



**BRIGHT
IDEAS**

About the Bright Ideas Program

Brunswick EMC originated the Bright Ideas program in 1994. Other co-ops across the state joined in quickly and today all 27 electric cooperatives in NC participate, providing teachers with funding to help them provide top-quality instruction.

The Bright Ideas grant program strives to improve education in North Carolina classrooms by awarding grants to teachers for innovative, classroom-based projects in grades K-12 that would not otherwise be funded. Individual projects can be funded up to \$2,000.

Since 1994, the NC cooperatives have awarded Bright Ideas grants totaling over \$4.5 million dollars to teachers in grades K-12 across the state, sponsoring more than 4,000 projects impacting nearly 800,000 students. This year, the NC co-ops will award more than \$500,000 to NC classroom teachers.

For more information, please visit the Brunswick EMC website at www.bemc.org or the statewide site at www.ncbrightideas.com

Brunswick EMC would like to
thank all of the creative and dedicated teachers
in our area who applied for grants.
Our congratulations go to all of this year's
winners on their innovative teaching ideas.
We thank you for your dedication
to your profession and to
the young people of our communities.

Brunswick EMC is the third largest electric cooperative in NC, serving nearly 74,000 member locations in Brunswick and Columbus counties and small parts of Bladen and Robeson counties.

Please visit our website for more information and pictures of Bright Ideas projects: www.bemc.org



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**Thursday,
November 16, 2006**

**Luncheon
In honor of**

**2006-2007
Bright Ideas
Grant**

**BRUNSWICK
ELECTRIC** 
Membership Corporation

A Touchstone Energy[®]
Cooperative 

Offices in Shallotte ▪ Whiteville
Southport-Oak Island

Winning BRIGHT IDEAS Grant Applications for 2006-2007

Kasey Abbott / Union Elementary: "Interactive Classroom" - For purchase of a Classroom Performance System that provides immediate feedback to students on their answers to computer-based interactive study materials. It also provides teachers with an additional assessment tool.

Pat Fenton / West Brunswick High: "Literacy Lab" - To establish the first high school level Literacy Lab resource in the county for students who have not passed the reading, math and/or computer competency tests required for graduation. Volunteers from Communities in Schools will work with the students.

Kathy Keifer / Supply Elementary: "Loving Literacy!" - For an overhead projector, books with CDs and a CD Listening Center to set up literacy centers in 2nd grade classrooms.

Patricia Lyles / South Brunswick High: "Eye of the Cougar" - For purchase of a digital camera and software program for college-bound students to create their portfolios for college and scholarship applications.

Melissa McGougan / South Brunswick High: "The Wonderful World of Microbes" - To purchase additional microscopes for the biology classroom, allowing for exploration of micro-organisms of various types.

Zach Pring / North Brunswick High: "Viewing the World from a Different Angle" - For a microscope camera and a document camera to allow science teachers to project images to an entire classroom for a more realistic visual learning experience.

Chris Sanders / Evelyn Wray Smith Village School: "Operation PC" - for purchase of personal computers for computer instruction, internet research and more to help students pass required computer competency tests.

Rebecca Willis / Brunswick Early College High School: "It Needs to All Add Up" - for purchase of TI-84 graphing calculators and presentation tools for Math & Science classes.

Kim Andrews / Old Dock Elementary: "Show Me, Don't Tell Me" - Overhead projector and laptop to show 4th graders virtual tours as they study NC history. Students will also use the equipment to present their own projects.

Kathy Blake / Chadbourn Elementary: "Graphic Novels Aid Struggling Readers:" - for graphic library novels with exciting contemporary illustrations to engage readers in science and history with visual cues to aid reading.

Dr. Denning Buchter / Waccamaw Academy: "Expanding, Believing—Growing in the Arts" - Use a mix of media packages, pottery items and other art supplies to introduce students to a variety of expressions of art through the study of famous artists and their techniques.

Mary M. Gore / Guideway Elementary: "Centered on Reading Success" - for literacy centers and materials for teaching the Reading First program for kindergarten and 1st graders, with a focus on student-based learning instead of traditional teacher-lead instruction.

Sherry Jordan / East Columbus High: "CPS—Interactive Teaching" - For a Classroom Performance System kit to establish an interactive learning environment for the students. A wireless system for the teacher with 32 response pads for the computer lab.

Cynthia Kinlaw / Williams Township Elementary, "Listen Up" - A wireless listening center and leveled readers with audio CDs to improve reading skills for 5th graders.

Wendy Maguire / Williams Township Elementary: "Creative Writing" - For books of children's literature to help teach narrative writing to 4th graders.

Anita Powell / Fair Bluff Elementary: "Seeing is Believing" - for purchase of TV/DVD/VCR combinations units for each classroom plus ten new science videos.

Lynn Spaulding / Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary, "Reading for Reality" - Leveled Reading books and evaluation software for improving both reading and technology skills.



Thursday, November 16, 2006

12:00 noon

at

**Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation
795 Ocean Highway West
Supply, NC 28462**

**Honoring
2006-2007**

Bright Ideas Grant Winners

Welcome Robert W. "Chip" Leavitt, Jr, CEO of BEMC

Invocation..... Rev. Moses Herring
BEMC Director—District 4

Luncheon

Introduction of Grant Winners with remarks about their programs, Presentation of Checks and Photos

..... Robert W. "Chip" Leavitt, Jr, CEO of BEMC
and the BEMC Board of Directors