

The W.A.L.L.

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The W.A.L.L. will be published twice a month to bring you the most up-to-date IMSA FUSION grant opportunities. It will be broken down into 7 sections. The first section, ALL LEVELS, will encompass grants that could apply to all grade levels K-12. The second, ELEMENTARY LEVEL, will list those grants specific to the elementary (4-5) levels only. The MIDDLE LEVEL will be grants specific to 6th-8th grades. Chicago Public Schools section will be those grants that only apply to CPS. The fifth section, AWARDS & COMPETITIONS, will be awards and contests that you and/or your students might want to enter. The sixth section, FREEBIES, will contain any freebies that you might want to order for your classroom. And finally, the last section, FUNDRAISERS, will contain any fundraising opportunities that you might want to participate in.

~Photos from the Field~



Science Spooktacular Event @ IMSA

&

Electric Expressions Professional Development @IMSA



*"Once children learn how to learn,
nothing is going to narrow their mind.
The essence of teaching is to make
learning contagious, to have one idea
spark another."*

-- Marva Collins

ALL LEVELS (4-8)

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JUNIOR ENERGY Program~Deadline:Rolling

"Junior Energy's mission is to work in classrooms and schools to help children discover how they can positively impact the planet by engaging their parents, family, friends and neighbors in small, simple actions."

Link: <http://www.juniorenergy.org/>

2011 Mantis Awards for Community and Youth Gardens~Deadline: March 1, 2011

"Each year, Mantis presents the Mantis Awards to charitable and educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life in their host communities. NGA selects 25 outstanding applicants to receive Mantis tiller/cultivators."

Link: <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/mantis.asp>

Lake Education Assistance Program~Deadline: January 31, 2011

"LEAP funds are available to all school children whether they attend public or private schools, and for grades from kindergarten through graduate school. Funds are also available to not-for-profit organizations, such as lake associations, scouting groups, parks, and communities. LEAP has approximately \$50,000 in available funding per year. The maximum award per school and/or organization is \$500 per application period. The IEPA provides funding for approximately one hundred lake and lake watershed related educational field trips, seminars/workshops, projects, and activities per fiscal year. Projects and activities must have stated goals and involve the enhanced lake/lake watershed education of teachers, students, organizations and/or the community."

Link: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/conservation/leap.html>

Captain Planet Foundation~ Deadlines: March 31, June 30, Sept. 30, and Dec. 31

"The Captain Planet Foundation reserves the right to earmark funding for specific budgetary items, and decline funding for budgetary items which are not consistent with Grant Guidelines. Generally, the range of grants awarded by the Foundation is \$250 - \$2,500*."

Link: <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>

Youth Garden Grants (sponsored by Home Depot)~Deadline: Nov. 1, 2010

"Who should apply: Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States are eligible. Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years."

Link: <http://www.kidsgardening.org/YGG.asp>

C. Louis Meyer Family Foundation~Deadline: October 31, 2010

"The C. Louis Meyer Family Foundation was created to further public welfare through the relief of poverty and suffering, the advancement of education, the promotion of health, and the extension of the influence of religion. "

Link: <http://www.clmff.com/guidelines.htm>

Michael Davis Music Is Revolution Foundation~Deadlines:Jan 15, April 15 & Oct. 15

"The Music Is Revolution Foundation administers a mini-grant program for Music Is Revolution activities designed by teachers to implement, support, and/or improve their ability to provide quality music education for their students. Mini-grants up to \$500 are available to teachers for music education activities of all types."

Link: http://www.svengirly.com/mir2/pdf/Mini_Grant_Application.pdf

DonorsChoose.org~Deadline: Rolling

"Here's how it works: public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on DonorsChoose.org. Requests range from pencils for a poetry writing unit, to violins for a school recital, to microscope slides for a biology class."

Link: <https://secure.donorschoose.org/common/signin.html>

NEA Foundation Challenge to Innovate

"C2i is a web-based, open invitation to all public school educators that will be housed on the Department of Education's Open Innovation Portal. The best ideas will receive awards from the NEA Foundation and may be selected for further development. Accept our challenge. Post your problem. Help us solve and share it and become eligible for additional funding and support."

