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FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

*Dear Friend of the Huntington Foundation:*

*Thank you so much for attending the 19th annual Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education's "Reach for the Stars" gala!*

*The Foundation is proud to honor this year's "Spirit Award" recipient, Mrs. Michelle Marino. We gather this evening at the elegant Woodlands to applaud Mrs. Marino's dedication to Huntington's schools. Please read the summary of Mrs. Marino's commitment to the Huntington School District in this evening's Journal. Thank you, for accepting this well-deserved recognition!*

*Among the numerous educational enhancements for the 2010-2011 school year, the Foundation funded: Encyclopedias for the Third Grade Classroom at Washington Primary; Technology at Finley; "Speak Up," a push in workshop to every First Grade class to introduce, reinforce and expose young children to skills necessary to become competent and successful public speakers; Orienteering at Huntington High School; VHF Radios for the Huntington Crew Team as well as many other smaller grants to enhance our children's educational experience.*

*Past Grants from the Foundation have included funding the creation of an Apple Video lab at Huntington High School, raised beds for an outdoor garden and science exploration center at Jefferson Primary School, and a social studies program, "Finding My Way," by Cornell Cooperative Extension for second graders at Southdown Primary School.*

*The Foundation congratulates Nina Flores for the selection of her artwork for the Journal's cover. Thank you to the runner up Bianca Iarrobino, as well as all of the talented art students in Ms. Kristen Singer's Drawing & Painting Classes.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Huntington Foundation of Excellence for Education Board*





## **Huntington Union Free School District Board of Education**

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Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education  
PO Box 552  
Huntington NY 11743

Dear Huntington Foundation,

On behalf of the Board of Education and Administration, thank you for your hard work and commitment to Huntington School District's students. Your tireless fundraising and generous grants enable our educators to continue providing creative and enriching programs to our students, particularly during unprecedented, difficult economic times. In fact, in a similar climate in 1993, the original members of the Huntington Foundation began their efforts to supplement the school district's programs with private funds. You have been a constant, reliable resource for 19 years, providing over \$800,000 in grants, and we appreciate everything you do.

I would also like to thank the local merchants and community members who so generously donated raffle and auction items for tonight's event, ensuring a successful fundraising endeavor. Each year without fail, the Foundation's members create a magical evening that brings together parents, faculty and community members to dine, dance and celebrate. We are united by one common factor: providing the best education possible for the children in our care.

Tonight's Spirit Award recipient, Michelle Marino, embodies that unity and devotion to children like no other. For 29 years, our school district has benefited from Mrs. Marino's passion for education. She has touched the lives of countless students through her creativity, innovation and unparalleled energy. Whether collaborating with educators or dressed as a beloved literary character, Mrs. Marino models dedication, tenacity and flexibility for her students, teachers and peers alike. Mrs. Marino embraces challenge as opportunity; her goal to create an inviting school environment is evident the moment one sets foot in Southdown School. As anyone who has visited her school knows, Mrs. Marino's enthusiasm and optimism are contagious; it's impossible to leave Southdown without a smile. The trustees congratulate Mrs. Marino on her much-deserved honor and express our sincere gratitude for her devotion to the district for all these years.

Again, thank you to the Foundation for making this evening possible. Enjoy!

Warm Regards,

*Emily Rogan*

President, Board of Education



I love Mrs. Marino because she is sooooo sweet and kind. Charlotte Cheshire

I love Mrs. Marino because she is so kind and has a big heart for every single person in the school. Emily Cheshire

My favorite thing about Mrs. Marino is she is friendly. Jacqueline Gonzales

When I see Mrs. Marino I feel happy. Daniela Madison Luca

Mrs. Marino is the best principal because she makes everyone feel like a rock star. Robby Harrington

My favorite thing about Mrs. Marino is when I broke my arm I got to spend recess in her office. Lucas Petrizzi

When I see Mrs. Marino I feel like the most joyful person in the whole world. Bella Neira

I love Mrs. Marino because she is the nicest principal I ever had/she makes the kids feel like they have a second home at school. Daniel Alzate

I love Mrs. Marino because she is very nice. Kimberly Lopez

I like Mrs. Marino because she is great and she walks around so good. Daniel Ebersole

