

**Helena Education Foundation**  
**Great Ideas Grant Recipients**  
**Spring 2007\***

**1. Market IT! (\$2300)**

**School:** Helena Middle School **Teacher Recipient:** Jesse Franzen

**Sponsor:** PEC Design-Build

Market IT! Students will create an entire media campaign of their choice, including statistics, propaganda posters, science research, buttons, brochures, billboards, and writing, starring in, and editing a commercial – all using media materials purchased with this grant. The project culminates with a school and community celebration displaying and promoting their creations and new skills.

**2. Helena History Video (\$1,611)**

**School:** CRA Middle School

**Teacher Recipient:** Kelly Elder

**Sponsor:** Northwestern Montana Radio Network

CRA students chronicle Helena history through cross-curricular projects, interviewing community adults and researching topics using primary sources. Students compose 30-second historical video newscasts and funds from this grant will purchase audio visual equipment to produce the newscasts on location. The resulting DVD shares both the newscasts as well as annual academic activities and performances.

**3. The Buck Starts Here (\$1,000)**

**School:** Capital High School

**Teacher Recipient:** Karey Conn

**Sponsor:** DA Davidson

Students working in Bear Necessities learn skills necessary to obtain future employment. Working in the store is only part of the learning process. Recording sales and purchases, tracking inventory and producing financial statements helps complete the process. Funds from this grant will provide a Point of Sale system to help all students learn and understand the importance of proper recordkeeping.

**4. This is a Test! (\$3000)**

**School:** Four Georgians School **Teacher Recipient:** Gary Myers

**Sponsor:** Valley Bank

Students are more likely to succeed if they feel they are part of a productive learning community. Funding for this fascinating project will help build positive school community through the production of a weekly news broadcast at two of the district's largest elementary schools. Students will collaborate with their teachers in all aspects of video production from the creative process to video editing. And think of what they will learn so early in life!

**5. Closed Circuits – Open Minds (\$500)**

**School:** Warren School **Teacher Recipient:** Lynn Trenary

**Sponsor:** Independent Record

Using grant funds, these young students will use closed circuit television to become producers, not just consumers of information. Through use of their new equipment and props, they will learn skills well beyond the usual classroom and who knows, maybe these will be the award winners of the future!

#### **6. Master Cam (\$3000)**

**School:** Helena High School

**Teacher Recipient:** Cindy Sologub

**Sponsor:** Sussex Construction

Helena High School students will soon have a updated machining program! Grant funds purchasing Master CAM Software for students will be supplemented with a simulator from UM-Helena and Montana Tech RAVE, updating the training of welding students in this critically important technology. Students will enter this demanding workforce better trained and with new ideas and hopes.

#### **7. Physics is Phun! (\$900)**

**School:** Helena High School

**Teacher Recipient:** Gerald McCarthy

**Sponsor:** Northrop Grumman

To help students reflect on the scientific process, biographical information of participating scientists and historical sequences leading up to discoveries, this grant will purchase historical novels –  $E=mc^2$  - for integration into the physics curriculum. Students in these lucky classrooms will now develop an insight into how science “happens.”

#### **8. Healthy Equipment Healthy Food (\$1,000)**

**School:** Helena High School

**Teacher Recipient:** Stephanie Thennis

**Sponsor:** Beartooth NBC

More healthful food is on the way! The Catty Shack, the Helena High School student operated store, wants to help young people – and staff – develop a healthier lifestyle. Great Ideas Grant funds, which helped fund the store several years ago, will be used to purchase cold storage equipment to store and display healthier foods in the store.

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