

**APPLICATION PROCESS  
FOR A BLUMENTHAL GRANT  
FOR SUMMER OF 2011**

**Blumenthal Grants are amounts of money awarded to Paideia faculty for summer projects. This program differs from the normal staff development money in that usually the projects are more ambitious.**

The Blumenthal Grants were initiated over a dozen years ago by the Board of Trustees at the recommendation of the Educational Policy Committee. At that time, the committee was led by Janet Blumenthal. At Janet's death we decided to name these grants in memory of her extraordinary leadership in the school.

Over these years, the grants have supported independent work on a project undertaken by a faculty member, directed study, course work, or a major conference. **The criteria:**

- The project proposal needs to connect to one's teaching at Paideia.
- Joint projects are encouraged. Many times in the past, a couple of teachers have gotten together, or a department, to request assistance in pursuing some curriculum change.
- Preference will be given to teachers who have not received a grant previously, or most recently. These are preferences, not ironclad rules.
- One can also think of projects that are not of curricular nature, but have developmental significance. For example, maybe someone would like to do research connected to other schools or a review of the transition issues from elementary to junior high, or from junior high to high school. That work would be valuable information to all of us.

**The process of applying is easy.** Write a one or two page proposal and give it to Jennifer Cook in my office by the close of school **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011**. This year grants will be in the \$250-1,000 range and will likely fewer than in previous years. As part of your proposal please include a detailed budget outlining your expenses. Please indicate how this project would connect your teaching at Paideia.

If you have any questions, email me.

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