I like Mrs. Marino because she is always smiling/ she makes us feel special. Matthew Basil

Mrs. Marino is the best principal because she is very, very, very nice/Mrs. Marino makes me feel very happy. Tyler Basil

Mrs. Marino is the best principal because she is kind and smart. Joseph Algieri

My favorite thing about Mrs. Marino is that she knows my name and always says hello. Isabella Algieri

I love Mrs. Marino because she does a lot of activities for the children. Donna Lazo-Cuchels

Mrs. Marino is the best principal because she cares about the school and I. Delia Caruso

I love Mrs. Marino because she is very good with all the kids. Rob Myrina Geneus

I love Mrs. Marino because she is the best principal and she makes me happy. Jack Monahan

I love Mrs. Marino because she is a great artist and does fun projects with us. Baylie Larsen

My favorite thing about Mrs. Marino is her creativity. Alexa Amorison

My favorite thing about Mrs. Marino is that she takes care of people. Carlos Martinez

My favorite thing about Mrs. Marino is she is always kind and makes Southdown a better place. Brooke Sullivan

I love Mrs. Marino because she is so friendly/My favorite thing about Mrs. Marino is when she says the "Pledge of Allegiance". Layla Deville

When I see Mrs. Marino I feel excited. Wilian.alexander Coreas

My favorite thing about Mrs. Marino is she is nice. Ella Kamenstein

Mrs. Marino is the best principal because she is kind and sweet to the kids. She is awesome. Sadie Rose Walters

My favorite thing about Mrs. Marino is the Curious George Prize Box! Tyler Jack Walters

Mrs. Marino is the best principal because she is very kind to others. Julia Steinberg

When I see Mrs. Marino I feel excited and happy at the same time. Brooke Biernacki

I love Mrs. Marino because she makes our school a great place and her smile lights up the school. Taylor Case

Mrs. Marino is the best principal because she is a friend to me and every child in the school from kindergarten to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Ethan Mulroy

Mrs. Marino is the best principal because she is nice and generous. Cobin Black

I love Mrs. Marino because she is helpful and she is always there for you. Baris Toprak

I love Mrs. Marino because when you walk in she gives you a smile. Elle Epstein

When I see Mrs. Marino I feel glad and proud that she is my principal. Sofia Mericour

Mrs. Marino is the best principal because she makes Southdown Primary fun to learn in. Andrew Sivillo

I love Mrs. Marino she always says hello to me. Jack Delponte

She helps the kids and is kind to everyone, that's what makes Mrs. Marino so special. Luke Maffei

I love Mrs. Marino because she is always smiling and being happy. Abby Maichin

My favorite thing about Ms. Marino is that she helps everyone. Christopher Maichin

My favorite thing about Mrs. Marino is when she comes in my classroom and talks to us. Jake Amend



2012 Reach for the Stars Honoree

## MICHELLE MARINO

Southdown Primary School Principal



*Michelle Marino has been principal of Southdown Primary School since 2003. A veteran member of Huntington's educational team, she came to the district in 1982 and has 20 years of teaching experience. Known for her infectious energy and enthusiasm, she is an articulate advocate for Southdown's students and programs and is highly regarded throughout the community.*

*Mrs. Marino graduated in 1979 from Long Island University - C.W. Post College with a bachelor of arts in art education and earned a master of science in elementary education in 1989 from Dowling College, where she also obtained her certification in school administration in 1994. She is certified to teach nursery school through sixth grade, K-12 art and English-as-a-second language (ESL).*

*During the 1994/95 school year, Mrs. Marino served as principal of the Woodhull Early Childhood Center at a time when that site housed the district's entire kindergarten population. She has also worked as director of the Discovery Program at the Usdan Center for the Creative and Performing Arts in Wheatley Heights, where she launched a unique hands-on early childhood program with an emphasis on music, art and dance for primary level students.*

*As a teacher, Mrs. Marino was in demand by students and their parents. The Huntington Foundation awarded her a grant for the development of a student facilitated habitat house and she has been a nominee for the prestigious Disney Teacher of the Year Award and for the New York State Better Beginnings Award.*

*Powered by Mrs. Marino's leadership and a determined group of teachers and parents, Southdown School won the International Alliance for Invitational Education's prestigious 2010 Inviting Schools Award.*

*One of Mrs. Marino's well-known strengths is her ability to work collaboratively with members of the school community to create an environment that is educationally stimulating for students.*





### **What Is the Huntington Foundation?**

The Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education is a not-for-profit (501(c) (3) organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of education in the Huntington Union Free School District. A copy of the Foundation's annual report may be obtained upon request from Huntington Foundation, or the office of the Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, NY, NY 10271.

