

## Point Venture Lions establishes Lago Vista ISD Grant- to-Teachers Program

The Grants-to-Teachers Program was established to enrich and help maximize the quality of education in our school district, by providing financial support for programs that assist in achieving academic excellence.

Earlier this month, the following teachers were awarded educational grants from the Point Venture Lions Club:

Heather Womack, team project ***KidPix4 for Education***, for levels Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This software allows students an opportunity to participate in graphic art design using technology.

Averil Burpee, team project ***Magical Wands for Learning*** for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Promethean boards are one of the most helpful tools for creating the student-centered classrooms necessary for the 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. The Magical Wand will act as an extension of the students reach, allowing them to access all parts of the Promethean Board.

Cindy Slaughter, project ***Study Skills Survival Kit for 6<sup>th</sup> graders*** will be a resource for the instructional team in helping students progress in their transition to middle school. Materials will aid in improving in study skills, academic success and independence, reduce failing grades and build self confidence.

Regina Carmichael, project ***Rockin' & Walkin' Vikings*** for levels 6-8 graders. With Ms. Carmichael grant funds, she is going to purchase 50 digital display pedometers to use in her startup club, Rockin' & Walkin' Vikings, to help motivate and monitor students efforts in walking more.

Patricia Whitton-Morales, project ***Time for Meaning: Teaching & Encouraging Students to Live as Readers/Writers/Thinkers*** for 7<sup>th</sup> graders (possibly 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders if it becomes a combined class). This project is about helping students become Confident and Happy Life-Long Readers, Writers, Thinkers, Explorers and Creators. Students will learn meaningful purposes for creating and using journals in their daily lives.

Tracy Burke, project ***Art and Math Go Hand in Hand***, for levels 6-8 graders. The goal of this project is to allow students the opportunity to find connections between mathematics, art, problem solving and architecture through the software purchases of critical thinking games. The benefits of using these games are developing on socially, collaboration skills, teamwork, mathematic practice and art theory.

Lori Lind, project ***Fun with GPS***, for levels 6-8 graders. Grant funds will be used for the purchase of 3 Garmin handheld GPS. These devices would enhance students understanding of geography, math concepts, and problem solving. The project entails students to collect data, creating maps

to include topographic data as well as natural population data.

Eric Holt, team project ***Speech and Girls Athletics***, for 9-12 graders. Funds from the grant will be used to purchase a Sony Handycam Digital Camcorder. The video camera will be used to record student speeches and debates for playback review. The girls athletic department will also use the camera, to video softball and basketball practices to aid in coaching proper techniques.

*Submitted by Patty Magee*