



Technology Funding Alert!

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Local Teachers Win \$85,000 in Technology Grants!

We are pleased to announce that 22 teachers in Region IV have each been awarded \$2,500 from the 2007 Best Buy Teach Grant program, which is designed to reward schools using interactive technology to make learning fun. The grant awards are in the form of a Best Buy Gift Card that will be sent to the principal and teacher contact listed on the application.

What's more, the list of all the \$2,500 award-winning schools in the nation was narrowed to 250 finalists selected to compete for an additional \$15,000 Best Buy Teach Award. In Region IV, Carla Surber, Jesse Bethel High School in Vallejo; and Suzanne Vradelis, West Portal Elementary School in San Francisco were each awarded this additional \$15,000 grant. Added together, that means a total of \$85,000 in grants was awarded in our region!

This round of grant awards demonstrates that all teachers can apply for grants, and that many can receive funding if they take the initiative to do so. We were pleased to hear that many of these teachers learned about this grant program from the *Technology Funding Alert!* Congratulations to these teachers. We applaud your efforts. A complete list of funded schools appears below.

We look forward to hearing from others of you who receive a grant from a source listed in the *Technology Funding Alert!* Please let us know of your success.

School	Teacher	City	School	Teacher	City
Alameda County:			San Francisco County:		
Amador Valley High School	Wendy Connelly	Pleasanton	Immaculate Conception Academy	Mahri Gelormino	San Francisco
Anthony Chabot Elementary	Nora Mitchell	Oakland	Lakeshore Alternative Elementary	Maria Camorongan	San Francisco
Castro Valley High School	Laura O'Brien	Castro Valley	Mission High School	Rebecca Fulop	San Francisco
James Logan High School	Paul Bisbiglia	Union City	Rooftop Alternative K-8	Andi Wong	San Francisco
Media Academy College Prep	Howard Ruffner	Oakland	West Portal Elementary	Suzanne Vradelis	San Francisco
Contra Costa County:			San Mateo County:		
Rancho Romero Elementary	Matt Graham	Alamo	Borel Middle School	Barbara Moodie	San Mateo
St. Agnes School	Peggy Carroll	Concord			
St. Mary School	Loretta Edmonson	Walnut Creek			
Marin County:			Solano County:		
Kent Middle School	Tricia Beales	Kentfield	Jesse Bethel High School	Carla Surber	Vallejo
Marin School of Arts & Tech.	Donna Hyatt	Novato	Liberty High Continuation	Joseph Abreu	Benicia
Neil Cummins School	Liza Mathews	Corte Madera	Travis Elementary	Maranda Hanson	Travis AFB
Olive School	Fran Rozoff	Novato	Vacaville High School	Tom Ray	Vacaville

GRANTS

Improving Literacy Through School Libraries

Sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Education, the purpose of this program is to improve student reading skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists.

Contact—Irene Harwarth, 202-401-3751, Irene.Harwarth@ed.gov

Web Site—www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2007-1/021607g.html

Deadline—April 2, 2007

Eligibility—Local educational agencies in which at least 20% of the students are from families with incomes below the poverty line based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau. **Awards**—100 awards ranging \$30,000-\$300,000 each for a 12-month project period

California Instructional School Garden (CDE Funding)

The program makes available two different non-competitive grants to support garden-based

education. Equipment and Supplies Grants and Professional Development Grants are available. Projects involving creative uses of technology supporting program implementation are allowed.

Contact—George Schaedler, 916-322-1641, gschaedler@cde.ca.gov

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=961

Deadline—April 20, 2007

Eligibility—School districts, county offices of education and direct-funded charter schools

Awards—\$15M with grants ranging \$2,500-\$5,000

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Classroom Grants

This program is designed to assist educators in presenting mathematics, science, and technology principles to students (K-12) in an exciting, hands-on manner to develop future aeronautics and aerospace engineers, scientists, pilots, and space explorers.

Contact—800-639-2422, custserv@aiaa.org

Web Site—www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=244

Deadline—April 30, 2007

Eligibility—K-12 teachers must be a current

AIAA member (membership is free) prior to receiving the grant.

Awards—Up to \$200 per grant

Career Technical Education Programs Equipment, Grades 7-12 (CDE Funding)

Funds provide local education agencies with a one-time opportunity to increase investments in Career Technical Education equipment,

Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes

(<http://cdwg.discoveryeducation.com>)

CDW-G and Discovery Education have partnered to give away five (5) wireless computer labs consisting of 20 notebook or tablet computers, projector, printer, mobile cart, wireless access points, security software, multimedia collection from Discovery Education, training (prize package valued at \$50,000 each), and more than 30 additional technology prizes! Your school could be one of the winners. Enter now, encourage your colleagues to enter too, and visit the website every day until the sweepstakes ends on May 1, 2007. The more you enter, the more chances to win!

supplies, and minor facility reconfigurations for courses in grades 7-12. Technology equipment purchases are allowed including robotics equipment.

Contact—Julie Wible, jwible@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-5759

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=878

Deadline—May 15, 2007

Eligibility—School districts, regional occupational programs, charter schools, and county offices of education that offer career technical education programs in grades 7-12

Awards—See web site for allocation formula.

NEA Foundation's Learning & Leadership Grants & Student Achievement Grants

Learning & Leadership Grants provide opportunities for teachers, education support professionals, and higher education faculty and staff to engage in high-quality professional development and lead their colleagues in professional growth.

