



**Boxford Elementary Schools Trust, Inc.**

*More Grants for 2006! In addition to the grants we announced earlier this year, B.E.S.T has funded the following:*

***Sagebrush Library Software – Grades K-6***

Sagebrush is a “next generation” library management system which gives state of the art accessibility to information, enhancing reading and research for students and staff at both Cole and Spofford Pond schools. Sagebrush will simplify daily tasks and streamline library data maintenance.

***Sojourners Truth – Grades 3-6***

To honor Black History Month, Spofford Pond students enjoyed a one-woman show portraying the life of Sojourners Truth and her struggles as a slave. This moving interpretation brought to life the bravery required to escape slavery and to help others on their journey to freedom. Students and teachers were captivated by this account that was enhanced by spiritual music.

***Family Literacy Night – Grades K-2***

In addition to visiting with Cole school students, author Stephen Krensky spoke to parents about how to support reading and writing at home. A parent himself of two boys, Mr. Krensky had some wonderful tips and ideas.

## PEG Grants

Professional Educators Grant

*These professional development grants provide opportunities to improve and enhance the climate for teaching and learning in our schools.*

***Multiple Intelligence in the Classroom***

Flip books focusing on multiple intelligence were given to all teachers and special educators at Spofford Pond School to help them differentiate the curriculum according to learning styles and skill levels.

***Practical Co-Teaching Strategies Workshop***

Several teams of teachers, who are co-teaching at Spofford Pond School, recently attended a Bureau of Education and Research seminar that offered ideas and strategies to refine the co-teaching model used in our classrooms.

***Unified Arts Conference***

This two-day conference provided an opportunity to enhance and expand on cross-curricular activities. The music, art and reading specialists from Spofford Pond school returned with interdisciplinary lessons involving collaboration in music, art, reading and writing.