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## Albemarle EMC Funds 12 Bright Ideas Grants

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation recently provided 12 grants to area schools to fund classroom projects. The teachers competed for the grants through an application process.

Maria Ormerod, a teacher at Camden County High School, received \$975.59 for her project "Fitness and Latino Culture in a Bundle." The project involves the teaching of Hispanic culture through dance.

Sharon Meiggs, also a teacher at Camden County High School, received \$750 to fund her project "Let Us Teach!" The money will be used to purchase video cameras so students can make films regarding the subjects of personal finance and food preparation.

Kellie Berry, a teacher at Grandy Primary School, received \$640 to fund her project "Shed Some Light on Literacy." The funds will be used to purchase a laptop, projector and display cart that students will use to explore social studies through virtual field trips and improve literacy through interactive storyboards.

Stacey Banks, a teacher at D.F. Walker Elementary School, received \$988.92 to fund her project "Going Global." Through the use of quality literature and hands-on technology, students will be exposed to various cultures around the world. Students will focus on themes such as problem solving, communication and collaboration as they read books from across the globe. Students also will create podcasts about themselves as well as the books they are reading.

Janie Joseph, a teacher at Chowan Middle School, received \$612.97 for her project "Recycling Readers, Transforming Reluctant Readers into Fluent Readers." The funds will be used to purchase a set of classic graphic novels, adventure novels and a fluency assessment kit. The goal of the program is to help students become more fluent readers.

Jenny Wells, also a teacher at Chowan Middle School, received \$969.75 to fund her project "Say What!." This project seeks to help students develop, strengthen and improve reading and writing skills. Students will be exposed to movies covering language arts, science, social studies and math.

Donna Corbo, a teacher at J.P. Knapp School, received \$921.22 to fund her project "Reading is Leading." The funds will be used to purchase Amazon Kindles that students can use to form a reading club.

Linda Collins, a teacher at Shawboro Elementary School, received a \$395 grant to fund her project "Lights, Camera, Action." The grant will be used to purchase video cameras. Children will use the video cameras to film each other performing Reader's Theater, a play in which students read their parts to foster fluency.

Patricia Mouton, a teacher at River Road Middle School, received a grant for \$855.67 to fund her project "My World Contains What?." She plans to use the funds to purchase teaching materials related to environmental science.

Virginia Talmadge, a teacher at Sheep-Harney Elementary School, received \$906.88 to fund her project "The Weather Report." Talmadge plans to use the funds to purchase a video camera that will be used to produce weather reports that can be broadcast to the entire school.

Jenna Lassiter Caldwell, a teacher at Perquimans Central School, received \$1,000 to fund her project "TEAM (Technology Expands All Minds) CALDWELL." She plans to use the funds to purchase a

Leapster Personal Learning Tool to assist students in the areas of technology, science, spelling, math and reading.

Michele Swinney, a teacher at Perquimans Middle School, received a \$984 grant to fund her project “Reading on the Go?.” The funds will be used to purchase eReaders or PC tablets and non-fiction science eBooks. Students will be able to borrow the materials from their science or language arts teachers.