

Prize Parade comes to CISD
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Friday morning, 28 teachers were rewarded for their hard work in the classroom with checks from the Carroll Education Foundation. These teachers applied for grants through the group to buy extra items that are outside the normal classroom budget. This enhances learning in the classroom.

Leslie Burns, who is a BCIS teacher at Carroll High school, received a grant for her freshman and sophomore class.

“We will do pod cast and web cast,” Burns said. “I will order a video camera and headphones with microphones to do the cast online.”

Burns applied for the grant back in August but didn’t know she would receive it until it showed up at her classroom door today.

She is planning on building a Web site where her classes can put their pod and web cast.

Burns got the idea after attending a conference last year where she saw what other schools were doing with Web 2.0.

“I wanted to be able to teach our kids,” she said.

Carroll Education Foundation had its culinary celebration on Oct. 10 where they raised more than \$285,000 through ticket sales and auction items. The annual fundraiser allows them to give the education grants to teachers, put money in an endowment and award senior’s scholarships at the end of the year.

Mary Bullard and kindergarten teachers also received a grant for science multiples and literacy books.

“We felt like we need some science materials, and this is a good way (to get them,” Bullard said. “We want to improve our science scores.”

The grants are open to any teacher in the district who applies. Bullard has received a grant for her class in a previous year also. The teachers just have to be able to demonstrate how this will enhance the learning process.

“(This provides) actual hands on opportunities,” Bullard said. “Manipulative will be in centers and they (the students) will rotate through.”

The grants were handed out in parade style Friday morning complete with members of the Dragon Drumline playing in the halls as the precession made its way through each

one of the schools towards the teacher classrooms. There were kids in each school clapping and cheering as the drumline made their way through the halls.

Members of the Carroll Education Foundation board and Dr. David Faltys were present to hand out the giant checks Friday morning.

Prize Parade is an annual event that happens every year after Culinary Celebration.