \$6,130

Cumulative Amount: \$134,547

**Book Bonanza** (Karen Kinney and Laurie Corman, Bibich, \$490) Students and teachers at Bibich will enjoy some of the best current literature for children.

**Character and Responsibility Education** (Cindy Sweeney, Homan, \$500) Kindergartners will take home Care Packages with character education materials.

**Eyes on the Copy Is Still the Rule - Part II** (Kathy Rosinski, Sally Wilkins, Rita Chavez, Cyndi Hurley, and Todd Iwema, LCHS, \$495) Students will use keyboard covers to ensure that they can key documents without resorting to looking at their fingers.

**Hatchet** (Karen Gustafson, Kolling, \$150) Fifth graders will read Gary Paulsen's adventure fiction masterpiece, *Hatchet*.

**Jump in and Read** (Patti Graham, Peifer, \$500) At-risk second graders will be provided with the jump-start they need to recapture reading skills lost during summer break.

**Kindergarten Shared Book Collection** (Kelly Dobias and Laura Johnson, Peifer, \$500) Teachers can select books for individual students using an organized set of leveled books and provide opportunities for students to increase their reading power.

**Mic Up: Repairing Not Replacing** (Raymond Palasz and Pamela Neth, LCHS, \$450) Two LC Theater microphones will be repaired by replacing the power packs and radio transmitters, as well as repairing the wires.

**Number the Stars** (Karen Gustafson, Kolling, \$160) Fifth graders will read the Newberry Award Winner *Number the Stars* to learn more about World War II and the Holocaust.

**Planting the Seeds of Learning** (Jan Hines, Kolling, \$500) A greenhouse will be erected on school grounds for student use.

**RTI Integration** (Stacey Schwuchow, Alison Gercken, Lynn Makely, Jessica Niemeyer, and Kathy Binole, Peifer, \$500) At-risk first graders reading students will benefit from small group instruction, regular assessments, and individualized intervention remediation.

**SCIENCE - The Excitement of Discovery!** (Susan Torres, Bibich, \$500) The Digitalblue Computer Microscope will bring technology and science alive in this second grade classroom.

**See It - Believe It** (Rita Evanson, Watson, \$410) Second grade students will use a three- way classroom microscope, slides, and a big screen microscope to investigate their world.

**Sensational Science** (Julie Ason, Protsman, \$480) Science, technology, reading and writing will be combined to engage primary students in science.

**What Do I Do Now?** (Karen Semancik, Kolling, \$495) Fifth grade students will utilize a variety of software programs for enrichment.