

I just wanted to let you know how truly appreciative I am that the MISD Education Foundation awarded my media program the grant. I cannot tell you how excited I am, but even more than that, how excited my MHSTV kids will be to find out. I only told them I was writing a grant for more equipment, but did not tell them specifics. This money will go toward something that has been a goal of ours for 3 years now!! Due to the assembly I did not see them today, so they will find out tomorrow that this will begin the "Mac Era" for our broadcasting program! On a side note, many students (and even those not in my classes) came by to congratulate me, which was an amazing feeling given that teenagers rarely take notice to some of the wonderful things going on in the world and for them to take the time to come by and say that meant a lot and you need to know that this money will truly make a difference in the education of our children.

On the other hand, I am very sorry that I was not there to accept the grant award. We are a completely self-funded extracurricular program and have already been gearing up for next year with intense fundraising efforts for the past two weeks. Many of my kids cannot afford the expense of competitions, conventions, camps, etc. so I am always looking for ways to raise money for them. Our last day for concession sales was today, so I was going back and forth from unloading the truck to my classroom to set-up so that it was all ready after the assembly let out. Just minutes after the presentation, someone found me at the front doors with a dolly full of drinks in my hands to tell me we were awarded the grant! I was so excited to hear the news and also upset that I was not there for the "big reveal", but please know that even though I missed it I cannot express to you in words just what a big deal this is for our broadcasting program. It is just the beginning of new things to come!

Please pass along my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the MISD Education Foundation Grant Selection Committee for this award.

Sincerely,

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