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## **Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Announces Mini Grant Winners**

AIKEN, S.C. (April 15, 2010) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) at the Savannah River Site is pleased to announce that several local educators have been selected to receive funding as part of the SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program (see attached list of names and schools).

A selection committee, comprised of SRS employees, reviewed 262 grant proposals submitted this year—without knowledge of the applicant or school—and selected 88 projects to collectively receive a total of \$50,000 in funding.

The Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program recognizes and supports innovative teaching methods by funding projects that enhance elementary and middle school science, mathematics and technology programs directly impacting students in the classroom.

“We are proud to reward educators who exhibit a strong passion for helping students unlock the mysteries of math, science and technology through innovative teaching methods,” said Barbara Smoak, manager, Education Outreach Programs.

Educators from all Central Savannah River Area public elementary and middle schools are eligible to apply for a Mini Grant in one of three categories: \$500, \$750 or \$1,000. SRNS is committed to supporting its education partners by sponsoring programs that facilitate the delivery of math, science and technology curricula, while increasing educational opportunities for students in the CSRA.

All applicants will be honored at a reception on Thursday, April 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Newberry Hall, 117 Newberry Street, Aiken, S.C., where awards will officially be presented.

The Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program is one of several initiatives coordinated through SRNS's Education Outreach programs department. The grants are funded by SRNS's Community Investment Program, which supports such community initiatives as education, health and welfare, civic and social activities, and culture and the arts.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, is a Fluor-Daniel Partnership comprised of Fluor, Northrop Grumman and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

**Note to editors:** Members of the media are welcome to attend the awards ceremony. Nearly 200 Central Savannah River Area educators will be in attendance, including school principals and superintendents.

### **Winners of \$500 Grants**

**Erria Daniels**, Crazy Traits, A.L. Corbett Middle

**Margaret Brown**, "Naturally" Good!!, Aiken Middle

**Lyanne Franklin Haislip**, Soar Like an Eagle on PASS (Palmetto Assessment of State Standards) in 2011!, Kennedy Middle

