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## **Education Foundation Awards Citigroup Team Mentor Grants**

Martin County – The Education Foundation of Martin County’s Prize Patrol recently made its way to four local elementary schools surprising teachers and students with the news of their award-winning Citigroup Team Mentor Grants. Citigroup Team Mentor grants are designed to provide an incentive for collaboration between new and veteran teachers. This collaboration is to be centered on classroom-based, student learning projects that provide common ground for veteran teachers and new teachers to work together. The teacher teams are composed of a mentor (a veteran teacher with more than five years of experience) and one or more beginning teachers with less than three years of teaching experience.

Congratulations to the following winners:

**Bessey Creek Elementary –**

Project title: **“Story Time Discoveries”**

Teachers: **Jennifer Radcliff** (veteran teacher) mentoring **Kim Davis**

Grant award: **\$394.01**

**Crystal Lake Elementary –**

Project title: **“Teaching by Facilitation: Use of Reader’s Theater and Vocabulary Development Activities in an Intermediate Level Classroom”**

Teachers: **Chris Jones** (veteran teacher) mentoring **Patricia Holts**

Grant award: **\$395.98**

**Palm City Elementary –**

Project title: **“Kindergartners Move Mountains”**

Teachers: **Lisa Carbaugh** (veteran teacher) mentoring **Jamie Creager**

Grant award: **\$386.60**

**Palm City Elementary –**

Project title: **“The Write Stuff”**

Teachers: **Tina McSoley** (veteran teacher) mentoring **Donna Jacobsen**

Grant award: **\$400.00**

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Back (L to R): Larry Bowne, Citi Smith Barney Branch Manager; Lisa Carbaugh, PCE kindergarten teacher; Sue McVeigh, Citi Smith Barney Financial Advisor; Lisa Rhodes, Education Foundation Executive Director; Eileen Helfman, Education Foundation Grants Chair. Front: Mrs. Carbaugh's kindergarten class at Palm City Elementary.

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Back (L to R): Lisa Rhodes, Education Foundation Executive Director; Larry Bowne, Citi Smith Barney Branch Manager; Jamie Creager, PCE kindergarten teacher; Sue McVeigh, Citi Smith Barney Financial Advisor; and Eileen Helfman, Education Foundation Grants Chair. Front: Miss Creager's kindergarten class.

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Crystal Lake Elementary Assistant Principal, Joe Flanagan and Grant-winning Reading Coach, Chris Jones are all smiles when visited by the Education Foundation's Prize Patrol.

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The Prize Patrol surprised Tina McSoley and Donna Jacobsen during 3<sup>rd</sup> grade recess at Palm City Elementary. L to R: PCE Principal, Nancy Marin; Third grade teachers, Tina McSoley and Donna Jacobsen, and Lisa Rhodes, Education Foundation Executive Director.

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L to R: Bessey Creek Elementary Reading Coach, Jennifer Radcliff and science teacher Kim Davis give the Education Foundation and Citigroup a big thumbs-up after receiving their surprise award announcement.

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