Challenge 1-Post your most pressing classroom problem beginning on September 7, 2010

Link: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/c2i-the-nea-foundations-challenge-to-innovate>

ExploraVision

"The Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards program is back for its 19th year. The ExploraVision program is open to K-12 students who could win up to \$10,000 in savings bonds and other valuable prizes. To start the year off right, NSTA will host the first in a series of free web seminars designed to answer questions and assist teachers in using the ExploraVision program in their classrooms. "*What is ExploraVision and How Can I Use It?*" is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at 6:30 pm ET. Coaches of prior winning teams will share their experiences, give tips, and answer questions."

Applications available online starting August 30, 2010

Link: www.exploravision.org

EEAI Mini Grants~Deadline: October 31, 2010

"The Environmental Education Association of Illinois (EEAI) is soliciting proposals of up to \$200 for the EEA mini-grant program. The mini-grant program is designed to support, enhance and expand the implementation of environmental education throughout the state of Illinois."

Link: <http://www.eeai.net/minigrant.htm>

Classroom Empowerment Grant~Deadline: November 5, 2010

"Does your school or classroom need new materials? Can your students benefit from new programs and educational resources? We thought so.

Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative is once again coordinating this grant program with Touchstone Energy for our local K-12 teachers and administrators. Six grants of \$500 will be provided for innovative, unfunded projects or materials. Qualifying projects are those that improve the learning environment or increase educational resources for the school."

Link: <http://www.siec.coop/index.php/scholarshipgrant-programs/grants>

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation

As featured on *The Today Show*, "Fruit Tree 101" is a program that brings fruit tree orchards to schoolyards so students can improve the quality of the air and water while creating a source of tasty snacks for decades to come. Not only do our schoolyard fruit orchards help the environment, but they give your teacher an excuse to hold class outside when it's time for science lessons!

Link: <http://www.ftpf.org/fruittree101.htm>

Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant~Deadline: January 31, 2011

"Take your students on a field trip to study some aspect of Illinois' natural or cultural biodiversity."

Link: <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/education/Classrm/grants.htm>

Schoolyard Wildlife Habitat Action Grant Program Application Form

~Deadline: November 30, 2010

"Involve your students in hands-on natural resources stewardship."

Link: <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/education/Classrm/grants.htm>

Illinois Rain Garden Initiative Application Form~Deadline: November 30, 2010


"Students and community organizations can construct a rain garden to help control storm water runoff, improve wildlife habitat and address flooding concerns. This program is sponsored by the Illinois Conservation Foundation and Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Funding is provided through a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service."

Link: <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/education/Classrm/grants.htm>

NCR-SARE Youth & Youth Educator Grants~Deadline: January 14, 2011

Youth Grant Program

The deadline for the 2010 Youth and Youth Educator Grant proposals is Friday, January 14, 2011.

 [2010 Youth & Youth Educator Sustainable Agriculture Grant Call for Proposals \(Word\)](#)

Youth and Youth Educator grants are an exciting new part of the Farmer Rancher Grant program. Their purpose is to provide opportunities for youth in the North Central Region to learn more about Sustainable Agriculture. There are two options:

1. **YOUTH GRANTS.** These are grants for on-farm research, demonstration, or education projects by youth ages 8-18. Research and demonstration projects are for hands-on efforts to explore sustainable agriculture issues and practices. Education projects can involve teaching others about sustainable agriculture or attending a sustainable agriculture conference, workshop, or camp. \$400 maximum.
2. **YOUTH EDUCATOR GRANTS.** These are grants for educators to provide programming on sustainable agriculture for youth. \$2,000 maximum.

- Questions? Contact Joan Benjamin at 402-472-0809, 1-800-529-1342 or jbenjamin2@unl.edu.

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Link: <http://www.sare.org/ncrsare/cfp.htm>

Community Action Grants~Deadline: January 15, 2011

"Applicants must be women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Nonprofit organizations must be based in the United States. Grant projects must have direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering or math."

Award: \$2,000-\$10,000

Link: http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm

Georgia-Pacific Grants~Deadline: October 31, 2010

"The foundation has funded improvements that have dramatically enhanced the quality of the school's learning environment, causing a measurable, positive impact in students' performance. We outfitted the school's computer lab with the latest technology and installed an outdoor learning center with vegetable gardens, a butterfly garden, nature trails and an amphitheatre so students can get the full benefit of hands-on field education."

Link: <http://www.gp.com/gpfoundation/grantprocess.html>

CVS Caremark Community Grants~Deadline: October 31, 2010

"To ensure that we make a positive impact, the 2010 Community Grants Program will focus on a few key areas. One area is on public schools for children with disabilities that promote a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs.

