

## TLC Letters, Martin County, March 28

By reader submitted

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### **Crystal Lake teacher thankful for funds**

We would like to thank The Education Foundation of Martin County and its donors for providing Crystal Lake Elementary with the funds to make Math + Art = Learning Fun! an experience for all our students. We now have hands-on math games, which students are using to implement their knowledge of math in the art room. Our fifth-grade class is working on a special project of creating a symmetrical tile design that will be glazed and fired. Once all the tiles are finished, our parent volunteers will install the tiles, creating a mural that will beautify our campus.

The funding for this program is aimed to connect math and art outside the academic environment of the student's classroom in order to make math meaningful and fun to all students.

Thank you for allowing us to have fun with math and art!

**Milagros Mendola, Art Teacher at Crystal Lake Elementary**

### **Anderson Middle thanks Education Foundation**

We would like to thank The Education Foundation of Martin County, along with its donors, for awarding our sixth-grade Reading teachers at Anderson Middle School a Classroom Enrichment Grant. The grant was used to purchase sets of the 2009-2010 Sunshine State Readers for our classrooms, along with many other titles to enrich our classroom libraries. The students were so excited when our books arrived in the classroom. This grant will have an impact on students' reading success for many years.

Thank you again for your generous donation.

**Shari DeVito and Melissa Nolan, Palm City**

### **Citrus Grove thanks Education Foundation**

The Education Foundation of Martin County has made a difference at Citrus Grove Elementary! We are thrilled to publicly thank this wonderful organization. Last fall, Martin County's version of the Prize Patrol visited our classrooms to announce that our grant application was approved. Red balloons spilled through the door as a huge check was presented. The students were as ecstatic, as were we!

Soon after, our coveted materials arrived — ActivExpression interactive voting devices that let students participate in the classroom, 21st-century style. We began using them instantly, and saw immediate results. With the push of a button, students eagerly begin typing responses to a posed question. In less time than it would take to call on a few students, we now have answers from every student. Everyone is paying attention, everyone is part of the discussion, and everyone is eager to answer. We have noticed dramatic increases in participation and achievement levels, all because of this wonderful monetary contribution. Our next step: sharing this technology with colleagues at CGE and other county schools.

Thank you, Education Foundation, and thank you to the many donors who support their amazing work!

**Trisha Elliott and Sharon Windsor, Citrus Grove Elementary**



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