

Grade to Grade-School to School Video Connection

Classroom Grant

McKinley Elementary

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Application Form

Report Fields

Project Name*

Name of project

Grade to Grade-School to School Video Connection

Amount Requested

Amount requested on application.

\$600.00

Grade Level

Please select grade level below.

Primary (K-3)

Primary Subject Area

Please select the primary subject area of your grant.

Counseling/Behavioral

School

Please select your school from the list below

McKinley Elementary

Number of Students Served

Please enter the number of students that will be served by this grant.

320

Project Cost

What is the total cost of your project?

650.00

Statement of Need

Please describe the need for this project. For example, how will this project impact student learning?

McKinley Elementary's population is over 70 % free and reduced. Our Homeless population sits close to 16% and at the time of this writing we have about 57 parents who have been incarcerated during the 2013/2014 school year. The teaching of social skills is vitally important for our students.

As the school counselor my goal is to visit each K-5th grade classroom once a week and present a counseling lesson. For the primary grades my lessons focus on friendship, tattling vs. telling, Personal Space, hands and feet to yourself, etc. The students and I enjoy these lessons and it gives us a common vocabulary to discuss counseling issues when they arise. The 4th - 5th grade lessons also focus on character building, with topics such as bully prevention, responsibility, courage, choices, cyber safety, making a positive difference, etc. Means of delivery for these lessons are books, videos, craft projects, etc.

During these classroom lessons for the past several years, I have had the 3rd-5th grade classes make posters and create different projects to post and perform around school to encourage the younger students to practice their newly learned social skills.

A new approach I would like to try next year would be to create videos and quick film clips with the children about the above Social Skills and Counseling classroom lessons which I could then show to the different classes.

The creation of counseling lessons will also be a beneficial tool in light of the renovation which will be taking place at McKinley. The school year of 2014/2015 will be a challenge / adventure as our school population will be divided amongst two buildings. K-2nd grades will continue on in the McKinley Building while 3rd-5th grades will be moved to the Lincoln Center. In the past we have used a buddy class system to bring our older and younger classes together in a common learning environment, however this system will not be available next year due to building logistics.

I believe the "Grade to Grade-Building to Building video Connection" project will benefit all of our K-5 students. The older students will learn as they take ownership of their video productions, while the younger grades will learn the social skill lessons directly from older children they may know from their neighborhood or school. I envision our older students possibly showing their productions during our common K-5 monthly assemblies and K-2 classroom lessons.

Primary Goal

Please describe the primary goal of the project and how it blends with School District 2 goals and curriculum.

School District 2's Counseling Curriculum is in accordance with the American School Counselors Association's Core Curriculum.

A minimum of eight mandatory counseling lessons are taught throughout the school year to each class. These classroom lessons include at least three bullying lessons, one personal safety lesson, one role of the counselor lesson and one career and guidance lesson as well as several others. I choose to go into the classrooms more often as I believe the Counseling lessons are an important part of a student's rounded education.

The goal of the "Grade to Grade-Building to Building Video Connection" Project is to continue creating new and innovative ways to teach ALL our students in McKinley the important Social Skill lessons in the local and national curriculum, while maintaining a connection within our McKinley community.

Project Description

Briefly identify the major activities and materials involved in your project.

Panasonic HC-V750K Enhanced Sound Full HD Wi-Fi Enabled 20X Camcorder with 3-Inch LCD (Black) by Panasonic

While I understand there are less expensive camcorders, this particular Camcorder or one with common features would be greatly appreciated.

No other materials will be needed for the "Grade to Grade - Building to Building Video Connection Project

Professional Development

If your project includes professional development how will it improve student performance?

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Project Timeline

When will you implement your project?

This project will start at the beginning of the 2014/2015 school year

Plan for Evaluation

How will you evaluate student outcomes for your project?

Often times in the Counseling arena it is difficult to quantifiably measure "outcomes" or "success". My personal goal is to always plant seeds of personal growth for the students of McKinley. Hopefully a project such as this will teach the children that they can make a positive difference in their world and the world of others, while also instilling in a sense of ownership in their school wide lessons.

Project Budget

Please explain how the funds from this grant will be spent to support your project goal. You can either type or upload a project budget to show how funds will be used. Please identify other funding sources if applicable.

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Supervisor Approval*

I have received approval from my supervisor to apply for this grant.

yes

Attachment 1

Please attach any photos, pages from catalogs, or other documents below. This is completely optional.

Attachment 2

Attachment 3

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads