



The Bright Ideas Program was originated by Brunswick Electric 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 deliver 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 nearly **\$6 million** dollars to teachers in grades K-12 across the state, sponsoring more than **5,400 projects** impacting **over one million 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 nearly 80,000 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, the Kids Zone (Energy Info, Games and more), and lots of Energy-Saving Tips that everyone can use!
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**Awards Luncheon
Honoring
2008-2009
Bright Ideas
Grant Winners
November 13, 2008**



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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 !

KELLY S. PAGE / Academy of Coastal Carolina:
“I See, I Experience, I Understand Math” Hands-on learning using math manipulatives for creative games, competitions and more.

LISA SIMMONS / Bolivia Elementary:
“Beyond Question” Interactive remote system allows students to answer questions and get immediate feedback. Keeps the students engaged in an age of video games.

CATHY MARTINO / Jessie Mae Monroe Elem:
“Treasure Hunt” Students will learn how to use handheld GPS units to locate hidden treasure, gaining a more global perspective—learning about latitude and longitude, compass and map skills.

TAMMY JENKINS / Lincoln Elementary:
“Game Day” 3rd grader math engagement program using games for group play and independent practice, to support a variety of ability levels and learning styles.

JAMIE MADREN / North Brunswick High:
“At My Finger Tip!” Digital writing pad will allow teaching from any place in the classroom; also will be used by students to present their projects to the entire class.

KARI CURRAN / Shalotte Middle:
“Get a Life, Grab a Book” Expand library collections with updated print and electronic materials; engage students with book clubs, literacy circles, essay contests, fostering a love of reading to extend beyond school walls.

KATHERINE HORNE / South Brunswick Middle:
“Cougars Have HEART” Student research, planning and implementation of several “green” projects on campus; may include planting rain garden, building compost bins, installing rain barrels or improving the recycling program.

DAWN YORK / Supply Elementary:
“Out of the Box—Math Kits” Research-based math kits that emphasize a hands-on, problem-solving approach for 4th graders.

JANIE PARRETT / Union Elementary:
“Parrett Publishers” - Purchase laptop computer for using Internet as a class to research information for story reference, broaden student experiences, spur writing ideas, show virtual fieldtrips and explore illustration ideas.

BARBARA EVANS / Waccamaw School:
“Write Smart with AlphaSmart” Specialized tools and software for learning disabled, autistic or behaviorally-impaired student to improve skills in reading, writing and math.

More Winners !

PAMELA FITZGERALD / West Brunswick High:
“Making the Most of Mathematics” Assessment software and interactive student response systems for Algebra and Pre-Calculus classes.

JOAN BUCK / Acme Delco Elementary:
“Classroom Literature, Please!” Class sets of literature books for reading groups to raise reading comprehension, sharing of thoughts & perspectives w/ other students.

SHARON JARVIS / Cerro Gordo Elementary:
“Stinger Patrol!” 7th and 8th grade students will serve to promote positive behaviors, mutual respect and assist with monitoring through the school.

KATHY BLAKE / Chadbourn Elementary: “Let Me See!” Large flat screen TV & mobile cart to involve students in learning from the Internet & interactive books.

SHERRY JORDAN / East Columbus High:
“Alec, I’ll Take Bright Ideas Grants” Classroom “Jeopardy” sets to engage students in a new interactive way.

STEPHANIE SELLERS / Guideway Elementary:
“Taking Young Readers on a Magical History Tour” Use adventure books for reading and discussion of other cultures and history; tie reading to creating posters, writing news articles, performing skits and more.

JOSIE MCKOY / Hallsboro Middle School:
“Waste Not” Funds for a Smart Board document camera to share student work samples, passages from books, newspapers and more with entire class, instead of using time and resources to create handouts.

JULIE SELLERS / Nakina Middle School:
“Battle for Books” Fill some empty shelves in this new school with books for the Battle of the Books competition.

RACHEL FAULK MEARES / South Columbus High:
“Captivating Chemistry” Use of experiment kits, supplies and tools for hands-on science labs & activities.

MIRIAM HAYNES / Waccamaw Academy:
“Connecting the Dots with Manipulatives” Use of manipulative objects to develop math and science skills, connecting concrete objects and abstract concepts.

PAM McCULLEN / Whiteville Primary:
“ELMO—Early Learning Media Opportunity” Use of projectors for delivering real-time, true-to-life presentations in all curriculum areas, reducing the need for paper copies.

GAY SCOTT / Williams Township Elementary:
“WTES Radio” Radio transmitter for daily broadcast of news and events to the campus. Teaching tool for writing news stories, digital sound file editing and communications.