We are devoted to supporting organizations that enrich the lives of children with disabilities through inclusive programs. Through our Community Grants Program we work to ensure that students are not left behind in school. Proposed programs must be fully inclusive where children with disabilities are full participants in an early childhood, adolescent or teenage program alongside their typically developing

peers."

Link: <http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants/public-schools>

CeMaST Teacher Innovation Grants~Deadline: Feb 1, 2011.

Center for Mathematics, Science, and Technology (CeMaST)

Grants support Illinois teachers involved in STEM teaching, learning and research in a variety of ways. Grants can be used to support new or ongoing teaching projects or to match funds (up to \$500) of grants already received for innovative STEM projects. Successful applicants (individuals or teams) can receive up to \$500 per person and have the option of receiving help from the Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology (CeMaST) in writing their next external grant.

Link: http://cemast.illinoisstate.edu/projects/teacher_innovation.shtml

Power a Bright Future -Clorox~Deadline: November 1, 2010

"Everyday important school programs like arts and sports are being cut. We know these programs are critical to a child's educational experience and are just plain fun. Clorox has created Power a Bright Future to help save some of the programs that are most important to you. **Nominate your school for a chance to win a \$50,000 grant or one of three \$20,000 grants.**

Here's how:

- Post a photo of your school program
- Tell us about your program
- Tell us how the grant will help"

Link: <http://www.powerabrightfuture.com/>

Davidson Fellow Scholarship~Deadline: Rolling

"The Davidson Fellows Scholarship awards **\$50,000**, **\$25,000** and **\$10,000** scholarships to extraordinary young people under the age of 18 who have completed a significant piece of work. Application categories are **Mathematics, Science, Literature, Music, Technology, Philosophy** and **Outside the Box**. Davidson Fellows are honored every year in Washington, D.C. with Congressional meetings and a special reception."

Link: <http://www.davidsongifted.org/fellows/>

Disney's Planet Challenge Kicks Off Year Two, Expands to Middle Schools~Deadline: December 17, 2010

Disney's Planet Challenge, a free project-based environmental and science competition for classrooms nationwide. Formerly open to 4th through 6th grade classrooms, Disney's Planet Challenge is being expanded to include two tracks: one for elementary schools grades 3–5, and another for middle schools grades 6–8. The middle school curriculum will offer an increased focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education. Developed in collaboration with NSTA and the K–12 Alliance, the Challenge offers students the chance to use their imagination and creativity to help the planet while giving educators a fresh new way to motivate students with the help of an educationally sound curriculum that meets national and state guideline requirements. The national grand prize-winning elementary school class will enjoy a celebration at Disneyland® Resort while middle school national winners will earn a \$20,000 grant for their school. Both grand prize-winning classrooms will be illustrated and appear within a Marvel comic book. Winning teachers will receive a one year NSTA membership. The grand-prize winning educators will also receive an expense-paid trip to the national 2012 NSTA conference where they will be recognized at the NSTA awards banquet.

Link: www.Disney.com/planetchallenge.

Project Earth Environmental Education Grant~Deadline: November 1, 2010

The Project Earth Environmental Education Grants program directs focus toward renewable energy projects and energy conservation projects to encourage action in schools located near PPL facilities. Through these competitive grants, teachers can receive \$500 to \$5,000 in funding for school projects that focus on energy issues like renewable energy demonstrations, energy conservation and the greening of schools. Schools near a major PPL facility- in parts of PA, NJ, CT, IL and MT- is eligible to apply. Link: <http://www.classroomearth.org/node/1438>

Vernier/NSTA Technology Awards~Deadline: November 30, 2010

The Vernier/NSTA Technology Awards promote the innovative use of data-collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator, or other handheld in the science classroom. We encourage you to apply for one of seven \$3,000 awards.

Link: <http://www.vernier.com/grants/nsta.html>

Shade Structure Program~Applications Available October 18, 2010

The American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Program awards grants in the amount of \$8,000 each for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to provide shade and ultraviolet (UV) ray protection for outdoor areas.

Link: <http://www.aad.org/public/sun/grants.html>

National Weather Association Grants~Deadline: June 1, 2011

Sol Hirsch Education Fund Grants are awarded annually to teachers/educators of grades K-12 to help improve the education of their students, school and/or community in the science of meteorology. The Grant is intended to allow teachers to:

- Purchase scientific materials and / or equipment for the classroom, school or community.
- Begin new school and / or community science outreach and education programs.
- Enhance and / or expand existing meteorology / science education programs.
- Attend accredited courses, workshops and /or conferences related to meteorology that will significantly enhance their teaching activities.