### **Why Was Huntington Foundation Created?**

It was formed 18 years ago to create opportunities for our children that the school budget could not provide. At that time, the district, like many others, struggled with failed budgets and disgruntled taxpayers. The parents who started the Foundation believed that they could match the resources of the greater community with the creativity of the district teaching staff with some wonderful results. Over the years, the Foundation has received public recognition for its accomplishments from Suffolk County Legislator Jon Cooper as well as Assemblyman James Conte.

### **How Does All this Work?**

The Huntington Foundation has awarded more than \$800,000 since its inception in 1993 through two grant channels, both invitations for teachers and administrators to apply. The Foundation also supports Greenkill and Field Trip funds, and, in 1999, a Millennium Fund, which was established for financial growth.

Mini-Grants provide special projects money for classroom activities that go beyond the core curriculum, such as unique computer software, a wildlife garden, or a disability awareness workshop. These financial requests are as high as \$1,000.

Reach for the Star Grants fuel grade and school-wide initiatives that have a broad impact or grand vision of education. These grants have provided seed money for the development of a Huntington Heritage Museum, computers for an entirely new course in visual arts, and a one-year pilot program in partnership with the Queens College Center for Environmental Teaching and Research at Caumsett State Park that is now a permanent part of the primary-school curriculum. Reach for the Stars Grants usually exceed \$1,000 and have been as high as \$11,000.

**The Field Trip Fund**, established in 1999, is designed to assure that no student misses an educationally enriching trip due to financial need.

**The Greenkill Fund** was established in 1996 to provide scholarships for students who cannot afford the full cost of participating in our top-ranked environmental program, the culminating activity to the sixth-grade science curriculum. The three-day program, presented at the Greenkill YMCA Camp in the Catskill Mountains, provides environmental workshops and activities that give students hands-on knowledge as well as experience in responsibility and independence.

**The Millennium Fund**, underwritten by a \$10,000 anonymous donation received at the end of 1999, is intended to provide the Foundation with "an on-going source of funding." The donor has instructed board members to invest the money in securities or other financial instruments so the fund will grow over time, and, when it reaches a target level, be used to contribute a significant amount of support to activities. According to the plan, 50% of the annual profit of the fund will be used to sponsor Foundation programs and 50% will be reinvested.

### **How Does the Huntington Foundation Raise Money?**

Huntington Foundation currently holds one fundraiser each year and accepts donations at any time:

**Reach for the Stars Gala:** A district-wide grand evening event with wonderful basket offerings from our parents and the larger community. An opportunity to celebrate what we all want, excellence in education, and the event features the presentation of the Huntington Foundation Spirit Award as well as entertainment.

**Donations:** Donations can be sent directly to the Huntington Foundation, PO Box 552, Huntington, NY 11743, at any time. Individuals who give to the United Way through payroll deductions can also direct a portion of their gift to the Foundation via our Greenkill and/or Field Trip Funds, agency code 026811. Companies that provide charitable matching programs may also be able to contribute since the Foundation is a non-profit organization. Please inquire – we can easily help you set it up. Questions, Call any of our officers.

### **Why Get Involved with the Huntington Foundation?**

**EVERYONE WINS!** The Foundation raises funds that increase educational opportunities for students and supports staff development for teachers.

