

9 Fort Mill teachers awarded project grants

Staff reports

The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools has awarded nine \$500 grants to district teachers for innovative classroom projects. They are:

■ Barbara Hartsoe, Fort Mill Elementary, "Summer Challenge," an incentive-based, grade-specific workbook of state math, reading and writing standards for targeted students to complete during summer break to retain achievement.

■ Kristi Cutler, Gold Hill Elementary, "Implementing Orff Instruments," so students can participate in hands-on learning.

■ Kim Lee, Orchard Park Elementary, "Voice Amplifiers for Music Education Instruction," so music students will be more actively engaged and can more accurately mimic correct singing technique because they can hear inflections, tones and nuances.

■ Amber Martin, Riverview Elementary, "Science Fair Help Sessions," for targeted students to stay after school to complete a science fair project.

■ Kristin Swigunski, Springfield Elementary, "Just Right Readers," to use the right text during instruction to suit every child's needs.

■ Janet Schneider, Fort Mill Middle, "Busy Bee Craft Club," offering students community

service projects through new craft and hobby techniques that include teamwork, individual creativity, self-satisfaction, helping others, following directions and personal growth.

■ Lorie Cafarella, Gold Hill Middle, "Digital Storytelling," combining the art of telling stories with graphics, audio, video animation, digital pictures and Web publishing.

■ Kristin Weeks, Springfield Middle School, "Theater Arts Showcase," in which students produce a full-length production including student choreography from different cultures and short dramatic pieces.

■ Sheila Reynolds, Fort Mill High, "Playaway Digital Books," a handheld device that plays digital books so students will improve reading skills.