Link: <http://www.nwas.org/grants/solhirsch.php>

ELEMENTARY LEVEL (4-5)

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Annie's Grants for Gardens~Deadline: Rolling

"We offer a limited number of small grants to community gardens, school gardens and other educational programs that connect children directly to gardening. These funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other needed supplies."

Link: http://www.annies.com/grants_for_gardens

MIDDLE LEVEL (6-8)

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Digital Book Report Contest-Book Jam~Deadline: October 28, 2010

"Have your students pick their favorite book or a book from your lesson plan and create a song, performance, or debate. Get creative and win! Use music, props, and costumes! But make sure that it covers the core standards. We'd love to see rap songs about grammar, interactive presentations highlighting setting and symbolism, plays about conflict starring Hester Prynne to Harry Potter, and whatever else you and your students dream up!"

Official rules will be posted by August 27, 2010

Public Voting: November 15 - November 29, 2010

Link: <http://digitalbookreport.shycast.com/>

Christopher Columbus Awards-Innovation Generation~Deadline: February 7, 2011

"Today's middle school students are the Innovation Generation — everyday kids with untapped potential who are creative problem-solvers. Unlocking that potential is the mission of the Christopher Columbus Awards program, a cutting-edge national competition that combines science and technology with community problem-solving in a real-world setting."

Link: <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/coaches.php>

Future City Competition~Deadline: Rolling

The mission of the National Engineers Week Future City Competition is to provide a fun and exciting educational engineering program for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students that combines a stimulating engineering challenge with a "hands-on" application to present their vision of a city of the future.

What Your Students Will Do

Students work in teams with a teacher/coach and a mentor who contributes real-world STEM knowledge.

Students will:

1. **Design** a city 150 years in the future using SimCity 4 Deluxe™ software.
2. **Research** an engineering problem.
3. **Write** an essay on their solution.
4. **Build** a tabletop scale model using recycled materials.
5. **Present** their model and ideas to engineers at the regional competition in January. The regional winners receive a trip to the National Finals in Washington, D.C., in February.

Registration is now open

PDF Brochure: http://www.futurecity.org/docs/2011_Brochure_Final.pdf

Link: <http://www.futurecity.org/>

West Point Virtual Bridge Design Contest

Welcome to the 2011 West Point Bridge Design Contest

HOW TO ENTER

- 1 [Download](#) and install the West Point Bridge Designer 2011 software.
- 2 Use the software to design and test a virtual bridge.
- 3 [Register](#) your team.
- 4 [Log in](#) and submit as many designs as you like.



It's absolutely FREE!

Who: U.S. students age 13 through grade 12 are eligible for prizes. Anyone else may enter our Open Competition. More about [eligibility...](#)

When: The 2011 contest will begin on January 10, 2011, and the Qualifying Round will end on February 25. More about the [contest schedule...](#)

Prizes: Each member of the first-place team earns a **\$10,000** scholarship. Each finalist wins a notebook computer. More about [prizes...](#)

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Link: <http://bridgecontest.usma.edu/>

Toshiba America Foundation~Deadline: (See bold below)

Wanted: Classroom Innovators! Toshiba America Foundation is currently accepting applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students. Do you teach 6-12 science or math? Do you have a wish list of instructional equipment that will make learning more exciting for your students? If the answer is yes to these questions, Toshiba America Foundation would like to hear from you. "

Grade 6-12 applications for \$5,000 or less are accepted on a rolling basis, throughout the calendar year.

Grant requests of more than \$5,000 are reviewed twice a year. Applications for grants of more than \$5,000 are due February 1st and August 1st each year.

Link: <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

Chicago Public Schools (CPS-ONLY)

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Fund for Teachers

"Fund for Teachers is the national donor supported organization that awards fellowships for self-designed professional growth to teachers who recognize the value of inquiry, the power of knowledge and their ability to make a difference. FFT provides fellowship grants directly to teachers, with more than three years of experience, to support their professional learning during the summer. Their experiences come in many forms, but share the purpose of better teaching. Ultimately, FFT believes that by experiencing the potential of their personal and professional learning, teachers in turn inspire potential in their students."

