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Bridgehampton's Hayground School Receives Prestigious Grant



The Hayground School has been given a \$300,000 educational grant. (*Hayground School*)

Bridgehampton - The Hayground School (151 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY, 631-537-7068, www.haygroundschool.org) has been given a \$300,000 educational grant from the prestigious Leon Levy Foundation for the advancement of humanity and learning, two core principles of the Leon Levy Foundation. As a recipient of a Leon Levy Foundation grant, Hayground School joins the ranks of several high caliber educational institutions such as Harvard University, New York University, Princeton University and Rockefeller University. The grant will be used to initiate several new programs:

- **Scientist-in-Residence:** A professional scientist will spend a semester at Hayground School conducting independent research projects with students. While working as apprentices to the scientist the students will learn how to develop research ideas, design experiments, collect results, analyze data, and give informal presentation of the results.
- **Extended Day Program:** Hayground School will hire instructors to run an after school

program until 4:30 p.m. featuring foreign language, sports and music. This program will be open to students of Hayground as well as other children in the community.

- **Scholarship Fund:** Hayground School will increase funding scholarships, thereby supporting Hayground's mission of ethnic, cultural and economic diversity.

Hayground School co-founder **Toni Ross** offers "We are deeply honored to receive this grant from the Leon Levy Foundation. We believe Hayground School's mission fully exemplifies the Leon Levy Foundation's commitment to expanding knowledge through new ways of learning, through the power of ideas and to the firm commitment to opening the way to a just and equitable society."

The Leon Levy Foundation, founded in 2004, is a private, not-for-profit foundation created from the Estate of **Leon Levy**. The Foundation continues Leon Levy's philanthropic legacy by providing support for programs he started with his wife, **Shelby White**. Leon Levy had a passion for expanding knowledge and believed in the power of ideas and a just and equitable society. This broad humanism also defined his philanthropy. As the guiding principle of the Leon Levy Foundation, the Trustees are resolved to follow Leon's vision to encourage and support excellence in fields of particular interest to him.

John W. Bernstein president and chief financial officer of The Leon Levy Foundation, said. "The Hayground School provides a unique learning experience for young students. We are delighted to assist in funding these new programs, which should enhance the Hayground learning environment."