

Greenwood Getting Greener, Thanks to Community Support

Greenwood Early Learning Center will use its classroom grant to support the development of its new greenhouse, which will provide hands-on learning opportunities for students. Green Schools Foundation received the following letter of thanks for its contribution:

“Thank you so very much for your generous donation to our greenhouse. We now have raised \$10,000, so hopefully we will meet our goal soon. We appreciate your support of us at Greenwood and our commitment to our youngest Green learners.”

Second Round of Classroom Grants to be Awarded This Year

Teachers and instructors are encouraged to apply for a second round of classroom grants to fund special projects and materials. Applications will be available Jan. 20, and the deadline for submission is Feb. 6. Grants provide between \$300 and \$500 for special projects and materials that are not normally covered by tax dollars. Grant applications are reviewed to ensure the requests are consis-

tent with school curriculum requirements. GSF encourages grant applications that emphasize interactive learning, creativity, use of technology and go beyond routine budgeted items.

Application forms will be available on the Green Schools Foundation Web site, www.greenschoolsfoundation.com.

Scholarship Spotlight: Jenny Mitzel



Jenny Mitzel, a 2005 scholarship recipient, is currently in her senior year at Walsh University. “I graduate April 26, 2009,” Jenny writes. For now, Jenny is keeping busy with school work and a part-time job at National City Bank. “I have 120 hours this semester in the classroom, and I am taking 18 credits at Walsh.”

Jenny also is student teaching 7th grade math and language at Northwest Middle School in Canal Fulton. “I’m still tutoring an entire freshman class at Walsh University in mathematics,” Jenny said.

We wish Jenny the best of luck as she finishes her degree and begins her career.

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Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction
Saturday, Feb. 21, at Raintree Country Club

Plans are underway for the 11th Annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction, Saturday, Feb., 21 at Raintree Country Club. This popular fundraising event features a chance to win \$2,000 and opportunities to bid on vacations, sports and entertainment

tickets, golf packages and more. Raffle tickets are \$60 each and dinner is \$40 per person.

The social hour and silent auction begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be limited to 200, so look for your invitation in the mail soon, or use the form below to make your reservation.

Please RSVP by February 6, 2009

11th Annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction

Name _____
(As you would like it to appear in the program)

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Raffle Ticket and One Dinner @ \$100	\$ _____
Raffle Ticket and Two Dinners @ \$140	\$ _____
Additional Raffle Tickets @ \$60	\$ _____
Dinner Only @ \$40	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Please make checks payable to Green Schools Foundation and mail to: P.O. Box 104, Green, Ohio 44232

Our Silent Auction Needs a Few (More) Good Items!

If you have a business in the area or are just looking to clean out some closets, please consider making a contribution to the silent auction. Items could include tickets, gift certificates, sports equipment, home decorating accessories or jewelry.

Because we are a 501(c) (3) organization, your gift is considered a charitable contribution and may be tax deductible. For more information, or to arrange to have your item picked up, contact Steve Foster (330-612-0194, steven.foster@wachoviasec.com) or Mike Elkins (330-606-9035, melkins3345@aol.com).

Jane Beese, Jan Hicks and John Malloy Join the Board

Green Schools Foundation has three new board members: Jane Beese, Jan Hicks and John Malloy.

"As we begin a new year, I am pleased to welcome Jane, Jan and John to the Board," said GSF President Nancy Pruneski. "We have so many great plans for the Foundation this year and need enthusiastic leaders and volunteers to help us carry them out. The diverse talents, experiences and expertise of these three individuals will be put to good use as we work to grow our endowment and the contributions we make to our students and our community."

Jane Beese is a teacher and school administrator with nearly 20 years of experience, including nine years as an elementary school music teacher. Jane is a graduate of The University of Akron and Case Western Reserve University, and holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. Jane and her husband, John, have three children who attend Green Local Schools.

Jan Hicks is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and an active volunteer for the Green Local Schools, having served as president of the PTAs at the elementary, middle and high schools, and as a member of the Green Council of PTAs. Jan also is the tennis coach for the Green High School boy's varsity and girl's junior varsity teams. Her other volunteer efforts include co-chairperson of the Queen of Heaven FunFest and committee secretary for Boy Scout Troop 334. Jan and her husband, Allen, have three children who attend or graduated from Green Local Schools.

John Malloy is a Green High School alumni and works as a financial advisor for Wachovia Securities LLC. John graduated from The University of Akron and Kent State University. He serves as vice president of the Kiwanis of Green and is a member of the Green Chamber of Commerce, Torchbearers and Young Professionals of Akron.

More Than \$10,000 in Grants Will Support Special Classroom Projects

Thanks to the support within our members, sponsors and contributors, Green Schools Foundation has awarded \$10,121 to teachers and instructors in 38 classrooms of Green Local Schools. These grants will be used to support projects and programs that enrich learning for hundreds of students in kindergarten through 12th

grade. Winning applications include innovative reading and writing materials, technology enhancements, such as Web cameras for distance learning, and games that help build students' skills and confidence. Congratulations to the following recipients:

Greenwood Early Learning Center	
Jessica Baker	Using Mentor Texts to Teach Writing
Erin Neff	Do the Shuffle!
Richelle Stephens	Leap Into Learning
Trudy Zimmerman	I Can . . .
Rebecca Wolfe, Derek Angeloni, Jessica Baker, Brenda Cook, Ryan Flinn, Donelle Kirk, Brenda Rector, Amy Warth	Going Green at Greenwood

Green Intermediate School	
Brian Foster	SMART AirLiner
Lorri Kingan	Reading Goes Modern at GIS Media Center

Green Intermediate/Middle Schools	
Lisa Aglioti, Nancy Gregg, Amy Rach	Cordless Microphone for Band Concerts

Green Primary School	
Joy Dearing, Holly Edwards, Andrew Snaveley	Dynamic Teaching & Learning Through the Use of Innovative Technology
Kourtney Denning & Shannon Gordon	21st Century Learning (as active participants)
Kimberly Humphrey	The Genre Jungle
Alyssa Moore	Leveled Books
Marie Robbins	Can You Read iPod?
April Vogley	Leveled Books for Title 1 Reading

Green Middle School	
Lisa Armelie & Parent Mentors: Tami Vandygriff & Melissa Jarvis	GMS Game Spot
Cheryl Dimengo	Toys in Space
Carrie Jacobs	Interactive Classroom Library/Workshop
Carol Mayhew	Deluxe Magnetic Marker Board (4' x 12')
Andrea Meffert	Increasing Your Reading Comprehension!
Ann Murphy	Digital Photograph to Enhance Science Experiments
Mike Murphy	Pond Study
Sheri Murray	Artists in Style

Kleckner Elementary School	
Becky Coppock	Ohio Historical Days
Melissa Crossman, Patricia Laatsch	Document Camera
Heather Davis	Integrating Indicators through Group Activities in Guided Reading
Vanessa Flinn & Nicole Moretz	Pictures Say a Thousand Words!
Amy Josef, Michelle Hanchey & Kristen Woodruff	Reading Comprehension Games
JT Kuzior	Experiencing the Love of Reading Through Graphic Novels & Expanding Tech Capabilities
Dian Verbosky & Becky Coppock	Science Coming Alive

Green Middle/High Schools	
Sharon Dahlman	Laws of Life Essay Competition

Green High School	
Donna Plunkett	Developing Leaders for Tomorrow
Cindy Brown & Marilyn Ruff Leonard	Freshman Mentor Program
Laura Schaub	Classroom Library
Mark Wirbel	Web Camera for Distance Learning
Cynthia Young	Visions, by Green ALIVE