Application information available: October 2010

Link: <http://www.fundforteachers.org/apply/il.html>

Chicago Foundation for Education Small Grant Program

"Chicago Foundation for Education awards **\$500 Small Grants** to CPS elementary school teachers with innovative, creative classroom ideas that will enhance student learning. Grants provide teachers the resources needed to develop an effective curricular project that engages students, improves learning and aligns with the standards. Individuals or teams of teachers may apply for a Small Grant to develop and implement new project ideas in their classrooms. All Chicago public elementary school educators (PreK through 8th Grade) are eligible to apply."

Link: http://www.cfelessonplans.org/pages/teacher_login/195.php

AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

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Teacher of the Month-WGNTV

"If you are currently a student age 13 or older in the Chicagoland viewing area or NW Indiana, nominate a teacher whom you feel makes a difference at your school or in your community.

One Teacher will be selected each month from **September 2010 through June 2011** with a total of ten (10) Teachers of the Month chosen. b. The school's principal will be contacted to verify the eligibility and the qualifications of the teacher. The principal must agree to let WGN-TV tape in the school during the teacher's ceremony. c. Each Teacher of the Month will receive a Certificate of Recognition, and the school, which employs the teacher, will receive \$1,000 worth of school supplies donated by National-Louis University. The donation to the winner's school will be delivered to the winner's school at a mutual time to be determined between the winner's school and Sponsors. Sponsors are not responsible for the safe arrival of a certificate or donation. d. Each Teacher of the Month will be notified via telephone or email. The Teacher of the Month also will be featured on WGN-TV News.

Link: <http://www.wgntv.com/news/teacherofthemoth/wgntv-teacherofthemoth-official-rules-story,0,1897584.story>

Golden Apple Foundation

"Nominees must be full-time classroom teachers at a public or non-public school in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake or Will counties in Illinois. Nominees must be committed to continue teaching in Illinois for at least two years after completing the sabbatical.

NOTE: Golden Apple Awards rotate through grade levels on an annual basis:

2010 - 2012 -
High pre-
School K-3rd
Grade

2011 - 2013 -
4th-8th High
Grade School

The Golden Apple Award offers its recipients (known as *Fellows*), the platform to create or contribute to programmatic responses to the needs of schoolchildren throughout Illinois.

In addition to the honor and public recognition, Golden Apple Award winners enjoy these additional rewards:

- A paid semester sabbatical at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. Winners may take as many courses as they wish in any subjects they choose. As part of the sabbatical, the winners, as a group, design a seminar series to which they invite individuals who are making significant contributions in the field of education.
- A cash award of \$3,000
- Induction into the Golden Apple Academy of Educators"

Link: http://www.goldenapple.org/pages/awards_and_recognition/2.php

National Geographic International Photography Contest for Kids

"Grab your camera! Take a photograph of something in your world that fits one or more of these four categories: humor, animals, scenery, or people. Read the full rules below."

The United States and Canadian International Photo Contest For Kids begins August 2, 2010, and ends November 1, 2010 (the "Entry Period").

Link: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/contests/photo-contest-rules/>

Schoolyard Bird Challenge

"The Schoolyard Birding Challenge (SBC) is a monthly bird watching contest open to students in all public, private, and home schools in North America. Student participants in the SBC will work together to observe, identify, and record various bird species found on their school grounds." Link:

<http://www.fledgingbirders.org/challenge.html>



Engineering Education Service Center (EESC) Fall 2010 Poster Contest!

"Civil Engineering is the theme for the EESC's Fall 2010 poster contest. This year's winning entry can be found in a display of inspiration, excitement, wonder and curiosity. Posters should be fun, motivational and inspire students to pursue a degree in engineering, technology, math and/or science. Contest Rules: If under 18, a parent or guardian must submit your poster on your behalf. Contest is primarily for high school and college students although middle school students can also enter."

Link: <http://www.engineeringedu.com/postercontest.html>

Poster, Poetry and Prose Contest

"Dear Fifth/Sixth Grade Educators,

We invite your students to participate in the annual Environmental Pathways statewide poster and poetry/prose exhibit. The theme of the 2010 event will be "Conserving and Protecting the Land of Lincoln!" focusing on the importance of conserving and protecting our land resources."

Link: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/kids/teachers/contest/index.html>

National Geographic Hands-on Explorer Challenge~Deadline: December 1, 2010

"Are you curious about the world around you? Do you like to explore? If you do, read the rules and find out how you could win a trip to the Cayman Islands! To enter, write an original personal essay, in English, of no more than 300 words. Think about how water is essential to life everywhere—from the dew on a leaf to the sea that surrounds the Cayman Islands."