Student Achievement Grants provide funding to improve the academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen knowledge of standards-based subject matter.

Contact—info-neafoundation@list.nea.org

Web Site—www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm

Deadline—June 1, 2007

Summer Regional Teacher Workshops

These summer workshops are part of the U.S. Department of Education's Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative, which supports teachers in a variety of ways, including keeping them informed about the latest strategies and research for closing the achievement gap and helping all students meet high standards. Each of the FREE workshops will include numerous breakout sessions featuring effective teachers and practitioners sharing strategies that have been successful in their classrooms, schools and districts. **Registration will begin on April 8, 2007.** Register early, space is limited. For information and registration on all 22 workshops offered nationwide, please visit <http://www.t2tweb.us/Workshops/Schedule.asp>.

California Workshops:

Santa Clara, CA

(In partnership with EMC)

Dates: June 25–June 26, 2007

Focus: Math, Science

Grade levels: K-12

Orange County, CA

Dates: June 27–June 28, 2007

Focus: Reading, Math, Art, Early Childhood, and History

Grade levels: K-12

Mountain View, CA

(In partnership with Symantec)

Dates: July 9–July 10, 2007

Focus: Math, Science

Grade levels: K-12

Eligibility—Public school teachers in grades PreK-12, public school education support professionals, or faculty or staff at public higher education institutions

Awards—\$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study (Learning & Leadership); \$5,000 (Student Achievement)

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Olympus and Tool Factory Classroom Grant Program

In this grant competition, sponsors Olympus and Tool Factory, invite educators to use Olympus digital cameras and Tool Factory's project-building software to create class projects. Online application required.

Contact—802-375-6549, info@toolfactory.com

Web Site—www.toolfactory.com/olympus_contest/olympus_teacher.htm

Deadline—June 30, 2007

Eligibility—K-12 and special education schools

Awards—Five winning schools will be awarded packages that include three Olympus digital cameras, one Tool Factory site license, and \$500 cash.

AWARDS/CONTESTS

Expo's Classroom Makeover Contest

Do you dream of having a classroom makeover? Expo's Classroom Makeover Contest may give you that opportunity! Write a creative 100-word (or less) essay describing why your class needs a makeover. Two entry periods for two separate prize pools are offered.

Contact—800-323-0749 or complete the online form at the web site

Web Site—www.expo.classroommakeover.com

Deadline—April 1, 2007 (Entry Period #1);

October 15, 2007 (Entry Period #2)

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 teachers

Awards—One grand prizewinner will receive a classroom makeover valued at \$25,000, and four first-place prizes valued at \$5,000 each.

2007 National Teacher Awards & Champion Principal Award

Sponsored by Time Warner Cable, these two programs will recognize fifteen K-12 projects for creative use of cable television resources in the classroom and one principal for encouragement and support of cable television projects. Entry forms available online.

Contact—Call the local Time Warner Cable office in your area.

Web Site—www.timewarnercable.com/corporate/aboutus/natlteachersawards.html

Deadline—April 13, 2007

Eligibility—Public or private K-12 teachers and principals

Awards—15 project awards of \$2,000 cash and \$3,000 for school technology advancement and one principal award of \$5,000 for school technology enhancement

2nd Annual Best Educational Podcast Awards

This awards program was developed to encourage the use of podcast technology as a way to

Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB)

Administered by the CDE, QZAB helps schools raise funds to renovate and repair buildings, invest in equipment and up-to-date technology, develop challenging curricula and train quality teachers. *This is a tax credit bond program, not a grant program.*

Contact—Shannon Farrell-Hart, sfarrell@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-3923

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1037

Deadline—July 2, 2007

Eligibility—K-12 schools must be located in a designated Empowerment Zone, Enterprise Community, or have at least 35% of its student population receiving free or reduced lunches. The school must also have an agreement with a business or industry partner that has agreed to provide at least 10% toward the cost of the program.

Awards—\$96.8M is available with a maximum of \$2.5M per Academy (See allocation formula on web site for additional information.)

enhance and improve teaching, learning and professional development, and to establish a body of models by which other educators may learn about the most effective approaches to using podcasting as a medium in education.

Contact—Mark Gura gura@fordham.edu

Web Site—www.podcastforteachers.org/PFTbestpodcastawards.html

Deadline—May 1, 2007

Eligibility—K-College teachers

Awards—The first-place recipient in each of five categories will receive \$100 and will be featured in an interview on the Podcast For Teachers web site.

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Administered by the National Science Foundation, this program recognizes outstanding mathematics and science teachers.

Contact—paemstinfo@esi-dc.com, 1-800-833-1691

Web Site—www.paemst.org/page.cfm?pageID=2

Deadline—May 1, 2007

Eligibility—7th-12th grade mathematics and science teachers

Awards—108 awards of \$10,000 each and gifts from a broad range of donors

5th Annual Science Class Challenge

The purpose of the classroom contest is to encourage students and teachers to learn about the Earth's protective upper ozone layer and the environment by using the provided activities or their own creative methods.

Contact—rmorris@smithharroff.com, 703-683-1044

Web Site—<http://nocfcs.org/scc/home.htm>

Deadline—May 14, 2007

Eligibility—Public, private and home school teachers from grades 4-6 and grades 7-9

Awards—Two \$5,000 awards, ten \$1,000 awards, and twenty \$250 awards and a pizza party for the class