

## IPEI awards grants for Ithaca school projects

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IPEI grants IPEI Red and Gold Grant recipients:

- EDGE Intramural Basketball Program; Karl Mellander/Ithaca High
- Caroline Archery Program; Samuel Trechter/Caroline Hill/Cayuga Heights
- CHES Chargers Running Program; Spencer Hill/Cayuga Heights
- Being Buddies 101; Maureen Gilroy/Enfield
- It's Simply a Balancing Act; Judy Blood/Enfield
- Expand Your Horizons; Judy Blood/Enfield
- A Precious Gift; Rebecca Gergely/Ithaca High
- Hangar Theatre Kidstuff Play; Sue Newman/Beverly J.

Martin

- Public Art/Beautification; Stephen Anderson/South Hill
- College and Career Readiness Day; Katie Taber Vann/South Hill
- Nelson Mandela Cultural Tribute Concert with Combined Ensembles; Jennifer Kivisild/DeWitt
- Just Sew: Support for LACS Fiber Arts Committee; Kal McMannis/LACS
- A Day in My Life; Katie Dietrich, Catherine Currier/Beverly J. Martin
- Caroline Summer Reading Program; Nancy Lovell/Caroline Hill/Cayuga Heights
- Civil War Sheet Map with Icons; Pamela Engram/DeWitt
- To Look Closely: A workshop for Adults who work with Children; Julie Nichols Kulik/Earth Arts
- Students Gaining Cultural Perspective through Service and Relief Work for Hurricane Katrina Victims; Jaana Grigorov/LACS with Gina Kolb
- Raising Cultural Awareness through Raised Bed Gardens!; Jon Raimon/LACS

Ithaca Public Education Initiative has announced the winners of its latest round of Red and Gold Grants, which help support teacher-driven projects in the Ithaca school district.

A total of \$8,370 in grant funds were distributed for the 2013-14 year's fourth quarter.

Among the 18 projects:

- DeWitt Middle School teacher Pamela Engram will guide students in creating a map showing how the United States changed during the Civil War era.
- South Hill Elementary School teacher Steven Anderson will collaborate with art teacher Anna Goldsmith to lead his fifth grade class in painting a mural on an outside concrete wall of their school.
- Ithaca High School teacher Rebecca Gergely will pair senior students with Fall Creek Elementary first graders for reading partnerships.
- Beverly J. Martin School teachers Katie Dietrich and Catherine Currier will ask students to document their households through photography.

- Lehman Alternative Community School teachers Jaana Grigorov and Gina Kolb will enable students who helped rebuild houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina share their experiences.

“I have witnessed firsthand the impact that a grant of \$500 can have on student engagement in the classroom,” IPEI Executive Director Chris Sanchirico said in a statement. “The very generous support of our community makes it all happen.”