Link: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/contests/explorer-trip-2011>

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The Volvo Adventure Competition

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WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

The Volvo Adventure - in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme - is an educational programme that rewards environmental activities and the decision-makers of the future. To enter, you form a team of 2 to 5 members aged 13 to 16 (at competition opening - July 1st 2009). Perform an environmental project in your local community & submit the project via our online submission tool before the competition deadline, January 31st 2011.

Projects are judged and the best projects are selected for an all expenses paid trip to Göteborg, Sweden where they can win: 1st place = 10,000 USD, 2nd = 6,000 USD and 3rd = 4,000 USD. See the registration details and guidelines for more information.

WHAT'S NEW?

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Volvo Adventure Contest

Link: <http://www.volvoadventure.org/home.aspx>

Bob the Bunny's Cartoon Competition

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WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Too young to enter the Volvo Adventure? Bob the Bunny's competition is aimed at younger adventurers aged between 10 to 12 years old (at the competition opening - July 1st 2009). To enter, you form a team of 1 to 3 members, identify a local environmental issue and create an A4 cartoon strip illustrating the issue and actions that you might take to solve it. The submissions should be sent to us before the competition deadline, February 28th 2011.

This year's winning team will be sent to the 2011 Volvo Adventure final. See the registration details below for more information.

Math Contest (Grades 2,3, 4 and 5)

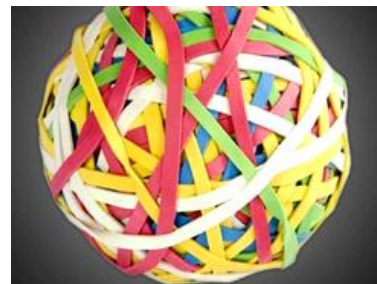
The goal of the competition is to encourage students' interest in math, to inspire students to excel in math, and to convey the message to young students: *It is COOL to be good at math!*
We are beginning our 3rd year! More than 3,500 students representing 304 teams participated in our April 2010 contest. **Two math contests are scheduled in the coming school year: October 14, 2010 and April 14, 2011.** The contest is for students in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5. Any teacher from a public school or a private school is welcome to register their students.
Link: <http://www.noetic-learning.com/mathcontest/>

World of Escher-Tessellations Contest~Deadline: December 31, 2010

"Tessellation is a combination of mathematics and artistic ability.
Do you have what it takes? Compete with entries from all over the world. See your work displayed on the Internet. Win prizes!"
Link: <http://www.worldofescher.com/contest/>

Rubber Band Contest for Young Inventors (Grades 5,6,7 & 8)~ Deadline: Feb.16, 2011

Are you ready to stretch your imagination? The Akron Global Polymer Academy of The University of Akron is hosting the third annual Rubber Band Contest for Young Inventors to encourage students in grades 5-8 to demonstrate their creativity and ingenuity by creating an invention that incorporates the use of rubber bands.
Link: <http://rubberbandcontest.org/>



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ThinkQuest International Competition~Deadline: April 27, 2011

"The ThinkQuest International Competition challenges students to solve a real-world problem by applying their critical thinking, communication, and technology skills. Prizes include laptop computers, a trip to [ThinkQuest Live](#) and monetary grants for the coach's school, or organization. In addition, teams that submit a completed entry will be eligible to receive a Certificate of Participation."
Link: <http://www.thinkquest.org/competition/>

NASA Drop Tower Competition for Student Teams~Deadline: November 1, 2010

"**DIME & WING** are components of a NASA competition program which allows teams to design and build a science experiment which will then be operated in a NASA microgravity drop tower facility. A **WING** team will be comprised of students in grades 6-9. Teams may be formed from (for example) a science class, a group of classes, a science club, a Scout troop, or simply a bunch of friends. A team (whether DIME or WING) must have an adult advisor, such as a teacher, parent, or technical consultant. Early in the school year, teams interested in competing will develop an experiment concept, write a proposal for an experiment, and submit the proposal to NASA. It is expected that the ideas and concepts for the experiments be created by the students. In addition, the proposals should be the work of the student team members. A NASA panel of engineers and scientists will evaluate all of the submitted proposals and select the top-ranked proposals for DIME and for WING. These teams will then continue their experiment development and fabrication leading to operation in the NASA drop tower in March."
Link: <http://spaceflight systems.grc.nasa.gov/DIME.html>