**Nancy Croft**, Earthly Life, Warrenton Elementary

**Amanda Brewer**, Student "Math-erpieces," Aiken Elementary

**Stephanie Camp**, M3 - Making a Math Mind, Aiken Elementary

**Judi Girardeau**, Learning Through Hands-On Exploration, Aiken Elementary

**Jessica Icenhour**, Centered on Math, Aiken Elementary

**Cynthia Ivey**, Mighty Kids' Math Meals, Aiken Elementary

**Mary Anne Whewell-Kasraii**, Hands-on-Time, Aiken Elementary

**Carla Kerrigan**, ArchKIDecture, Aiken Elementary

**Stacey Meade**, "Magnificent Mathematics," Aiken Elementary

**Stacia Nuessle**, "MAGIC" Math Bags, Aiken Elementary

**Lisa Richberg**, Hands on Science, Aiken Elementary

**Patsy Sheldon**, The Ears Have It!, Aiken Elementary

**Kristy Sirmans**, S.M.A.R.T. Math (Successfully Making Achievement Readily Tangible), Aiken Elementary

**Kristen Smith**, You "Can" Touch This!, Aiken Elementary

**Elizabeth Supan**, Whiz Through Math!, Aiken Elementary

**Marianne Swearingen**, Fairy Tale Physics, Aiken Elementary

**Patricia Wilson**, STARS: Science and Technology Achieve Real Success, Aiken Elementary

**Diane Polk**, Shape of Things to Come: Integrating Geometry, East Aiken Elementary

**Michael Truitt**, High Tech Technicians: Robotic Arm Programming, Busbee Elementary

**Davina Truitt**, The Forces of Math: An Integration of Algebra, Measurement, Forces and Motion, Busbee Elementary

**Jean Pesce**, Grow Me the Money!, Schofield Middle  
**Carol S. Roach**, Let the Games Begin, Schofield Middle  
**Vilena Hunt**, Why So Blue?, Schofield Middle  
**Cathryn Dzaugis**, Flinging Forces, Schofield Middle  
**Martin Cota**, Smart Math, Schofield Middle  
**Christina Snider**, "Hang Time or The Need for Speed: What Will it Be?",  
 Macedonia Elementary  
**Allison Palfy**, Moveable, Edible, Constructible Math, Cedar Ridge Elementary  
**Darlene Belton, Mia Wuchte, Melissa Dupree**, Laboratory Investigation and  
 "Frog Dissection," Lakeside Middle  
**Ellen Cotton**, Everybody Needs a Rock, Jefferson Elementary  
**Pamela Guess**, Nature's Ark, Barnwell Primary  
**Judith Boyd**, Seeing is Believing! - Using Hands-On Tools and Materials in  
 Science, Redcliffe Elementary  
**Joan Adkins, Jane ELaissi**, "Designer Genes," Stallings Island Middle  
**Danielle Winburn**, Math Toolbox, Hammond Hill Elementary  
**Christine Witt**, "Measuring Up in the Real World!," Hammond Hill Elementary  
**Patricia Logue**, DOING=LEARNING: Creating Maximum Growing Conditions  
 Through Best Gardening Practices, Hammond Hill Elementary  
**Uyen Nguyen Griffis**, "Smarter Smartboarding in 2010," Hammond Hill  
 Elementary  
**Jan Boulineau**, Science With Synergy!!!, Hammond Hill Elementary  
**Laura Brooks**, Math is the Name of the Game, Lewiston Elementary  
**Maureen Troxler**, I Saw the Light...I Saw the Light, Lewiston Elementary  
**Heather Hatton-Key**, F.S.M.A.: Future Scientists and Mathematicians of  
 America, North Augusta Elementary  
**Agnes Hobson**, Crime Scene Detective, Using Science and Critical Thinking to  
 Solve Crimes, Oakwood-Windsor Elementary  
**Karey Santos**, Wild, Wonderful, Wet Experiences!, Millbrook Elementary  
**Andrea Overcash**, The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere, Millbrook Elementary  
**Laura Christenbury**, "Hootie and the Blowfish": Animal Adaptation, Millbrook  
 Elementary  
**Brandy Smalley**, Take a Walk on the Wild Side, Millbrook Elementary  
**Cathy Young**, Math and Literature: A Perfect Match!, Millbrook Elementary  
**Marie Hughes**, That Was Science?, Millbrook Elementary  
**Ann Flanagan**, You Reap What You Sow, Millbrook Elementary  
**Ann Stauffer**, From the Ground Up, Millbrook Elementary  
**Donna Findley**, "Sort, Chart, Graph Galore~Have Fun~Do It Some More,"  
 Millbrook Elementary  
**Denise Spacek**, Fe, Fi, Fo, Fum: Giant Steps in Elementary Science, Millbrook  
 Elementary  
**Margaret Hamman**, Piece It Together, Millbrook Elementary  
**Holly Palmer**, MATH STATIONS R US!, Chukker Creek Elementary  
**Nancy Courtney, Angela Canepa, Julie Corbet, Kathie Duncan, Stacey**  
**Sidwell, Sarah Walton**, 1+1 = Success: Math Plus Reading Equals Success, J.  
 D. Lever Elementary

**Jennifer Powell**, S.T.I.R.I.T.UP! (Scientifically Teaching Independent Research through Informational Text), J. D. Lever Elementary  
**Pam Moore**, "Feel the Force," W. E. Parker Elementary  
**Jessica Johnson**, Discovery Centers, W. E. Parker Elementary  
**Gwendolyn Byrd**, Creature Feature, North Aiken Elementary  
**Amy Wilhelm**, "Listen My Children and You Shall Hear!", W. E. Parker Elementary  
**Kim Gilley**, Mighty Manipulatives: Mastering the Art of Sorting and Patterning, Johnston Elementary  
**Phyllis Jones**, Measuring Success!, J. D. Lever Elementary  
**Rebecca Dixon**, Tracking Temperatures, J. D. Lever Elementary  
**Whitten Chavis, Dell Benhardt, Ryan Key, Ansley Shuford**, Leap into Math Power, J. D. Lever Elementary  
**Amanda Mattson**, Who Ate Whom?, Johnston Elementary  
**Bridgette Morgan**, Dig In, W. E. Parker Elementary  
**Patricia Davis**, Technology Supported Learning in a Kindergarten Classroom, Sue Reynolds Elementary  
**Kaye Mabe**, LEAP (Literacy Enrichment Arithmetic Proficiency), Leavelle McCampbell Middle  
**Andrea Fulmer**, Literacy and Life Cycles, Johnston Elementary  
**Rewa Milton**, Earth 2020, Merriwether Middle  
**Dee Trevor**, Shuffling Into Math, Lake Forest Hills Elementary

#### **Winners of \$750 Grants**

**Margaret Fussell**, Light it Up!, Aiken Middle  
**Debbie McCain**, The Cool "STUFF" of Science, Merriwether Middle  
**Cheryl Zimmerman**, Science! Read It! Experience It!, Millbrook Elementary  
**Dana Kaltz**, "All Systems, Go!", W. E. Parker Elementary  
**Kristi Palma**, Weather Watchers, W. E. Parker Elementary  
**Debbie Courtney, Penny Bryan, Laurie Prince, Jimmie Busbee**, "Crank It Up... Investigation Style," J.E.T. Middle

#### **Winners of \$1000 Grants**

**Pamella Ferris**, Investigating the Electromagnetic Spectrum: Beyond the Visible ROYGBIV, Riverside Middle  
**Jody Scott**, Show Me the Money, Lewiston Elementary  
**Kellye Panke**, Super Sonic Spring Fling, Lewiston Elementary  
**Susan McCord, Stacy Morris, Celeste Tanton**, Students as Scientists, Gloverville Elementary  
**Michelle Cain**, Growing with the Flow, Merriwether Middle  
**Suzanne Redd**, The Great Outdoors, Millbrook Elementary  
**Nonica Livingston**, Science & Data Logging Using Robotics, Millbrook Elementary  
**Alicia Miller**, Math-letes, Lewiston Elementary

**Terry Garner, Brishundra Berry, Karen Cue, Pearlene Woodson-Robins,**  
"Mom, I blew up an Art Museum!", Leavelle McCampbell

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