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## **\$50,000 in SRNS Mini Grants Presented to CSRA Teachers**

*Awards increased to \$75,000 for 2013*

AIKEN, S.C. (April 27, 2012) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) at the Savannah River Site is pleased to announce that 110 Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) educators received funding as part of the SRNS “Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program” (see list of names and schools below).

All applicants were honored at a reception held Thursday, April 26, Newberry Hall, Aiken, S.C., where monetary awards were officially presented.

During the award ceremony, SRNS President & CEO Dwayne Wilson announced that the SRNS Educational Outreach Program will be increasing the amount awarded to area teachers each year by \$25,000, for a total of \$75,000 in Mini Grants.



SRNS President and CEO, Dwayne Wilson, addresses CSRA teachers and administrators at the 2012 SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Reception at Newberry Hall in Aiken, S.C.

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The Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program recognizes and supports innovative teaching methods by funding projects that enhance elementary and middle school science, mathematics and technology programs directly impacting students in the classroom.

Educators from all CSRA public elementary and middle schools are eligible to apply for a Mini Grant in one of three categories: \$500, \$750 or \$1,000. SRNS is committed to supporting its education partners by sponsoring programs that facilitate the delivery of math, science and technology curricula, while increasing educational opportunities for students in the Central Savannah River Area.

A selection committee, comprised of SRS employees, reviewed 203 grant proposals submitted this year and selected 85 projects to collectively receive a total of \$50,000 in funding.

“We are proud to reward educators who exhibit a strong passion for helping students better understand math, science and technology through innovative teaching methods,” said Gladys Moore, Program Coordinator, SRNS Mini Grants Program.

The grants are provided through corporate funding made available by the parent companies of SRNS, LLC (Fluor, Newport News Nuclear, and Honeywell).

The United States Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office provides a variety of science and literacy outreach programs at the Savannah River Site by funding and coordinating the efforts of several organizations.

The primary goals of these outreach programs are to enhance interest in science, mathematics, engineering and technology and to support improvements in education in the CSRA by using the unique resources available at the Site. The SRNS management team believes business, industry, government and the education community must work together as partners to improve the educational opportunities for all students in our region.



*SRNS President and CEO, Dwayne Wilson presents a check for \$1000 to Leavelle McCambell Middle School teachers, Melissa Steiner and Paula Long for their Mini Grants Project, Science and Technology Behind the Red Cross. SRNS provided \$50K in funding at the SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Reception.*

### **\$500 Recipients**

1. Laboratory Investigation and Frog Dissection, Darlene Belton, Mia Wuchte and Melissa Dupree, Lakeside Middle
2. Weather Watchers, Dee Sanborn, Chukker Creek Elementary
3. Money Mysteries, Virginia Buchanan, Chukker Creek Elementary
4. Science In Action, Jessica Walker, Chukker Creek Elementary
5. Science Ala Carte, Holly Palmer, Chukker Creek Elementary
6. Isn't Science Amusing?, Marianne Swearingen, Aiken Elementary
7. I'm a Fraction and Problem Solving Explorer!, Elizabeth Supan, Aiken Elementary

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*\$500 Recipients Continued*

