

COX KIDS FOUNDATION AWARDS **INNOVATION IN EDUCATION GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS**

(SAN DIEGO) October 2004 – The Cox Kids Foundation has awarded \$56,412 in grants to 14 middle and junior high schools throughout San Diego County recognized for having innovative classroom or school wide programs. ***Innovation in Education grants*** will help schools purchase equipment and materials for projects that range from science and technology to the arts and literacy.

The philanthropic arm of Cox Communications, the Cox Kids Foundation is funded by employee donations that are matched 100% by the company. Since January 2000, the Cox Kids Foundation has raised nearly \$1.5 million for the San Diego community to make grants to schools, provide scholarships to students, and partner with Children’s Hospital and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. To date, the Cox Kids Foundation has awarded more than \$240,000 in grants to schools. The Cox Kids Foundation is a fund of the San Diego Foundation.

Innovation in Education grant recipients were chosen by the foundation’s board, which is comprised of a diverse group of Cox Communications employees who represent various socio, ethnic, economic, and educational backgrounds. Board members made site visits to the schools and interviewed teachers prior to making their selection.

The 2004 *Innovation in Education* grant recipients include:

- **Bear Valley Middle School, Escondido - \$7,100** for classroom word processors to help students with learning disabilities improve their writing skills;
- **Coastal Academy Charter School, Oceanside - \$3,000** to help promote literacy by creating a school library;
- **Del Dios Middle School, Escondido - \$2,551** to purchase equipment for a newscaster training program that teaches students how to interview, storyboard, write scripts, run video equipment and edit footage;

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- **Horace Mann Middle School, San Diego - \$5,200** for *Math Night*, where students will present to their parents and the community projects that illustrate how mathematics is used in various careers;
- **Jefferson Middle School, Oceanside - \$7,950** for a College Preparatory Mathematics program which promotes high-level thinking skills via lectures, hand-on activities, and math labs;
- **Jefferson Middle School, Oceanside - \$4,525** to purchase equipment for video production classes where students will create videos for classroom instruction, cable television and student film festivals, as well as a school video yearbook;
- **La Presa Middle School, La Mesa/Spring Valley - \$10,000** to help purchase instruments, equipment and performance outfits for its music program;
- **Lakeside Middle School, Lakeside - \$2,192** to create a recording studio for the music program so students can understand basic recording techniques, and experience hands-on the process of creating their own CD.
- **Montgomery Middle School, El Cajon - \$631** for painting supplies needed to create a mural titled "We Are Our Environment," which will help encourage school pride, respect for school and property, and promote art, English and biology as the mural will include plants and insects;
- **Oak Crest Middle School, Encinitas - \$1,078** for educational music CDs which present U.S. history in the form of contemporary rock n' roll songs;
- **Oak Crest Middle School, Encinitas - \$3,000** to purchase equipment for a student-run, multi-media video production class that will include live video;
- **Roosevelt Middle School, Vista - \$1,785** to enhance the school's video studio and control room by adding digital and mobile video cameras that will enable students to cover school events and provide video magazine segments to increase communications with students;
- **Roosevelt Middle School, Vista - \$2,400** for a "Frontier Outpost" where students will create a Wild West town (including live farm animals), then perform a re-enactment during the two-day event;
- **Tierra Del Sol Middle School, Lakeside - \$5,000** for a learning center approach to literacy where students work on their reading skills in teams rather than as one class, rotating from listening posts, computers, and the library-media center to studying directly with the teacher in small groups of four to six students.

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