

## **Decision Paper**

**To:** Nelson County Board of Education

**From:** Stacie R. Wimsett, District Grant Writer

**CC:** Dr. Janice O. Lantz, Superintendent

**Subject:** MAC Grant for Bloomfield Middle School

**Date:** Sept. 18th, 2007

**Issue:** Bloomfield Middle is requesting funding in the amount of \$500 from the McDonald Corporation for the purpose of funding a “Renaissance Faire” through the “MAC” (Make Activities Count) program.

**Recommendation:** Approval for the submission of a request for funding from the McDonald’s MAC program for Bloomfield Middle School.

**Motion:** Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ and second by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the application for the grant from McDonald’s Corporation.

# **Nelson County School District Request for Grant Application Form**

**School(s) requesting funding:** Bloomfield Middle School

**Coordinator/Contact Person:** Margaret Wheeler

**Project Title:** Renaissance Faire

**Date of Request:** August 28, 2007

**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2007 (McDonalds' Grant)

**Time Line for Activities:** April 10, 2008 To: April 11, 2008

**Briefly discuss need for project (Include baseline data/statistics):**

Traditionally, seventh grade students study about past civilizations and far away places. It would be exciting if these students could visit earlier times and experience life as it was! The Bloomfield Middle School students can not take a field trip to the Renaissance but could recreate their own.

Ms. Wheeler, Bloomfield Middle School seventh grade social studies teacher, would like her students to receive more than just a "textbook" glimpse of the past. "This project will give the students an opportunity to experience a world long past."

**Goal(s):** To recreate a Renaissance Faire at Bloomfield Middle School with costumed characters, music, arts, inventions, demonstrating the lifestyle of the era.

**Objective(s):**

Students will gain knowledge of and achieve an appreciation of everyday life during the Renaissance. By participating in enrichment activities students will broaden their awareness of the history, architecture, music and sociology of the period.

**Estimated number of students to be served by grade level:** 142

**Describe how this project aligns with content standards:**

From the Kentucky Combined Document Program of Studies

*Students will understand that*

- culture is a system of beliefs, knowledge, institutions, customs/traditions, languages and skills shared by a group of people. Through a society's culture, individuals learn the relationships, structures, patterns and processes to be members of the society.
- cultures develop social institutions (e.g., government, economy, education, religion, family) to structure society, influence behavior and respond to human needs.

*Students will understand that*

- the arts are powerful tools for understanding human experiences both past and present.
- the arts help us understand others' (often very different) ways of thinking, working, and expressing ourselves.
- the arts play a major role in the creation and defining of cultures and building civilizations.

**Describe the method for evaluating/measuring the effectiveness of this project and what type of information can be derived from the overall experience (Please list more than one method for evaluation):**

Students will be evaluated based on their participation and dress. Students are encouraged to dress in official period costumes, during the Faire activities. A rubric will be developed by teachers and students that will determine the level of involvement.

At the closing of the Faire activities students will:

*Write a reflection about their day at the Faire*

**Preliminary budget for the project:**

*Example:*

Instructional/educational materials (curriculum)	_____
Personnel	_____
Travel	_____
Supplies	\$500.00
Contracted services (outside personnel)	_____
Construction	_____
Other (list)	_____
In-Kind funds or services (list)	_____
	_____
Total project expenses	\$500.00

**Please remember that all grant applications must be approved by the Nelson County Board of Education prior to submission to the funding source.**

Questions and concerns may be directed to Stacie R. Wimsett at the Central Office:  
502-349-7000 x221 or [srichard@nelson.k12.ky.us](mailto:srichard@nelson.k12.ky.us)

**REQUIRED SIGNATURES:**

Contact Person: Margaret Wheeler

Principal: [Signature] 8-27-07

Grant Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Upon funding fill out the bottom of this form and copy this page back to the Central Office.)**

**Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Funding Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Awarded:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Funded:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date by which all funds must be expended:** \_\_\_\_\_