### **How Can You Reach Us?**

Go the Huntington District website at [www.hufsd.edu](http://www.hufsd.edu) or our website at [www.hfeeonline.net](http://www.hfeeonline.net) or feel free to contact any officer directly:

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A FEW OF THE GRANTS THAT OUR CHILDREN HAVE BENEFITTED FROM



**JEFFERSON PRIMARY SCHOOL- SMART BOARD**



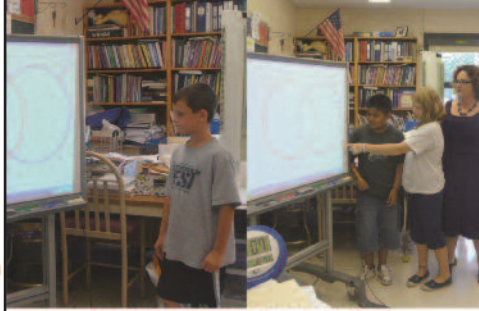
**JEFFERSON 2ND GRADE VEGETABLE AND HERB GARDEN**



**SOUTHDOWN 2ND GRADE FINDING MY WAY CORNELL EXTENSION MAPS, CLIMATE AND GEOGRAPHY**

*Thanks to the Huntington Foundation for their generous gift which has enhanced my teaching so very much. My kids applauded when I told them of the grant.*

*Cindy Palmirotto  
4th Grade, Woodbull*



**WOODULL 4TH GRADE SMART BOARD**

*The students are so focused every time I use the SMART Board. Thanks again!*

*Cindy Palmirotto  
4th Grade, Woodbull*



**HHS - VIDEO DEPARTMENT IMACS**

*Thank you for helping us to enhance the video lab and the educational process. We are grateful for your continued support and generosity.*

*Mrs. Heather Swan*



**FLOWER HILL PRIMARY FROM CHICKEN TO EGG**



**PARTIAL GRANT FOR RENOVATION OF HHS WEIGHT ROOM**



**HHS - A/P HISTORY CLASS IMAC**



**TRIATHALON CLUB AT HHS TRIATHALON GRANT**



**HHS - BIOLOGY CLASS COMING TO LIFE - SMART BOARD**

*Children love to express themselves and when they are 7 & 8 the more they can use their creativity and imagination, the better the experience. Thank you for helping us "spark" the interest of young children in the Huntington School District.*

*Maryann Daly, The Search Program*



**HHS - ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**



A FEW OF THE GRANTS THAT OUR CHILDREN HAVE BENEFITTED FROM



**WASHINGTON PRIMARY  
3RD GRADE-  
JEOPARDY IN THE CLASSROOM**

*Washington Primary School gives thanks to the Huntington Foundation for the generous grant they have awarded us.*

*The grant has brought the outside world a little closer to our students...Our former maps were very old and out of date. Our new maps have been put to great use and have become an integral tool in our academic program.*

*The visual aspect of learning cannot be underestimated...*

*Washington Primary School*



**WASHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MAPS AND GLOBES**

*Greenkill is exceptional and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation throughout the years.*

*It is a very valuable learning trip from the bus ride throughout the 4 day program.*

*Every second is invaluable, and it is a memory for all the 6th grade students that last a lifetime.*

*Mr. Keith Meyers & Ms. Allison VonVange*



**HHS - A/P ART CLASS  
ANATOMICAL MODELS**



**WOODHULL & JACK ABRAMS -  
GREENKILL FIELD TRIP FUND**



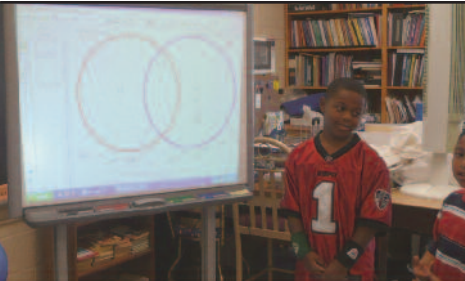
**HHS -  
STUDIO IN FASHION DESIGN**



**HUNTINGTON SCIENCE DEPARTMENT  
MICROSCOPES**



**JEFFERSON PRIMARY-  
MUSIC CLASS  
NOTEWORTHY CARPET**



**JEFFERSON PRIMARY  
2ND GRADE -  
SMART BOARD**

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Huntington Foundation for all their help and support. It is my hope that this exposure to technology will allow students to become computer literate at an early age. It has enhanced their learning experience.*

