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Ridgewood Education Foundation
Awards Arts Grants

At the April 6, 2009 Board of Education meeting, the Ridgewood Education Foundation (REF) through its Arts Fund presented a grant totaling \$9,069.55. This grant is to be used to purchase equipment requested by Ridgewood Public Schools district department heads Dr. Edward Schmiedecke and Mr. Chris McCullough for use in Ridgewood secondary schools.

Specifically, the grant will fund the purchase of a cello and a bass clarinet for each middle school. The total award made to the music departments of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin Middle Schools is \$4070.

The Ridgewood High School Art Department will be provided with the digital cameras and a macro lens as well as a telephoto lens necessary for their new Advanced Digital Photography classes, with a total grant award of \$4,999.55.

The mission of the Ridgewood Education Foundation is to enhance the quality of education in the Ridgewood Public Schools. Since 1989 the Foundation has awarded more than \$400,000 in grants for special projects created by forward thinking teachers, parents, students and alumni. We are able to do this thanks to the generous support of our members and other friends.

Whether it is through these Classroom Grants, the RHS Arts Fund, Alumni Teacher Development Fund Grants or, most recently, the ongoing North Star Literacy Campaign the Foundation's objective is to support the quality of education in the Village's schools in whatever way we can.

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