**GRANTS ALERT**

The following grant opportunities are being provided as a service of Brevard Schools Foundation. If you wish to submit a grant that requires the applicant to be a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, please contact Linda Filippini, Filippini.linda@brevardschools.org for assistance before you begin the process.

When submitting a grant through a school or the district, for tax or financial help, please contact Kathy Jackson, Accounting Services, Jackson.kathy@brevardschools.org for assistance, and for help with program/project content, contact Robin Ward, Curriculum and Instruction, ward.robin@brevardschools.org for assistance.

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**Organization:** Laura Bush Foundation

**Description:** The mission of the Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries is to help school libraries encourage and foster a love of reading, support student learning, and make books and reading materials available to students who otherwise would not have access to them.

**Eligibility:** The school must be in operation for a minimum of one (1) year prior to submitting an application. During time of application, at least 85% of the school’s student population must qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL).

**Amount of Awards:** up to $7,000.00

**Deadline:** December 14, 2015

**Website:** http://www.laurabushfoundation.com/how-to-apply/index.html

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**Organization:** Captain Planet Foundation

**Description:** The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to promote and support high-quality educational programs that engage children and youth in active hands-on learning experiences focused on the environment in their schools and communities.

Grants are intended to serve as a means of bringing environment-based education to schools and to inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. The foundation will fund unique and innovative projects that do not precisely match the grant guidelines but otherwise promote the foundation’s mission of hands-on environmental activities.

**Eligibility:** All applicant organizations or sponsoring agencies must be exempt from federal taxation under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501, in order to be eligible for funding (this includes most schools and non-profit organizations)

**Amount of Awards:** $500 to $2,500

**Deadline:** January 31, 2016

**Website:** http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/
Organization: Ezra Jack Keats Foundation

Description: Established by children's book author and illustrator Ezra Jack Keats, the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation is accepting applications from public schools and public libraries anywhere in the United States and its territories to its mini-grants program.

The program is intended to support projects that foster creative expression, collaboration, and interaction with a diverse community. The funding program will award grants of up to $500 to educators to create special activities outside the standard curriculum and make time to encourage their students. Projects funded in the past include murals, pen pal groups, quilts, theater productions, newspapers and other publications, intergenerational activities, and programs that bring disparate communities together. Starting in 2016, mini-grants also will fund programs that support the Common Core Standards within the curriculum.

Eligibility: Public Schools, Pre-school Head Start Programs, and public Libraries are eligible to apply.

Amount of Awards: up to $500

Deadline: March 31, 2016

Website: http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/minigrant-program/