

PRESS RELEASE – CENTRAL AVENUE

When the students at Central Avenue Elementary return to school in the fall, they will find a totally new learning environment that will involve lessons utilizing an integrated curriculum. This is thanks to the generosity of the Lenore Annenberg School Fund for Children which awarded the school a grant totaling almost \$100,000. Central Avenue was nominated by the Council for Educational Change which not only assisted with the writing of the grant, but will also serve as the fiscal agent and provide assistance with implementation.

Each year, the Lenore Annenberg School Fund for Children awards several grants to schools which serve student populations where at least 90% of the students qualify for the federal government's free/reduced lunch program. An additional requirement is that the project must impact every student in the school and must be of immediate and direct value to, and use by students.

Currently the Fund awards grants to schools in New York City, Houston, South Florida, high poverty rural areas and other parts of the country. For the 2010-2011 school year the Fund also provided a grant to Broadmoor Elementary in Miami-Dade which will provide students with a vast array of technology including interactive white boards equipped with digital peripherals, handheld computer enrichment games, interactive early learning manipulatives, and assistive technology for children learning to speak English.

Central Avenue principal, Kay Wong, said, "I am so delighted that we will be able to bring this new curriculum to our children as it will enable them to see the connections among science, literature, and all of the things they are learning. These connections will open new worlds for our students."

The Leonore Annenberg School Fund for Children was funded by the late Leonore Annenberg in her capacity as a trustee of the Annenberg Foundation. The School Fund is now a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania. By request, partner organizations nominate public elementary schools serving children with great need. The Fund provides educational resources of immediate and direct value to the children. Visit www.leonoreannenbergsscholarships.org for more information.