

Dear Staff

I am pleased to announce that six of our colleagues have been awarded grants through the Maranacook Education Foundation this year. This year's very competitive process is providing grants to the following staff:

1. **Anne Archambault, MCS German Teacher**, for her project, *Making a Good Brain Great, An Adolescent's Guide to Optimizing their Computer*. The project goals are to give students insights and information into the power they have over their body and brains and to begin to lead the most "brain healthy" life they can.

2. **Abby Shink, gr. 3 Readfield Elementary School** teacher for her project, *Salmon in Schools Project*. Students will observe and record the stages of the salmon life cycle, understand what a watershed is and how humans impact them, learn about the effects of pollution on our rivers, understand how salmon have adapted to their changing environments and learn how to monitor water quality for temperature.

3. **Robin Terrell, Kdg. teacher at Manchester** for her project, *Making a Deeper Connection to Our World Through Literature*. Books will be purchased that revolve around three themes; Family, Friendship and Language Development.

4. **Michael Dennett, Alternative teacher at Maranacook** for his project, *Chicken Coop Project*. This project will expose his students to sustainable agriculture and engineering skills and allow them to grow, cook and consume healthy food raised under their own stewardship.

5. **Jeff Bridges, Maranacook Food Services Director**, for his project, *Growing Our Lunch*. This district wide project will provide students at all grade levels an opportunity to be part of a process which grows our own food for lunchroom consumption.

6. **Monica Murry-Webb, gr. 2/3 teacher in Fayette** for her project, *Fayette Oral Histories Using Technologies*. Students will use

technology to collect oral histories from their community to include in their Digital History of Fayette Program.

Please join me in congratulating all of these staff members for their efforts to enhance our district's efforts to provide outstanding education opportunities for their students. Please seek them out for more information about their projects. In addition, we thank the Maranacook Education Foundation for their continued support of our efforts.