

## **Britton Deerfield Education Foundation Teacher Mini Grants for 2015/16**

Again this year the Britton Deerfield Education Foundation awarded special teacher mini grants. Five Britton Deerfield teachers were recipients of these grants announced in June. The mini grants are used for extra supplies for the teachers where the school funding is not available. The money can be used for classroom needs including software, art supplies, subscriptions, as well as other items.

The teachers applied for the grants to the foundation board in early May. After review of each application, five teachers were awarded this year's grants totaling over \$2,300.

This year's teachers and their awards were:

Dawn Consino for the purchase of various sets of novels in reading levels 2.0 – 4.0 to improve reading comprehension skills in the students. The Library has limited amounts of novels in sets for this reading level and the students have read the majority of them.

Pam Dafoe and Glory Nighswander for a subscription for an on-line program called Raz Kids for K- 4. It allows the students to listen to and read fiction and non-fiction and answer questions, all on their own reading level.

Lori Davis to purchase supplies to implement project based learning during the next school year. Project-based learning requires students to investigate an important social or scientific issue and, through the inquiry process, create a product that has a wider audience than classroom peers.

Amy Good to purchase sensory tools to be used for the high school special education class. These include sensory balls, exercise balls to sit on, sensory cushions to sit on, etc. They will help the students to be more alert and successful in all classes.