

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 co-ops 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 **\$5.3 million** dollars to teachers in grades K-12 across the state, sponsoring more than 4,000 projects impacting over 800,000 students. This year, the North Carolina co-ops will award more than \$500,000 to 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. Congratulations to 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 over 78,000 member locations in Brunswick and Columbus counties and small parts of Bladen and Robeson counties.

We are a member-owned not-for-profit company, serving our members with Innovation, Integrity, Accountability and Commitment to Community

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

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**Awards Luncheon
Honoring
2007-2008
Bright Ideas
Grant Winners
November 8, 2007**

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Honoring our Teachers

Welcome:

Robert W. Leavitt, Jr.

CEO of BEMC

Invocation:

Rev. Moses Herring

BEMC Director

Luncheon

Introduction of Grant Winners:

With remarks about
their programs,
presentation of checks
and photos

Winners !

Sherri Turner / Bolivia Elementary:

“Our Ears as Teachers” Using Apple iPods to bring the sound of history, books, famous authors, foreign languages and science to auditory learning students.

Leigh C. Pope / Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary and Waccamaw Elementary:

“Linking Language and Literacy” Bridge the gap from school to home through ESL workshops with parents using “Language is the Key” videos and a library of books for ELL students.

Samesa Goodson / Lincoln Elementary:

“Fitness Trail” Construction of a fitness trail offering a variety of movements and exercises for students and staff to build strength and fitness.

Shannon Bates / North Brunswick High:

“Facilitating Language and Literacy for Young Children” Internship program with DVD/CDs, books and workbooks to facilitate language and literacy lessons.

Margaret Arrowood & Amanda Richardson / Shallotte Middle School:

“Exploris—Planning for the Future” Interest inventory and academic aptitude assessment materials to help 8th graders develop 4-yr high school and career plans.

Patricia Lyles / South Brunswick High: **“Trash to Treasure”** Start a paper products recycling center, using the recycled items to create works of art for display. Stimulate awareness of environmental issues. **“Cougar Spirit”** Art supplies to create a mural for the new school motto—”3 R’s— Rigor, Respect and Responsibility”

Kimberly Newman / Southport Elementary:

“Math” Purchase Mathematics Labs to help students improve basic math skills.

Martha Myers / Supply Elementary

“Books-in-a-Bag” Literacy kits with stories, props and instructional activities for students age 3-10 with significant developmental delays.

Michelle Davis / Union Elementary: **“Dolphins on Air”** Equipment for editing and producing a television show written by students for morning announcements.

Crystal Karwacki, Brett Carpenter and Lindsay Christensen / West Brunswick High: **“21st Century Teachers”** Individual grants toward the purchase of camera/projector and other high-tech tools for classroom use.

Camela Babson / Acme Delco Middle School:

“20/20 Vision” Software tools to develop “dashboards” and display lessons on computer.

More Winners !

Shannon Barham / South Brunswick Middle and Virginia Williamson Elementary:

“Multi-Sensory Environment” Materials to set up a special room at each school for students with disabilities, focusing on providing sensory activities using lighting, music, color and touching tools.

Kathy Blake / Chadbourn Elementary:

“Interactive!” Interactive books with accompanying CDs/DVDs to facilitate both reading and visual learning on the computer.

Carol Blake / Chadbourn Middle: **“In Search of the 21st Century Classroom”** Technology tools for enriching classroom experiences: TV, camera, projector.

Dorothy Chestnutt / East Columbus High:

“Interactive Math Using CPS” Wireless response system for reporting information, grading tests, providing immediate feedback for teacher and student.

Stephanie Sellers / Guideway Elementary:

“Technology as a Teaching Tool” Using a notebook computer for teaching new programs for Grades 3-5.

Velvet Hardwick / Hallsboro Middle School:

“Technology for Tigers, Phase II” Purchase of Mimio Interactive, Capture and Wireless Systems software to connect to a white dry erase board, making it an interactive teaching tool.

Amanda Edwards / Old Dock Elementary: **“Math in a Nutshell”** Purchase teaching kits with hands-on activities for lessons in fractions, algebra, geometry, measurement, ratios, data analysis, and problem-solving.

Gay Strickland / South Columbus High:

“Plugged-in to Reading” Digital audio books for special needs students.

Kelly Strickland Graham / Tabor City Elementary: A Picture’s Worth a Thousand Words”

Digital and disposable cameras and scrapbooks for creating projects.

Rebecca Lynn Tedder / Whiteville Primary:

“GEMS (Getting Students Motivated for Science)” Science lab kits for developing inquiry, observation, exploration and investigation skills.

Daphney Long / Williams Township Elementary:

“Hands-on Math” Books and learning tools for students needing remedial help.

Sherry Jordan / East Columbus High:

“All Eyes on the Gator” Digital camera, scanner and docking station for computer skills classes in multimedia.