*Brian Foster  
ESL at Jefferson Primary*



**WOODHULL  
DOCUMENT CAMERA**



**HUNTINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOLS  
SCIENCE CONNECTION**



**HHS - ART DEPARTMENT  
PRINTMAKING**

*I am overjoyed by the Board's decision! I want to thank the board for your personal support and interest in the "Printing Across Curriculum" Star Grant. With your grant the corner stone for learning and enhancing each student's creative process has been set in place.*

*Robert Potter  
Art Department at HHS*



A FEW OF THE GRANTS THAT OUR CHILDREN HAVE BENEFITTED FROM

*Having technology at my fingertips has changed the way I teach. The lessons I teach are meeting the needs of many different types of learners. A picture or video clip is worth a thousand words... I am grateful to the folks at the Huntington Foundations...*

*Ms. Nugent, 7th Grade Science*



**FINLEY 7TH GRADE SCIENCE - SMART ROOMS**

*...this has allowed the 7th grade to integrate technology directly into the classroom and gave the 7th grade teachers the freedom to try many new approaches. Our 'Dream' of having technology in the science department became reality because of the Huntington Foundation.*

*Ms. Nugent, 7th Grade Science*



**PRIMARY SCHOOLS MAD SCIENCE PROGRAM**



**HHS- CREW TEAM**



**HHS- MARCHING BAND**

*The Woodstock Exchange Program was a great experience. Everyone took part and learned a great deal...*

*Being able to live in a different community with kids your own age was really eye opening...*

*When it was our turn to host the exchange program the Huntington HS students were jumping at the chance to house their new friends.*

*The Vermont Exchange Program*



**HHS - SOCIAL STUDIES VERMONT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**



**WASHINGTON PRIMARY LETS PRESENT STAR GRANT**



**JACK ABRAMS - 6TH GRADE CLASS SMART BOARD**



**HHS- VIEW THE WORLD IN HD**



**HHS- APPLE ITOUCH**

# Workshops

will be developed that will enhance skills including learning about personal presence, how to project your voice, how to focus on a subject, how to become a valuable member of a group presentation

**DISTRICT WIDE - 6TH GRADE SPEAK UP STAR GRANT**



**SOUTHDOWN PRIMARY SENETEO INTERACTIVE RESPONSE**



**FLOWER HILL WIRELESS AIRLINER**

# Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education - Mini Grant History

*{HFEE's MINI Grant provides funding to our Teacher's and Administrator's for special projects costing up to \$1,000 for innovative learning activities, workshops and materials that are not funded by the school budget}*

