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“THE RADIO SHOW” A RESIDENCY WITH MR. JIM GILL — “The Radio Show” is a residency where students engage in conceiving, writing and performing a 30 minute radio program. The final performance is recorded through microphones then burned to a CD and duplicated for sharing. All 4th grade students at Sharon Elementary will participate in this five-day residency. The project will encompass interdisciplinary curriculum pertaining to the 2010-11 school-wide reading theme emphasizing non-fiction. Mr. Gill is an artist-in-residence who develops programs relating to literacy and the arts. This impacts 90 students, but will be available on the web site so that others can listen. **Funding: \$1,250**

RACHEL’S CHALLENGE — Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion, coupled with the contents of her six diaries, have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America. Students will be spell-bound during an hour-long presentation. A training session of student leaders will follow. Student leaders will work through a year-long curriculum as a part of the program. In the evening, a community presentation will take place to give parents the necessary tools to reinforce what was learned with their children. This impacts all 5th through 8th grade students (approximately 1,100 total). **Funding: \$6,000**

ART: HISTORICAL, CONTEMPORARY AND IN OUR BACKYARD — This project will feature several art displays that would be available for viewing by the entire High School student body, but primarily for the benefit of students in art, foreign language and social studies classes. The first display features contemporary artwork from around the world. It will consist of five freestanding panels. The other display, or possibly displays as it could be broken into two displays, will feature posters and visuals of artwork from the Akron and Cleveland art museums. These posters will become property of the art department and could be used for years to come. **Funding: \$730**

PLAYAWAY SYSTEMS — This project will utilize Playaway Systems to improve literacy among all 2nd graders at Sharon Elementary. The systems will allow for greater differentiation in reading instruction for both struggling and advanced readers by utilizing technology to meet the needs of individual students. This project builds on the already successful results obtained this school year through piloting the program with a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. This impacts 90 students. **Funding \$1,400**

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS SCHOLARSHIP — At the direction of the Highland instrumental music teachers, funds will be provided for private lesson fees for some students. These scholarships are funded through the Robert Jagger Musical Enrichment Grants. **Funding \$750**

A COLORFUL SWITCH — Specialists will work with 7th and 8th grade students, as well as with high school students throughout the year. The goal is to improve musical training for students who are switching to “colorful instruments” such as tuba, euphonium, oboe, bassoon, tenor and baritone sax, jazz bass, guitar and piano. Funded through the Robert Jagger Musical Enrichment Grants. **Funding: 2,500**

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE PIANO ACCOMPANIST — An accompanist will work with all instrumental music students who participate in an adjudicated event. Students will receive help with every aspect of their performance including scales, posture, playing position and much more. Students often feel more confident and achieve higher marks with this assistance. Funded through the Robert Jagger Musical Enrichment Grants. **Funding: \$2,000**

TOTAL PROJECTS COST: \$14,630

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