Civil Engineering Poster Contest~Deadline: November 3, 2010

"Civil Engineering" is the theme for the EESC's Fall 2010 poster contest. This year's winning entry can be found in a display of inspiration, excitement, wonder and curiosity. Posters should be fun, motivational and inspire students to pursue a degree in engineering, technology, math and/or science."
Link: <http://www.engineeringedu.com/postercontest.html>

2011 Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Awards Program~Deadline: Jan. 15, 2011

The Agriculture in the Classroom Program (AITC) of the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and the National Agriculture in the Classroom Consortium are pleased to announce the 2011 Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Awards Program. This competitive program will recognize a select group of teachers for their successful efforts in teaching agricultural concepts in their curriculum.

Link: <http://www.agclassroom.org/teacher/award.htm>

President Obama's National STEM Video Game Challenge~Opens: October 12, 2010

The Youth Prize engages middle school students (grades 5 through 8) in STEM learning by challenging them to design original video games. The Youth Prize design challenge will be open to middle school students from any U.S. school with a special emphasis on reaching students in underserved urban and rural communities.

Link: <http://www.stemchallenge.org/youthprize/>

Produce for Kids® Play with Your Produce Classroom Challenge~Deadline: October 30, 2010

Teachers are invited to “produce” a play, alliterate with awesome apples, or even “rock around the vegetable wok,” as part of the Produce for Kids® Play with your Produce Classroom Challenge. The challenge, open to the grades K to 6, asks teachers to help students discover healthy eating habits through creative, fun classroom activities that teach kids about fresh produce. Through October 30, teachers can create and submit details about a classroom activity focused on healthy eating that involves fresh fruits and vegetables. Entries are limited to one per classroom, although multiple classrooms from the same school may enter the contest. Each entry should include at least one photo, description, and any supporting materials (such as video) needed to showcase the project.

Three grand-prize winners will receive \$500 to promote school-based health and wellness, a classroom toolkit (with party ideas, recipes, favors, and \$100 gift certificate to purchase produce and other nutritious food from a local grocery store), and their winning entry highlighted in press materials and on the Produce for Kids website. To learn

Link: http://www.produceforkids.org/how_you_can_help/play_with_your_produce_challenge

We Are Teachers

Do you have a winning idea to build success in the classroom? Thousands of teachers have submitted creative initiatives for teaching projects, and hundreds have won cash and prizes for projects covering everything from the environment to the arts to digital learning and more. Get started now and share your ideas, find inspiration and make connections!

Link: <http://www.weareteachers.com/ideas>

The Great Classroom Makeover~Deadline: November 13, 2010

Bring some life back into your classroom with the **Great American Classroom Makeover**. Win up to \$2,500 to give your room a little TLC! **Plus, when you win—so does your school.**

- First place: \$2,500 for your class plus \$2,500 for your school
- Second place: \$1,500 class and \$1,500 school
- Third place: \$1,000 class and \$1,000 school

Link: <http://www.gaclassroommakeover.com/>

Einstein Fellowship Application Now Open!~Deadline: January 4, 2011

The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship is a paid fellowship for K–12 science, math, engineering, and technology (STEM) teachers. Einstein Fellows spend a school year in Washington, DC, serving in a federal agency or on Capitol Hill. To be considered for an Einstein Fellowship for the 2011–2012 school year, apply online now and submit your application and three letters of recommendation no later than **January 4, 2011**.

To learn more about the program and apply, visit the [Triangle Coalition website](#). If you have questions about the program or application, contact Program Manager Kathryn Culbertson at culbertsonk@triangle-coalition.org.

Link: <http://www.trianglegoalition.org/fellows/einapp.htm>

Samsung Hope for Tomorrow~Deadline: October 24, 2010

Samsung and its partners are asking teachers to participate in its contest which will address a key academic challenge in our country: to increase the pursuit of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education. With Samsung and schools joining together, we're looking to foster interest in these subjects among students and illustrate the practical impact applying these subjects can have. Click [here](#) to apply.

Link: <https://pages.samsung.com/us/sft/home.htm>

Golden Carrot Awards

PCRM is currently seeking nominations for its Golden Carrot Awards for outstanding school food service professionals. The grand prize winner will receive \$1,000 and a \$2,000 check made out to her or his school or school district. Up to four additional awards will be given, with \$500 going to the food service professional and \$500 to benefit the school food service program.

