

Mini Grant Winners 2009-2010

The 2009-2010 mini-grant winners and a brief description of their project are listed below. If you are interested in information regarding any of these mini-grants, please contact the grant winner. You may obtain contact information from the online staff directory.

Name/Mini-Grant Title/ Division/Amount	Purpose
Nina Farrell <i>Yoga Kids</i> School Support Services \$500	Yoga Kids is an after-school program offered to 4th-6th grade students. We meet once a week for an hour for six weeks in a row. The program will be offered at two schools. Taught by the school counselor, a certified Kripalu Yoga teacher, this program will bring flexibility, strength, body awareness, concentration and relaxation to our students. This grant would pay for the proper mats, straps, blocks, and extra DVD's to help support the program.
Janet Woodworth <i>Yoga in the Special Education Classroom</i> Special Education \$500	The goal of this project is to introduce middle school students in the BOCES Special Education SEII classroom to yoga, both for its physical and emotional benefits. Teen yoga can be an extremely empowering experience. It builds healthy bodies, improves academic abilities, can be drawn on to create a sense of calm in the midst of teenage turmoil and builds character, patience and compassion by challenging teens to trust in themselves and stand firm through life's difficulties.
Karen Joswick <i>Eco-Scanning</i> NERIC \$700	We plan on replacing our single sheet scanner (see Mini Grant Project winner, Scanning for Dollars, 2004-05), with a multi page scanner. The multi page scanner will allow us to scan complete documents into one PDF file, instead of the multiple files we are currently forced to create.
Kelly Vavala <i>Nibbish 'N Nature</i> Special Education \$700	In celebration of the 40 th Anniversary of Earth day 2010. To create a better understanding of environmental issues throughout Pine Bush Elementary school. Throughout the year our BOCES students will create writing projects based on an environmentally friendly character named Nibbish the Raindrop. We will present a play created and written by our BOCES students at the 1 st Annual Pine Bush Earth Week Celebration.
Eileen Drescher <i>MacBook e-Learning Solution</i> NERIC \$949	Distance Learning (DL) staff supports e-Learning efforts in 43 districts across 6 BOCES. Many sites on the network use Macs, but we cannot fully support them because we lack access to a current Mac computer. By purchasing a MacBook, the project will allow staff to create podcasting solutions for common e-Learning issues and post them on the new NERIC portal, as well as to support our Mac users with their computing issues.
Patricia Gollub <i>Technology and Our Hair</i> Career & Technical Education \$1,000	As the population continues to age, thinning hair, hair loss and the effects of chemical products and procedures on the hair and scalp have increased. A higher level of comprehension, analysis of visual data and decision making skills are required to satisfy public and industry demands. With the addition of the proscope in the clinical setting, increase in the student's ability to perform client consultations, recommendations and procedures will be elevated in the classroom as well as the workplace.
Carla Perrone <i>ESL Teacher/Social Worker Collaboration Grant</i> School Support Services \$1,000	The project funds social work services for an ESL class in an inner city. Purposes include improving attendance, facilitating home/school communication, intervention with students or parents in the event of student/family trauma, and assisting teacher in working more effectively with students with behavior or attendance problems, or with problems not being addressed by building social workers. Poor attendance, trauma, family crisis, and student behavior problems are prevalent in the inner-city ESL population and negatively affect student performance and building climate.