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Project Awarded</u>	<u>School Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Details for Use of Grant</u>
<b>Flower Hill</b>					
	~ Wireless Airliner	2010-2011		Tracy McManus	Will enable user to facilitate all Smart Board activities while circulating the classroom.
	~ Apple-cations for the 21st Century	2011-2012		Veronica Quinlan & Danielle Nolan	
<b>Jefferson</b>					
	~ Outdoor Garden	2009-2010		Susan Kaczor	Second grade will initial a vegetable garden with thermometer and rain gauge.
	~ Noteworthy Carpet	2007-2008		Karin Cronin	Carpet for children to sit during music class
<b>Southdown</b>					
	~Finding My Way	2009-2010		Karen Grosso	Cornell Extension will come into the four 2nd grade classes and review al aspects of maps, climate and geography.
<b>Washington</b>					
	~ LCD Projector	2008-2009		Ms. Palmirotto	Will enable more efficient use of the smart board
	~ Jeopardy in Classroom	2007-2008		Joann Tures	Jeopardy game for the 3rd grade.
<b>Woodhull</b>					
	~ Music Grant	2010-2011		Tara Adams	Two Apple iPods used to record and play along with through special music apps.
	~ Rubik Cube Kit	2010-2011		Ms. Daly	All 6th grade math teachers will have the kits; lessons that will enhance and reinforce spatial relationships, volume, mass, perimeter, etc. in a fun way.
	~ Educational Math Games	2010-2011		Christine Barresi	Will offer the opportunity to view math concepts in a game-like and competitive manner.
	~Robotics	2008-2009		Dr. Leonard Mendola	Robotics for 4th to 6th grade
	~ Document Camera	2007-2008		Christine Amodeo	
<b>Jack Abrams</b>					
	~Engineering Grant	2008-2009		Ms Shivers	Will enable 5th grade students to apply knowledge through a series of activities related to the field of bioengineering and acoustical engineering.
<b>Finley</b>					
	~ Shining Stars <i>{1 grant approved for use at 2 schools}</i>	2010-2011		Ms. Gina Marie-Trigian-Molvaut	Digital flip camera that will provide students with an image of themselves communicating in languages and reflect on another dimension of self-reflection and self-awareness.
	~ Reading Manipulatives	2007-2008		David Warren	
<b>HHS</b>					
	~ Beautification Project	2010-2011		Ms. Gina Marie-Trigian-Molvaut	Project will add and replace art work around the school throughout the hallways.
	~ Shining Stars <i>{1 grant approved for use at 2 schools}</i>	2010-2011		Ms. Gina Marie-Trigian-Molvaut	Digital flip camera that will provide students with an image of themselves communicating in languages and reflect on another dimension of self-reflection and self-awareness.
	~ Triathlon Grant	2008-2009		Jamie Fishlow	Start-up fund for fund-raising for the Triathlon Club
	~ Portfolio Development	2007-2008		Kasmia Mohanty	Camera and printer for advanced computer graphics
	~ Viewing Video in Widescreen	2007-2008		Heather Swan	Large screen tv for viewing videos in the video lab
	~ Anatomical Models	2007-2008		Kristin Singer	Models for the A/P Art class to use as a resource
	~ School Beautification/Memory Project	2011-2012		Kasmia Mohanty	



## Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education - Star Grant History

*{HFEE's STAR Grant provides funding, which exceeds \$1,000, for educational initiatives that impact a grade{s}, department{s} and/or school{s}, such as learning activities, workshops and materials that are not funded by the school budget. Grants are NOT specifically for electronics and equipment, but for all innovative educational projects}*

Flower Hill				
* From Chicken to Egg	2008-2009	Tracey McManus		
~ Tell me a Tale <i>{1 grant approved for use at 4 schools}</i>	2007-2008	Mary Ann Daly		SEARCH Dept - all primary schools to benefit from this interactive storybook workshop.
Jefferson				
~ Tell me a Tale <i>{1 grant approved for use at 4 schools}</i>	2007-2008	Mary Ann Daly		SEARCH Dept - all primary schools to benefit from this interactive storybook workshop.
* Smart Board	2007-2008	Brian Foster		
* Smart Board	2007-2008	Marisa Damiano		2nd grade
Southdown				
* Seneteo Interactive Response	2010-2011	J. Cicio C. DePetris J. Brennan		Provides a direct connection between teacher and students, allows instant feedback as to the level of understanding of material; highly intuitive system that includes a remote for each student in the class, a central receiver and powerful software.
~ Tell me a Tale <i>{1 grant approved for use at 4 schools}</i>	2007-2008	Mary Ann Daly		SEARCH Dept - all primary schools to benefit from this interactive storybook workshop.
Washington				
* Let's Present	2010-2011	Ms. White		School shared projector, laptop and flip Camera to enhance student/teacher research projects, theater and musical productions
~ Tell me a Tale <i>{1 grant approved for use at 4 schools}</i>	2007-2008	Mary Ann Daly		SEARCH Dept - all primary schools to benefit from this interactive storybook workshop.
* Maps and Globes	2007-2008	Georganne White		Maps and globes for the primary school
Woodhull				
* Speak Up	2010-2011	Ms. Daly		Workshops for the development of personal presence, voice projection, and group presentation. Sessions will be exercises and lessons teaching students to become fortified with the ability to speak up in a more confident manner.
Jack Abrams				
* Smart Board	2007-2008	Christina Anderson / Patricia Nowack		
Finley				
HHS				
* Apple itouch	2010-2011	Mr. Krummenacker & Craig McKee		Purchase of 30 Apple Ipad Touch data devices and an I Mac Computer used to provide a platform for a multitude of educational programs & tools for both the English and Science classrooms.
* View the World in HD	2010-2011	Heather Swan		A high-end video camera to help students execute/enhance school wide projects, filming of newscast and other school video projects.
* 21st Century Electives	2008-2009	Heather Swan		Funded 1/3rd of total cost for 18 I Macs for the Video department.
* Portable Computer	2008-2009	Bernadette Wash		Portable computer for college advisor
* Local History Digital Preservation	2008-2009	James Graber		I Mac for A/P history class
* Renovation of Weight Room	2008-2009	Georgia McCarthy		Funded a portion of the overall grant. Primarily funded by the Booster Club.
* Crew Team	2008-2009	Marc Jensen		Monies towards a trailer needed by the Crew Team
* Portable Computer	2007-2008	Jacqueline Leonard		Portable computer for special ed speech department
* Printmaking	2007-2008	Robert Potter		Print making for the Art Department
* Lifeskills	2007-2008	Patricia Anson		Kitchen for special ed classroom
* Lifeskills	2007-2008	Patricia Anson		Sink for special ed classroom
* Smart Cart	2007-2008	Andrea Neugebauer		
* Coming to Life	2007-2008	Lori Pyzocha		Smart board for biology class

