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**NEWTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS  
FIRST-EVER CLASSROOM MINI-GRANTS**



***Grant Recipients (l-r) Justin Bennett, Keisha Sampson, Donna Harris, Etha Addison, Michelle Campbell, Whitney Strickland, Lori McGovern, Renee Mallard, Kerry Stevens, Eric Hasty, with Bob Stansfield, Chairman of the Newton Education Foundation.***

Newton County School System is pleased to announce the first-ever recipients of the Newton Education Foundation’s Classroom mini-grants. The foundation announced in October that it would fund up to a maximum of \$2,000 in grants at each of the district’s three curriculum levels—elementary school, middle school, and high school. All Newton County School System teachers were eligible to apply for a grant to be used for a wide variety of instructional projects and materials. After reviewing dozens of applications from teachers across the county, the Newton Education Foundation awarded mini-grants to the following teachers and projects:

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHERS</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>GRANT AMOUNT</b>
<b>Clements Middle School</b>	Michelle Campbell, Denise Walker, and Jenea Williams	The Pleasure of Reading	\$1,000 (partial funding of \$1,265 request)
<b>Eastside High School</b>	Kerry Stevens	Real World Bacterial Identification	\$327.85

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<b>Ficquett Elementary School</b>	Donna Harris	Wii Are Fit!	\$533.00
<b>Indian Creek Middle School</b>	Renee Mallard, Lori McGovern, and Eric Hasty	Using Graphic Novels to Increase Reading Interest and Achievement	\$1,000 (partial funding of \$1,251.67 request)
<b>Live Oak Elementary</b>	Etha Addison and Elizabeth Cooke	Math in Art Festival	\$500.00 (partial funding of \$699.95 request)
<b>Newton High School</b>	Justin Bennett	Sustainable Agriculture	\$1,475.41
<b>Palmer-Stone Elementary School</b>	Whitney Strickland and Holly Smith-Foot	TouchMath Money Kit and Poster Set	\$438.00
<b>West Newton Elementary</b>	Keisha Sampson/First Grade Team	ELL Resource Materials	\$500.00 (partial grant of \$2,000 request)

“We were extremely impressed with the quality of the proposals,” said Bob Stansfield, Chairman of the Newton Education Foundation. “I think the proposals are indicative of the high caliber teachers we have right here in Newton County. We are proud to be able to assist them in providing these excellent projects for their students and we encourage those who didn’t receive a grant to apply again next year.”

The Newton Education Foundation is a local, independent, non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation founded in 2009 to create a culture of support for public education in Newton County. It is beginning its first annual campaign, Re-Imagine Newton, to fund future grant programs. Tax deductible donations may be sent to the Newton Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1586, Covington, Georgia 30015.

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