



Spring 2010

# Beyond the budget

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Amidst the continuous negative news concerning school budgets and decreased school funding, we want to look beyond the budget . . . to share some of the positive things that are occurring in the Andover School District.

- ▶ Andover school staff members increased their giving 15%, setting the pace for the 2009-2010 Giving Campaign.
- ▶ Andover Advantage received a \$5,000 Lattner Family Foundation Grant, in memory of Forrest C. and Frances H. Lattner.
- ▶ AAF provided 61 Advantage Grants to 103 staff members for a total amount funded of over \$67,000.
- ▶ Capitol Federal of Andover partnered with Andover Advantage as a new corporate sponsor providing \$15,000 to support teacher grants.
- ▶ Due to the support of the Andover community, businesses, and parents, *the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign has met the \$140,000 goal.* Thank you so much for support during these challenging times! Your donations provide the resources to assure excellence in the educational experiences of ALL Andover students.



Brett White, AMS Principal, and Mark Evans, Andover Superintendent, award AMS teachers Shannon Beard, Megan Holgren, Dyane Smokorowski, Kelly Helmer, Cheryl Poage, Shay Whetstone, and Meghann Maddux their collaborative grant, "Traveling Around the World." The grant was partially funded by The Pat Terry Fund.



Stan Smith, AAF Vice President, Veronica Maher, Capitol Federal Branch Manager, Celia Ralston, AAF Administrator, and Jim Roman, AAF President.

## capitol federal donates \$15,000

The new Capitol Federal, located at 114 E. Cloud in Andover, partnered with Andover Advantage Foundation to provide \$15,000 for teacher grants and classroom projects. The grant was presented to AAF representatives during the branch's grand opening.

"Capitol Federal is pleased to provide this gift to the Andover Advantage Foundation in recognition of Capitol Federal's newest True Blue location," said Veronica Maher, Branch Manager. "With our move into Andover, Capitol Federal wanted to make an impact, and what better way than to support education."

During this time of budget crisis, AAF was thrilled to receive the generous grant.



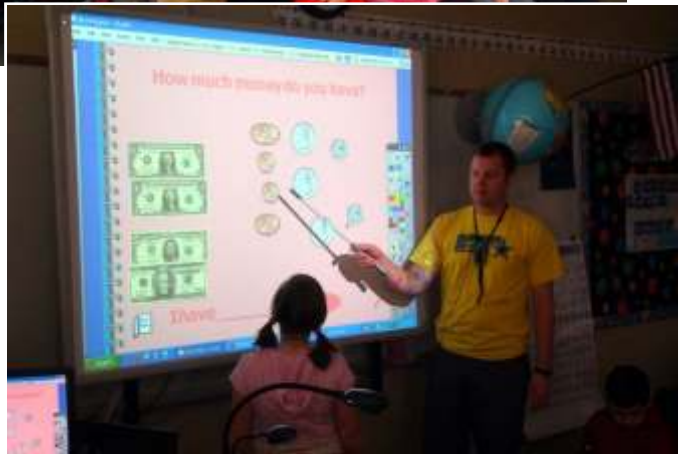
## 3rd grade enjoys "active classroom"

by Joe Gehrer, Meadowlark 3rd Grade Teacher

In the fall of 2009, my classroom received a grant from the Andover Advantage Foundation. My vision for the grant was to create an Active Classroom. I already had the interactive white board, but nothing to go with it. I wanted my students to be more engaged in each lesson. Through the grant, I was able to purchase the following:

- ActivExpressions (interactive voting system)
- ActivSound (surround sound with teacher/student microphone)
- ActivSlate (wireless board for teacher and students to work on the white board from anywhere in the room)
- ActivArena (allows two users at the board simultaneously)
- ActivView (document camera)

Each item funded by the grant is incorporated on a daily basis to better engage every student in my classroom. The incorporation of technology has made my job easier from grading spelling tests to checking student progress. This grant will benefit all future students for many years to come. It has also been helpful to other staff members in the building, in the district, and in other districts by showing them how to fully integrate technology into daily instruction. A vision of this magnitude would not have been possible without the efforts and support of the Andover Advantage Foundation.



Joe Gehrer, Kansas Horizon Award Winner, and his 3rd Grade class use the ActivExpressions purchased with his grant, "ActivClassroom".