8. Expanding Horizons, Cathy Sheehan, Aiken Elementary
9. Smart ie Pants, Kimberly Mitchell, Aiken Elementary
10. Small Groups/Big Differences, Judi Girardeau, Aiken Elementary
11. A Touch of Hope, Danielle Blendowski, Aiken Elementary
12. Student Math-erpieces, Amanda Brewer, Aiken Elementary
13. Preschool Family Farm, Jennifer Melton and Carole Anderson, Millbrook Elementary
14. Living Math – Making Math Meaningful, One Book at a Time, Cathy Young, Millbrook Elementary
15. S.O.S. Saving Our Students – Sailing Home With Math Kits, Margie Hamman, Millbrook Elementary
16. Science in a Box, Michelle Malinski, Millbrook Elementary
17. All Aboard the Math Fact Stations, Melanie Royster, Millbrook Elementary
18. Exploring Energy Transfer, Karey Santos, Millbrook Elementary
19. Under the Sea with Me, Meredith Stone, Millbrook Elementary
20. Hamburger Helpers, Jenny Taylor, Millbrook Elementary
21. Oh, What a Relief it is: Hands on learning of Earth's Continental and Oceanic Landforms, Patricia Rasmussen, Millbrook Elementary
22. Peek a Boo, We See You! Tammy Travis, Michelle Goings, and Denise Spacek, Millbrook Elementary
23. Get SMART (Science, Math, and Reading Together) in the Classroom!, Christi McWaters, East Aiken School of the Arts
24. The Measure of a Child, Michael Terry, Millbrook Elementary
25. Recycle, Reuse, Repair, and Renew, Jennifer Myers, Millbrook Elementary
26. Hands on Equations, Agnes Hobson, Millbrook Elementary
27. Get to the other Side-Designing bridges, Michele Waters, Millbrook Elementary
28. Staying In Sync with First Grade, Anne Harper, Millbrook Elementary
29. Mind Leaps, Deborah Spence, Millbrook Elementary
30. Mystery of the Moli Stone – Place Value and Numeration, Ellen Cotton, Jefferson Elementary
31. Chrysalis Critters-Inside the life Cycle of Butterflies, Keris Armstrong, Cedar Ridge Elementary
32. "Kindle the Fire" for Learning, Carrie Fox, Mossy Creek Elementary
33. I want Some M&M's (Mathematics & Manipulative), Allison Newbegin, LBC Middle
34. A Little Dirt Never Hurt, Deborah Mims, LBC Middle
35. K'Nex to Connect, Mary Brooks, LBC Middle
36. Hummer Helpers, Melinda Zipf, Douglas Elementary
37. I Hear the Math, Denise Barnhart, Cristine Raines, Megan Bush, and Marsha Barrel, Oakwood-Windsor Elementary
38. We Like to Move It, Move It, Ann Taylor, Clearwater Elementary
39. Real-World Math, Traci Smith, Mossy Creek Elementary/Belvedere Elementary
40. IT'S ELEMENT-ARY, Margo Gore, Kennedy Middle
41. Plant Me, Nurture Me, Watch Me Grow, Lindsey Griffin, North Aiken Elementary
42. Science is "S.T.E.M." tastic!, Kristina Istre, Pine Hill Middle
43. Energizing Science, Donita Legoas, Pine Hill Middle
44. Estimation Station, Kristi Palma, W. E. Parker Elementary
45. Fur, Shells, Scales and Tails, Lauren Reams, Johnston Elementary
46. All Cracked Up, Janet Reams, Johnston Elementary
47. Who Ate Whom?, Courtney Kelly, Johnston Elementary
48. C. S. I. – Critter Scene Investigations, Debbie Vaughn, Belvedere Elementary
49. Simply Sensational Stations of Math, Judith Boyd, Redcliffe Elementary
50. S.T.I.R. I.T. UP! (Scientifically Teaching Independent Research through Informational Text), Jennifer Powell, J. D. Lever Elementary
51. Geometric Mayhem: Combining Math and Art, Donna Black, Johnston Elementary
52. SIDE BY SIDE, Jenny Lynn Williams, Hammond Hill Elementary
53. Everybody Find Your "Place"!, Jennifer Sanders, Hammond Hill Elementary
54. Nature Detectives, Ginger Pope and Shannon Turner, Hammond Hill Elementary
55. Math on the Job!, Nan Hall, Hammond Hill Elementary
56. S.C.I.E.N.C.E! (Science, Constantly Integrating Enhancing and Connecting to LitErature!), Nancy Courtney, Angela Canepa, Margaret Green, Stacie Sidwell, Julie Corbett, and April Leischner, J. D. Lever Elementary
57. Cooking with Class, Carole Collum, Busbee Corbett Elementary
58. Landform Adventure, Erria Daniels, Busbee Corbett Elementary
59. The Circle of Life: The Interdependence of Living Organisms, Joan Adkins and Jane EILaissi, Stalling Island Middle



#### *\$500 Recipients Continued*

60. Calendar Project, Lisa Tompsett, Leavelle McCampbell Middle
61. Feel the Force!, Amy Wilhelm, W. E. Parker Elementary
62. Seeing the Light!, Laura Jolly, W. E. Parker Elementary
63. Building a Biome, Nancy Sullivan, W. E. Parker Elementary
64. Splish, Splash!, Rebecca Prince, W. E. Parker Elementary
65. B.E.A.R.S (Becoming Excited About Real-Life Science), Jennifer Lee and Debbie Freeman, North Aiken Elementary
66. Circuit Circus, Phyllis Jones, Beth Bartlett, Rebecca Dixon Boer, Rebecca Hare, Abril McClure, J. D. Lever Elementary

#### **\$750 Recipients**

1. Tip, Tap, Drag, and Draw Our Way to Better Math Skills, Allison Childers, A. Brian Merry Elementary
2. To Infinity and Beyond through Science, Reading & Writing, Breanne Creswell, Aiken Elementary
3. The Seeds of Science Are Rooted in Reading, Cherly Zimmerman, Millbrook Elementary
4. Science on the Big Screen, Pamela Shaffer, A. Brian Merry Elementary
5. Math Madness!, Jennifer Rice, W. E. Parker Elementary
6. Animals Alive, Terrie Yonce, Johnston Elementary
7. Light My World! Margaret Fussell, Aiken Middle
8. Let Go My Lego, Chelsea Calhoun, Macedonia Elementary
9. All Systems Go!, Dana Kaltz, W. E. Parker Elementary

#### **\$1,000 Recipients**

1. Let Your Fingers Do the Reading, Traci Nelson, Aiken Elementary
2. An Interactive Education, Melissa Lewis and Kim Romero, Westmont Elementary
3. Science and Technology Behind the Red Cross, Melissa Steiner, Paula Long and John Brinson, Leavelle McCampbell Middle
4. AWARE (Areas With Agriculture for a Revived Environment) Melanie Moore Corell, Guinyard-Butler Middle
5. Fabulous Science: Fact or Fiction, Kelli Kilbourn, Aiken Middle
6. Wild Wacky Weather, Melba Dodgen, Janine Dillon and Lisa Lumley, Lewiston Elementary
7. eBibliotherapy in Classroom Guidance, Katrina Brooks, Clearwater Elementary
8. Seamless Assessment, Vickie Cason, Lakeside Middle
9. Cells are Everywhere, Eljielyn Espiritu, Aiken Middle
10. Let's Do It Again, Joanne Jones, W.S. Hornsby

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