

Ossining MATTERS Donations Reach Quarter-Million Dollar Mark
With Grants Slated for 2008-2009 School Year

Ossining MATTERS Education Foundation marks its fifth year of funding programs and projects to enrich the education of all children in the Ossining School District with a donation of \$61,625, supporting nineteen different grants in five of Ossining's six school buildings.

These grants represent a mix of innovative proposals from Ossining's creative, dedicated teachers and administrators, continued funding for proven successes, and cooperative projects with other community groups. Each grant helps to further Ossining MATTERS' mission to support and enrich the learning opportunities for all children in the Ossining School District.

For the 2008-2009 school year, Ossining MATTERS is funding the following grants:

At Park School

- A pilot chess program for first graders
- Continued support of Formula for Success

At Brookside

- An expansion of Chess at Recess
- Garden Creators, a gardening program for the entire third grade, to include research, artistic creation, and writing along with an outdoor gardening element
- Continued funding for meals for the Family Reading Connection evening program
- A contribution to allow the SPLASH (Science Partners Learning about Animals of the Sound and the Hudson) collaborative science program to continue

At Claremont

- Listen and Learn, a project to enhance the audio book library
- Drums Unlimited, drums plus drumming videos for the HEROES after-school program.
- Continued funding for Kids Make Books for Kids
- Claremont Girls Running Club, an addition to the HEROES offerings that will promote health and wellness for female students
- School of Rock, guitars and related equipment to add a guitar class to the HEROES choices
- A contribution towards the purchase of a portable sound system for assemblies and class productions

At AMD

- Continued support of High Hopes and Expectations
- Math-Casting, a program to help students review and explain math concepts, better cementing their own understanding and aiding peers who must miss class for music lessons
- Funding to bring a speaker for OABSE Educational Initiatives, for a presentation that addresses the educational needs of the entire community, focusing on students of color

- Funding to allow OPACC Community Outreach Series to expand from serving parents of black 6th graders to black parents of students in grades 7 through 12
- Yamaha Silent Brass, funds to purchase a system which allows students to practice their brass instruments in the music suite without disturbing other instruction or activities

At OHS

- A new piano for the auditorium
- A generous donation to the Guidance Discretionary Fund, which allows the OHS Guidance Office to help students in need pay for testing fees, prep classes, college-level classes, and college application fees

With this donation, Ossining MATTERS passes the quarter-million dollar mark in total support provided to our school district. Founded in 2003, the organization has now funded nearly 90 grants.

Ossining MATTERS is grateful not only to the teachers and administrators who propose and implement these fine projects, but also to the generous support of the Ossining community, whose donations of both funds and volunteer time make it possible for Ossining MATTERS to continue to carry out its mission.