## students benefit from "study island" grants

Last fall Andover Advantage funded "Study Island" grants at Andover Central High School and Robert Martin Elementary. Study Island is an Online Kansas State Assessment Preparation Program that enables students to improve their performance in all skill areas tested by the state. Students can access this program at school and at home since it is web-based. It is typical for any given class to have a broad range of student capabilities, making it more difficult for teachers to address the needs of each student.

Study Island tailors the lessons to fit the needs of the individual students; this is particularly effective in assisting the most gifted students, the lowest achieving students, and special education students. "Study Island provides a variety of activities to engage students and to review all standards in math, reading, and writing," stated Cheryl Hochhalter, ACHS Assistant Principal.



Emily Huelskamp, ACHS graduate and Kansas Horizon Award Winner, uses the Study Island computer program in her ACHS math classroom.



## grant recipients

\* All grants funded directly by the Andover Advantage Foundation unless noted

### COTTONWOOD ELEMENTARY

Joan Highfill, Janie Hachen, Sophia Davis – Let's Read to Learn  
DeeAnn Freeman – Great Music, Great Composers, Great Fun  
Regina Efflandt – Classroom Light Filters  
Jill Hodge – Active Learning with Activexpression  
Darcy Beaver, Jill Hodge, Tracy Burrus, Kyle Hesterman, Joan Highfill, Cathy Durano, Alysia Emmons, Angela Carter, DeeAnn Freeman, Ellen Wilson – Listen Up  
Cathy Durano, Shelly Barnes, Lili Braynock – Enrichment Center Games  
Rhonda Kindle – Write On!

### MEADOWLARK ELEMENTARY

Joe Gehrer – ActivClassroom  
Kimberly Hague – Enterprise Edition-SRI  
Michaila Pfaff, Kay Lawrence, Shannon Fisher – Developmentally Appropriate Computer Assessments for Kindergarten  
Kaylene Allison, Polly Haynes, Sheree Segraves – ipods for Education  
Scott Lee – ActivExpression  
Suzanne Eastman, Ginger Steck, Erin Middleton, Rachael Hoopes – Flip It & Share It!  
Ginger Steck – Mobiles: Engineering in Art – *Grant partially funded by the Kimberly Harmon Wielhouwer Endowment*



Gary Schmitt, Intrust Bank Executive Vice-President and Bob Baier, AHS Principal, award Kara Flaharty and Brent Ruggles their grant, "Brain Age Technology", funded by Intrust Bank.

### PRAIRIE CREEK ELEMENTARY

Mary Lippert – "Let's Get Social"  
Shelley Jonas – Good Morning Meetings & All That Good Stuff  
Laci Doering – Pre-K Picasos  
– *Grant partially funded by Beth Ralston Memorial*  
Glenda Rust – Music in Motion for Early Childhood  
Kathy Reichenberger, Karen Hayden – Flip It & Share It – It's Elementary  
Kerbi Hale, Jenny Hurst, Renee Becker, Lynn Henry, Katie Button, Kristeen Goering – Actiview to the Future  
Kerbi Hale – Let's Learn with Literacy  
Ginger Steck – Mobiles: Engineering in Art  
– *Grant partially funded by the Kimberly Harmon Wielhouwer Endowment*

### MARTIN ELEMENTARY

Amy Valentas, Tanya Hastings, Shanie Rucker – Study Island  
Jill Sullivan – Home-School Connection Packets  
Hillary Koehler, Denise White, Kristin Downing – Diving Into Differentiation with Literacy Games and Manipulatives  
Tanya Hastings, Shanie Rucker – Go Bananas: Spelling with Bananagrams  
Emily Lovelace – Can You Hear Me Now?

### WHEATLAND ELEMENTARY

Geneva Ring – Art Curriculum Supplies  
Jackie Gagnon, Kim Beliera, Stacie Trowbridge – Slide and Learn to Read  
Micah Brown, Kristy Garrett, Sheila Wendling – Activ"Expression" Yourself  
Pamela Pauling – Pauling's Packs to Go  
Pamela Pauling -- Listening Lab  
Jackie Gagnon, Kim Beliera, Stacie Trowbridge – Listening for Literacy  
– *Grant partially funded by the Kimberly Harmon Wielhouwer Endowment*  
Julie Linville – Zoom Q3 Video Recorder  
Theresa Oakes, Kelli Wald, Pamela Pauling – Readers Are Winners 2!  
Jackie Gagnon, Kim Beliera, Stacie Trowbridge – Fun with Phonics

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Jody Baker, Meadowlark Principal, awards Michaila Pfaff her grant for "Developmentally Appropriate Computer Assessments for Kindergarten".