*Humorous • Honest • Dynamic • Talented in the Arts  
Great Administrator • Listener • Energizer • Sympathetic  
Our own Mrs. Michelle Marino has all of them.  
The Abrams Family*

*My Years at Southdown were made more special all because of you!  
Thank You! Gregory Rorke*

*Thank you for making Southdown such a special place for our children!  
Mr. & Mrs. Harrington*

*Congratulations Shelly for your outstanding leadership and motivation.  
You are an inspiration to your staff and for the students you serve.  
Hertha Essman*

*Congratulations Mrs. Marino. From the LaBella family*

*Dear Mrs. Marino,  
Congratulations on this well deserved honor. You are the true meaning  
of the word principal! I am so happy that my children got to experience  
your nurturing and loving way. We are very happy for you.  
Love, The Luckow Family*



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Love, Pattie, Harry, Aaron & Samantha

*We are so fortunate to have Mrs. Marino as our school principal. She strongly supports the PTA and encourages us to organize and present events and programs that benefit both students and parents. Her open door policy, calm demeanor and artistic talent contribute to the success she has had and continues to have as Southdown Primary's principal.*

*Most importantly, the children are her first priority.  
Thank you Mrs. Marino for all you do to enrich our school.*

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*With love from the PTA Executive Board:  
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and all of the Southdown PTA Family.*





*The Story of...  
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*Mrs. Marino is a good little principal and always very curious. Invitingly curious.*

*She is not one to stay in her office for long, for she is always out and about talking, smiling, and listening to the little children of Southdown. Students, Teachers, Custodians, Parents... you name it, are always encouraged to be a part of her Southdown Community.*

*From the arrival of the buses to the end of the day,  
Mrs. Marino just has to know how her children and her staff are doing.*

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*Mrs. Marino treasures her staff. She motivates and inspires them each and every day. To them, it is no surprise that she is receiving the HFEE award; for she is a good little principal and always very invitingly curious. The End.*

*Dear Mrs. Marino,  
We are forever thankful for your support and positive leadership over the years.  
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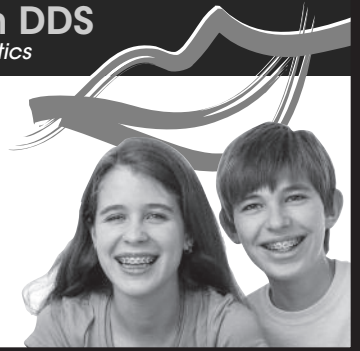
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*Thank you for all your hard work  
and many years of dedication to the  
Huntington School District.*



*Congratulations to our colleague,*

***Shelly Marino***

*as her passionate leadership and creative teaching are so deservedly celebrated by the  
**2012 HFEE Spirit Award.***

*We continue to be inspired by her visionary ideas and countless contributions.  
Shelly truly represents what it means to be a positive, effective and joyful educator!*

***With admiration, The Huntington Schools Principals and Directors***