

Because of generous contributions from each Home and School Association, the Interschool Council Mini-Grant Program was able to award just over \$8,000 to fully or partially fund 26 projects in 2010-11. The review committee included Ann Kirschner, Jeannie Hollander, Anne Horn, Sheila Kineke, Colleen Kunz, Jennifer Bale-Kushner, and Steve Barbato, Director of Curriculum Services.

1. At Belmont Hills, Barbara Johnson will bring the 4th grade science curriculum home with *Water in our Community* with students conducting experiments on local bodies of water.
2. For a second year, Jim MacCall will teach sign language to 1st graders at Belmont Hills in his *Signing and Reading* project that will increase kinesthetic learning of literacy skills.
3. Laura Donnelly and Brenda Pezick will lead an in-depth *Author Study* with Belmont Hills 1st and 2nd graders using the books of Kevin Henkes.
4. Vinetta Madaffari, Kristen Murphy and Colleen Trolio at Belmont Hills will use two video Flip cameras to provide *Autistic Support* – giving students tools to develop self-perception and social skills.
5. Belmont Hill's *"Keys" To Our Community* led by Colleen Holmes will provide a portable keyboard to allow all students to perform in various locations around the building and in the community.
6. Wendy Kimmel, at Cynwyd will use a digital camera to document all student work for the *Art Through Time – 2011 Art Program*.
7. The *Home and School Library Connection* run by Jane Baer and Maureen Gold will provide Gladwyne 1st graders with an opportunity to take leveled reading books home and reinforce early reading skills.
8. *World Music – Drumming* will allow Rebecca A. Jones at Gladwyne to use hand drums in music class this reaches the kinesthetic learner and teaches the music of different cultures.
9. At Gladwyne, Sally Drucker and Cathy Bowen will start a *Knitting Club* to teach a new skill, build community and encourage learning in areas like math, reading and reasoning.
10. Leigh Ann Meloy will use *Exercise Ball Chairs* at Gladwyne with special education students to increase student attention and learning.
11. At Penn Valley, Jamie Gaffga and Chris Vaccaro will go *With the Current* using a variety of periodicals to teach current events to 5th graders.
12. A 5th grade, *School Scrabble Program* will be run by Pamela Thomas at Penn Valley. This grant will fund a membership in the National School Scrabble Program and new boards.
13. Karen Nemeth at Penn Wynne will host an *Author/Artist Visit* from "Corretta Scott King Award" winning poet, writer and photographer Charles R. Smith Jr. for the entire school.
14. At Bala Cynwyd, Jean Roach and Becky Flagler will use a *Wii for Students with Autism*, to help teach coordination, social interaction, turn-taking skills, fitness and sensory skills.
15. 6th grade challenge students will participate in *Alice in Wonderland Makes a Comeback* a program run by Carolyn McKinney at Bala Cynwyd using the books of Lewis Carroll and the new movie.
16. Kelly Peterson, Lauren Lapinski and Bill Dennig will run the *"It's Not Easy Being Green.. Design Challenge"* for Bala Cynwyd 7th graders, an all day interdisciplinary program that will encourage problem solving, environmental awareness, and team building using real-world problems.
17. *Picture Books for Everybody!* will allow Kelly Anne McDermott and Catherine Malatack to purchase a variety of picture books that are targeted to the middle school audience, reluctant readers and English language learners at the Bala Cynwyd Library.
18. Kelly Anne McDermott and Catherine Malatack of Bala Cynwyd, will also increase the collection of *Graphic Novels at Your Library* in a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles.
19. Through a project called *Illustrated Classics*, Kelly Anne McDermott and Catherine Malatack will enhance Bala Cynwyd's graphic novel and audio versions of classic novels like Moby Dick and Treasure Island.
20. A *Listening Library* of popular titles will be increased at Bala Cynwyd, to continue to support differentiated learning in a project by Kelly Anne McDermott and Catherine Malatack.
21. Greg Gressel and Christopher Lewis at Welsh Valley will purchase supplemental tools and equipment to allow students to better prepare for *Science Olympiad: Ready to Compete*.
22. Cheryl Langdon will enhance the Welsh Valley *Mentoring Program* with mini-grant funds to support weekly informal meetings, and occasional attendance at organized events that build upon the mentee's connection to a caring role model.

23. Carla Coleman and Andrea Wilson-Harvey at Harriton will offer mentoring, life and academic skill and relationship building for students of color as part of *The Leadership Team*.
24. At Harriton, Kathleen Bold will use funds to purchase books, videos and art supplies to support the outreach and educational efforts of the *Gay-Straight Alliance*.
25. At Lower Merion, Jennifer Sand will purchase a set of books to use in genetics courses in a project titled, *Reading Across the Curriculum: The Seven Daughters of Eve: The Science that Reveals our Genetic Ancestry*.
26. Mary Kirchner will create a *World Language Museum* at Lower Merion framing and displaying a collection of art replicas focusing on the languages taught at the High School.