Link: <http://www.healthyschoollunches.org/carrot/index.cfm>

Lights for Learning Poster Competition~Deadline: October 31, 2010

The Lights for Learning™ program motivates students to accept responsibility for energy efficiency, stimulates awareness of energy conservation methods, and educates students to become the next generation of ecologically-minded citizens through the sale of compact fluorescent light bulbs and other energy-saving products.

Link: <http://lights4learning.org/index.php?page=postercontest>

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching~Deadline: May 2, 2011

are the Nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science. The Awards recognize outstanding K-12 teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. The 2011 Awards will honor math and science teachers working in **grades 7-12**.

Link: <http://www.paemst.org/controllers/home.cfc?method=view>

FREEBIES

Friday, September 03, 2010
8:48 AM

Operation Green Plant

Free vegetable seeds, flower seeds and/or herb seeds!

Link: http://www.america-the-beautiful.org/free_seeds/index.php

PTO Today Free Family Night Planning Kits

"What's the best way to get more parents involved in your school? Host a School Family Night! Our School Family Nights program is a great way to bring more parents into your school and connect with your school's families. Once parents see what a great time they can have with their kids at your school events... they'll be ready to sign up for more."

Link: http://www.ptotoday.com/sfn/SFN_homepage_leader.php

STEM Research Opportunity ~ **Study begins October 27, 2010**

If you are a grade 5 through 8 science, technology, or mathematics teacher, you are eligible to participate in a new STEM research study as a Control Teacher. Take an approved PBS Teacher Line course for FREE and complete two surveys, and then **receive a \$50 stipend!**

Link: www.pbs.org/pd/crepstudy.

FUNDRAISERS

Thursday, September 16, 2010
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JAMBA JUICE

Together with the National Gardening Association, we've created "Sip to Support a Garden", an easy, feel good fundraiser for schools and communities that encourages nutrition, education and sustainability. Just register your school or public community garden* group to join our swipe card program. Every time a supporter of your group uses the card at a participating Jamba Juice, your program gets 10% of the sales. Registered groups also become eligible to apply for one of twenty-five "It's All About the Fruit" \$500 fruit tree planting grants. And because we love to see fundraising (and gardens) grow, we'll give an additional 2% of every purchase made with a swipe card to fund additional grants.

Link: <http://www.jambajuice.com/gardens>

Link: <http://www.jambajuice.com/sign-up?m=NGA>

Flower Power

NGA is proud to endorse Flower Power Fundraising. This program gives schools and nonprofits a "healthy" option for fundraising — selling bulbs that will bloom into stunning floral displays. Flower Power has carefully selected easy-to-plant, easy-to-grow bulbs from among its most popular and best-selling varieties, ensuring a successful, appealing fundraising campaign.

Link: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/fundraising.asp>

Heifer International Service Learning and Fundraising

Link: <http://www.heifer.org/site/c.edJRKQNiFiG/b.6135227/>

We encourage you and your students to join these efforts and offer these ideas for all grade levels to get you started.

Read To Feed – Read to Feed® is a reading incentive fundraiser that will foster in your children a love for reading and a passion to help others while giving your children a way to raise funds for Heifer. Learn more about [Read to Feed®](#)

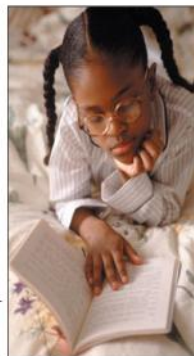
Heifer Challenge – Heifer Challenge is a fun, rewarding way to make a difference in the world. Participants, individually or as a group, select a challenge, like challenging their principal to dress in a cow suit all day, decide how much it is worth, find sponsors, complete the challenge and donate the funds for Heifer. Learn more about [Heifer Challenge](#).

Chores for Change - Chores for Change teaches students of any age about community service and how to make a difference by challenging them to volunteer in their community. Learn more about [Chores for Change](#).

From Farm to Plate – Students are challenged to discover the origins of their food and examine the pros and cons of consuming both locally grown foods and non-local foods, while exploring issues of environmental sustainability. Learn more about [From Farm to Plate](#).

Art for a Cause - Motivate your students to use the fine arts as a tool to educate others about issues related to sustainable development. Learn more about [Art for a Cause](#).

More Ideas – Here are a few more ideas to inspire your students to take action to raise awareness about hunger and poverty. View more [take action ideas](#).



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