

PRESS RELEASE - BROADMOOR

When the students at Broadmoor Elementary return to school in the fall, they will find a totally new learning environment that will involve lessons utilizing state of the art technology. This is thanks to the generosity of the Lenore Annenberg School Fund for Children which awarded the school a grant totaling \$100,000. Broadmoor 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. At Broadmoor, 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 will provide students with new learning opportunities.

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 Central Avenue Elementary School in Kissimmee as a result of the Council's nomination. At Central Avenue students will find a new and interdisciplinary curriculum which infuses hands-on science and literature in to all areas of the curriculum.

Broadmoor principal, Linda Klein, said, "I can't thank the Lenore Annenberg School Fund and the Council for Educational Change sufficiently for making this happen for our children. This will make a world of difference for them everyday they are at our school and for many years to come."

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.