

# GEF NEWS – Fall 2004

## Grant Applications Are In!

Nineteen grant applications have been submitted for funding by the Groton Education Foundation. Applications come from teachers at Noank, Eastern Point, Claude Chester and Charles Barnum among Groton's elementary schools. Fitch Middle School, West Side Middle and Fitch Senior High School have also submitted applications. Sacred Heart School, the Bill Memorial Library and the Groton Senior Center have also requested funding.

The Groton Education Foundation seeks to fund unique and exciting projects based on ideas from teachers or other educators in Groton. Grants are usually limited to \$500 although exceptions are made for cooperative projects that positively effect large sectors of the educational community. Grants are not limited to schools. The Foundation is interested in educational programs in all the town's institutions and for all age groups.

Dr. James Kremer, Professor of Marine Science at the University of Connecticut, Avery Point, is a Director of the Groton Education Foundation and Chairman of the Grants Committee. Over the next few weeks, the committee will meet to review the applications and develop recommendations for funding for the Board of Directors.

“It's an exciting time of the year for the Foundation,” Dr. Kremer said, “This is when we see most clearly what a dedicated and creative cadre of educators we have in our town. Groton is truly fortunate to have such talented and committed people in our education system.”

Educators have asked for funding for a wide variety of programs and equipment, from digital cameras (a favorite request) to storytellers. Sacred Heart hopes to bring a Touch Tank from the Norwalk Maritime Aquarium to the school to enrich their science program. Noank and Claude Chester schools want to continue and expand the partnership begun last year between

the two schools.

“Because people have been generous in the past, we’ve been able to fund or partly fund almost all our requests,” Dr. Kremer commented, “I hope the same is true this year.

### **A Grant That Made a Big Difference**

Last year the Bill Memorial Library received a grant from the Groton Education Foundation to fund the purchase of a video camera, a color printer along with photo paper and other materials. This summer we received a nice thank you letter and report on this grant.

Mary Jane Carle, Director of Children’s Services for the library wrote that photos are being incorporated into the library’s web site, [www.billmemorial.org](http://www.billmemorial.org), and are illustrating a new brochure about the library. Library staff has made displays of photographs of various programs and have handed out photos of children using the library to their parents. “We have been pleased with the many ways we can use this camera and printer to enhance our library programs and services,” Mary Jane writes, “We once again express our appreciation for your support of this project.”

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**Children's Room Photo for Website**

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