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BEMC awards more than \$32,000 to local teachers through the Bright Ideas Education Grant Program

Supply, N.C., (November 9, 2020) – Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) awarded \$32,110 in Bright Ideas education grants to 29 local teachers to fund engaging projects for their students. More than 7,000 students at schools in Brunswick and Columbus counties will benefit from these grants.

Typically, these grants bring creative projects to life inside classrooms. However, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, BEMC has been flexible with the types of projects awarded to ensure that all students are able to benefit, whether they are in the classroom or learning remotely. Grants are awarded for projects in all subject areas, including music, art, history, reading, science and math.

“Teachers have been going above and beyond to help our children in these challenging times, and their ability to solve distance learning issues while finding ways to engage their students is impressive,” said Josh Winslow, CEO. “It’s a privilege to help them turn ideas into reality and keep the school year on track.”

BEMC has contributed more than \$680,000 to local teachers since the Bright Ideas grant program began in 1994 and is one of 26 electric cooperatives in North Carolina offering Bright Ideas grants. North Carolina’s electric cooperatives collectively have awarded more than \$12.9 million in Bright Ideas funding since the program’s inception, making nearly 12,359 projects possible and benefitting more than 2.5 million students.

Bright Ideas grant applications are accepted by BEMC each year from April through mid-September, and winning proposals are selected in a competitive evaluation process by a panel of judges. The application process will reopen for interested teachers in April 2021.

The Bright Ideas grant program is part of BEMC’s ongoing commitment to building a brighter future through community support of education. Follow BEMC on Facebook and Twitter at @Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation to see how programs, such as Bright Ideas, are impacting local students and communities. To learn more about Bright Ideas grants, visit ncbrightideas.com and follow @NCBrightIdeas on Facebook and Twitter.

The 2020 Bright Ideas grant recipients are:

Applicant Name	School	County	Project
Amy Poe	Acme Delco Elementary School	Columbus	Access for All
Holly Majewski	Belville Elementary School	Brunswick	The Sounds of S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math): Understanding Music and Science
Julie Brawley	Bolivia Elementary School	Brunswick	The Future Is Bright With First Grade Writing
Heather Caldwell	Cedar Grove Middle School	Brunswick	Safely "Working Together" While We are Apart
Sharon Jarvis	Cerro Gordo Elementary School	Columbus	Self-Regulating toward Success!
Dannelle Hinson	Chadbourn Elementary School	Columbus	Diary of a Wimpy Huh?
Fred Mason	Columbus Career and College Academy	Columbus	Filling in the Gap
Jennifer Sams	Evergreen Elementary School	Columbus	Literacy Rich Art Room
Joan Buck	Hallsboro/Artesia Elementary School	Columbus	No More Community Supplies
Trixie Dancy	Lincoln Elementary School	Brunswick	Cooking to Learn: A Collaborative Cooking Project to Enhance Leadership and Community Life Skills
Clay Reaves	Nakina Middle School	Columbus	Math is Better when your Board....works.
Kelly Sedbrook	North Brunswick High School	Brunswick	Dissolved Oxygen Meters
Nancy Bennett, Angie Ray, Leigh Ann Smith	Old Dock Elementary School	Columbus	Reading Wranglers
Sean Lamora	South Brunswick High School	Brunswick	iPads for Learning
Jimmy Price	South Columbus High School	Columbus	Stallion Piano Program
Jennifer Kuhnemann	Supply Elementary School	Brunswick	Starfish School Store -PBIS
Jessica Black	The COAST	Brunswick	Innovate & Educate
Victoria Hall	Virginia Williamson Elementary School	Brunswick	Math Manipulatives for Social Distancing; Reading with Social distancing
Tiffany Pruitt	Waccamaw School	Brunswick	Drums ALIVE!
Mary Evans	West Brunswick High School	Brunswick	Materials for Interactive Notebooks
Myah Morse	West Brunswick High School	Brunswick	Reading Like A Historian
Lori Rose	West Brunswick High School	Brunswick	Anatomy In Clay
Sheila Sheats	West Brunswick High School	Brunswick	Interesting iPad Inquiries
Renee Spencer	West Brunswick High School	Brunswick	Creating Unique Designs in Writing
W.T. Edwards	West Columbus High School	Columbus	Puzzle Pieces for the Future
Fred McPherson	West Columbus High School	Columbus	Safety First
Cassie Hoffman	Williams Township Elementary	Columbus	Inspiring Young Innovators
LeighAnn McPherson	Williams Township Elementary	Columbus	Head Into Learning
Kathy Trost	Williams Township Elementary	Columbus	Art totes ready for deployment

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BEMC is a locally owned and operated not-for-profit corporation. It is the second largest electric cooperative in North Carolina and serves more than 98,000 meter locations in Brunswick, Columbus, and parts of Bladen and Robeson counties. Founded in 1939, BEMC has a longstanding commitment to the communities it serves, providing support for a wide variety of activities that contribute to the quality of life for all citizens.