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On behalf WEEF, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the individuals and businesses that have, notwithstanding another trying year, given so much of their time, talent and funds in an effort to address WEEF’s mission to ensure the educational needs of “our” children are met to the fullest extent possible. When donations for non-profits are so difficult to find, WEEF’s supporters have responded with an increase in number of people helping and in the net dollars WEEF has received and been able to give back to “our” students through its annual grant process. As WEEF looks forward to the upcoming year with continued optimism, it hopes for the continued support of its benefactors and new contributors in order that they also share in growth of the Fund and ultimately the development of “our” students.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynch
WEEF President

Projects Funded for 2011–2012 School Year
Seventeen grants totaling $19,428 have been awarded for the 2011 to 2012 school year. The following grants were partially or fully funded:

Engineering is Elementary: to help teachers and parent volunteers plan, deliver instruction, and assess student performance in project-based learning using Engineering is Elementary curriculum units developed by the Boston Museum of Science.

Affordable Computing for 21st Century Learning: to bring Neo 2’s, affordable durable laptops specifically designed for classroom use, into grades 2-4 to improve proficiency in math, reading and writing.

Summer Bridge Field Trip Program: for continuation of this program that uses summer field trips and instruction to prevent academic regression over the summer in mathematics, reading and writing.

American Sign Language Instruction: for American Sign Language instruction in first grade classrooms.

Build-a-Book Literacy Program: to support this program and its mission to provide students with tools and techniques to enhance their creative writing skills.

Tracking Natural Catastrophic Events: to allow students to track and learn about natural events such as major storm systems and volcanic activity.

Westerly’s Granite Story: to develop a six lesson plan curriculum about the history of granite in Westerly, RI.

Study Island—Science: to support this computer based program designed to help students master the science content expectations of the NECAP preparation program.

Kids Play Keyboards: to provide 6th-8th grade students the opportunity to learn music on high quality keyboards.

Rachel’s Challenge: to support a program at Westerly High School which will inspire, equip and empower every person to create permanent positive culture change in local schools, businesses and the greater community by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion.

Grins and Giggles Playschool: to support tuition for at-risk district preschoolers at Tower Street School Community Center.

Training of Westerly parents of preschool children: to promote partnerships between parents and educators to maximize outcomes for children.

Before and After School Enrichment (BASE) Program projects: to support five individual BASE programs including Biomes, Project CHICK, Save the Bay, Norman Bird Sanctuary, and Roger Williams Zoo Community Zoo Mobile.