



# Nassau TRACT

## Teacher Center



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## MINI-GRANTS AWARDED!

Nassau TRACT Teacher Center is proud to award 33 mini-grants. Congratulations to the recipients, and thank you to all who participated. The large number of creative and motivational programs amounted to \$15,000 in awards. Congratulations to:

### BOCES

**Melissa Salvati** - \$500 – Fin Facts – Students will learn how to set up and maintain a successful freshwater aquarium. Skills developed in this unit will help in the acquisition of an entry-level position in a pet store.

**Arlene Zegel** – \$432 - Peer Mentoring Program – Students with developmental disabilities will collaborate with mainstream students on a weekly basis to work on projects.

**Roseanne Wattaul** – \$682 – Cougar Café – Eleventh graders run an in-school café two mornings a week to improve life skills in a simulated setting.

**Linda Lopez** - \$750 – Chess Program – Using chess as a low stress activity to provide positive social enrichment opportunities in a mixed disability setting.

**Phyllis Stashin** – \$183 - A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words – The talking photo album will be made by autistic and cognitively challenged children. The album will contain digital photos and voice overs.

**T.Cohen, V.Chirelli, C. Dwyer, S. Rivera, R. Miller** - \$521 – CLASP Project – This mini-grant will allow students to connect and expand upon an already existing multi-cultural collaborative arts program and the Jason Project for middle school students.

**Leslie Arluck** - \$760 – An Exercise in Xeriscape Landscaping – Emotionally challenged high school students will experience the pride of community spirit through activities involved in creating a school-based garden.

**Karen Matlack** - \$550 – Paper Pals – Using Ellison Dies “Paper Dolls” students will become acquainted with various clothing and choose items based on weather conditions.

### Carle Place

**Maryann Torrani** - \$375 – See It, Save It, Share It - Photographs captured on the new digital camera will be used to enhance writing workshops.

**L. Williams, R. Smith** - \$1000 – Home-School Literature Connection – This will fund the purchase of high interest level reading material. Families will be supplied with materials and supplies and specific activities to be completed at home.

### Diocese

**Carol Burnett** - \$268 – Pop Art, Andy Warhol and the Digital Image – Students will experience Andy Warhol and the Pop Art culture by creating self-portraits using digital camera and the silkscreen process.

### East Rockaway

**G. Beyrer, S. Dubeau, M. Sheerin** - \$653 – A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words – Students will write and publish a book incorporating photos from their new digital cameras.

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**Garden City**

**Jenny Greismeyer** - \$864 – Enhancing the Social Studies Curriculum with English Language Arts – Using expository literature to support existing curriculum.

**Linda Mulrooney** - \$525 – The Garden City Legacy – A continuing project to provide a better understanding of the legacy of the local community as students develop tools and methods using the inquiry process.

**Loreen McMahan** – \$506 - Pay It Forward – Recognizing and rewarding positive actions, good deeds and acts of kindness using buttons and breakfast.

**Dolores Volpe** – \$370 - Mind Benders and Tanglers – Using Mindbender and Tangler software students will learn to think clearly, analyze information and reason logically.

**Hewlett-Woodmere**

**Carol Trager** - \$628 – Enhancing the Dramatic Play Center – The dramatic play center (grocery store, post office, etc.) will allow young children to imitate adult behavior.

**Esther Weisner** – \$299 - Adding Pictures in Newsletters – Using a digital camera to incorporate photos into monthly newsletters.

**Mona Schwartz** - \$500 – Class/School Store – Creating a classroom store in the skills class. This program is designed to teach and reinforce life skills for independence.

**Locust Valley**

**Margaret Neal** – \$566 - Kindergarten Literacy Boxes – Kindergartners will be given a home phonics program including alphabet magnets and books to strengthen the home-school connection.

**Jacque Galano** - \$500 – Flora and Fauna Around our School – Second graders will use the research process and the scientific method to examine plant and animal life on school grounds.

**Mineola**

**Anthony Romeo** – \$338 - Combining Digital Technology with the Experience of Performing – Musicians will use portfolio assessment as part of their training with the help of a digital camera with video capabilities.

**Catherine Loughlin** – \$229 - Communities Around The World – As part of the New York State Standards in Geography, third graders will enjoy locating their country of origin on their new wall map.

**Mary LoCasio** - \$993 – Making History Come Alive – Second graders will use primary resources to learn about communities and in particular history of their community. They will create a film and living timeline to be donated to the local Historical Society.

**Nancy Decker-Ekloff** – \$200 - Learning Through Technology – Tracking the first grade experiences with the use of a digital camera and with journals.

**Maryellen Perinchief** – \$250 - Enhancing Health Education Through The Use Of Digital Photography – Using a digital camera to create multimedia presentations and make projects more personal.

**Plainview-Old Bethpage**

**Joanna Hayward** – \$228 - Homework Help-Students Helping Students – Students helping students program in the middle school. Peer tutors will be trained and monitored.

**Sewanhaka**

**Heather Confrey** – \$270 - Rap City – Special Education students will learn to create healthy snacks while striving to keep their bodies healthy.

**West Hempstead**

**Edna Messina** – \$225 - Tadpoles To Frogs: A Science Journey – Science will come alive for first graders as they chronicle in both fiction and non-fiction and watch tadpoles become frogs.

**Barbara DelliCarpini** – \$400 - Helping Inclusion Students Make the Reading-Writing Connection – English classes will make the reading-writing connection as they record their thoughts and impressions in a journal while reading for class.

**Joanne Leo** - \$519 – Listening and Speaking Skill Enhancement In A Second Language – Creating individualized listening and speaking stations in a high school Spanish class.

**Diane Hawxhurst** – \$190 - Reflections – Resource room students expand the writing process by keeping individual journals and enhancing them with drawings and photos.

**Howard Popkin** – \$400 - Japanese Video Conferencing- Using videoconferencing, gifted/enrichment students will study Japanese language and culture.

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