### SUNFLOWER ELEMENTARY

Kelly Labeth – "Picture Us Together"

Kiley Wackerly – Enhancing Math with Literature

Debie Marklevits, Nola Weyrauch,  
Stephanie Neisler, Karen Perkins – Check-n-Grow

Kathy Reichenberger, Karen Hayden,  
Chad Keethler – Flip It & Share It – It's Elementary

### ANDOVER CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Kevin Brightup – Bandroom Projector

Nancy Brown – Put a Spin on Science

Suzie Smith – Leveled Readers for Social Studies

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Rachel Tyner, Suzie Smith, Justin Charbonneau,  
Annette Nickelsen, Megan Kohlman,  
Patrick Kennedy, Adrienne Stenholm –  
Flip It and Share It!

Kacy Bookout, Julie Dillon, Rachel Tyner –  
Give Us a Hand with Puppets

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Alexa Daily – TI Smart View Emulator

Karen Terry – Almanacs: A World of Facts

Shannon Beard, Kelly Helmer, Meghann Maddux,  
Shay Whetstone, Megan Holgren, Karen Terry –  
"Traveling Around the World"

– Grant partially funded by the Pat Terry Endowment

Karen Terry, Dyane Smokorowski, Jennifer Cassidy,  
Kelly Helmer, Shannon Beard, Shay Whetstone,  
Cheryl Poage, Leah Gaede, Danny Hawkins –  
Lights, Flip, ACTION!

### ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Kelly Glasscock – Multimedia Connection

Robin Anderson – Rachel's Challenge

– Grant partially funded by Hall Industrial Services, Inc.

Brent Ruggles, Kara Flaharty – Brain Age Technology  
– Grant funded by Intrust Bank

Sarah Tucker, Kristin Baker, Lana Kaylor –  
Visual Literacy in the Fine Arts

Rachael Dhakal-Green, Vicki Hadley –  
ActivExpressions in the Spanish-language Classroom

### ANDOVER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Cathy Brown – Flipping into the Future

Cathy Brown – The Power of Color

Peter DeVries – Study Island

Patricia Chambers – "Showcase the 3-D Arts"



Dr. Hane, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Green, Wichita Clinic Andover, present Celia Ralston with a generous check. Every year, the doctors donate a portion of their sports physicals proceeds.

# Rachel's challenge

by Sarah Morris, Andover High School senior



On February 3, 2010, the auditorium at Andover High School was filled with emotions ranging from sadness and despair to hope and belief. This was the morning that both Andover Middle School and Andover High School were presented with a challenge: Rachel's Challenge. This interactive program was created on the ideals and morals represented by Rachel Joy Scott, the first Columbine shooting victim. For nearly a decade, Rachel's family has preached her idea of a positive chain reaction and how one person can make a difference. Five goals inspire students, teachers, and parents alike to start their own chain reaction.

The idea of the program was initially brought to Andover High by the Student Council. Mrs. Anderson, AHS Counselor and Mr. Baier, AHS Principal, felt this program could benefit all students. Thanks to generous donations from Lindsey and Scott Hall, Hall Industrial Services, Inc., and AHS National Honor Society, the dream of bringing this program to Andover became a reality.

During the assembly, Derek Kilgore, Rachel's Challenge speaker, showed students a silver lining of the country's worst high school shooting. Using high school terminology, he was able to connect with each student, so they could understand how they could apply these principles to their lives. That evening, parents listened to the presentation, and were encouraged to not give up on their own dreams and to encourage their students to live Rachel's five goals.



Celia Ralston, AAF; Lindsey Hall, Hall Industrial Services, Inc.; Darcy Eads, AAF; and Rebecca Nichols, AAF, present the Rachel's Challenge grant to Robin Anderson (center), AHS Counselor.

For the past month, Andover High has undergone changes to become a better environment in which to learn and live. Teachers and students treat each other with more respect and are beginning to understand the importance of acceptance. I recently had the opportunity to show a new student around Andover. At the end of our time together she said "the kids here are just so cordial--(it is) nothing like my old school." This brought home a clear message that Rachel's Challenge was worth every penny. To visitors walking through our halls, it might not seem much has changed since the introduction of Rachel's Challenge. However, from where I stand--a graduating senior having spent my fair share of time in the halls--we are making progress and are taking steps forward to form a better environment at Andover High School.

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