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The Southington Education Foundation will award Kennedy Middle School mathematics teacher Amy Perry two grants at its upcoming Grant Reception. Perry submitted applications for *Exploring Middle School Mathematics with Nintendo Wii* and *Singin' & Signin'*, both of which will be funded for the school.

The Mathematics and Nintendo grant will impact all students in Grade 7 and Perry said she would offer the program to interested sixth- and eighth-grade teachers as well.

“Engaging students in meaningful and fun mathematics can be accomplished utilizing the Nintendo Wii through interdisciplinary units and differentiated instruction for seventh-grade students,” she said. “Additionally, I will incorporate more rigor into the lessons by integrating graphing calculators, computer software and Internet resources to help build students’ 21st century skills.”

The Southington Education Foundation will award nearly \$6,000 in grant funding to five different teachers at its June 12 Grant Reception at Kennedy Middle School at 4 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the six programs being funded during this round of grants. Other schools receiving grants are South End, Plantsville, Kelley and Derynoski Elementary Schools and DePaolo Middle School.

Perry’s second grant, *Singin' and Signin'*, is also a math program designed for interactive classrooms. The program teaches more than 50 complex math

formulas to childhood songs and chants, using signs and gestures that can easily adapt to the district's curriculum.

"The program maximizes student engagement, raises standardized test scores, addresses all learning styles and is award-winning," said Perry. "The hope is that students will be engaged in the lesson and that they will have higher retention rates of mathematical formulas."

The Kennedy grants were supplemented by a school-designated grant funded by the Veilleux family, who donated monies during the SEF's Fan of the Foundation Gala in October 2012.

With this current dissemination of funds, the SEF to date has awarded nearly \$100,000 to Southington Public Schools, which have all benefited from the SEF's mission to instill a love of learning in students. To support the SEF, please like our Facebook page, visit www.southingtoneducationfoundation.org or consider joining the organization's Board At Large.