

STEM education follows a continuum

April 1 is beleaguered with the designation *fools' day*; however, April also is the birth month of Guglielmo Marconi, John James Audubon, and Ulysses S. Grant. In the midst of all these worthy reminiscences, decisions regarding materials for the next school year must be addressed, and as usual there will be competition for the funds to accomplish all desired objectives. April is not a time for foolish choices, and an investigation of options should include consideration of Pitsco Education's K-8 STEM continuum. This STEM continuum provides the opportunity for students to develop necessary communication and interpersonal skills as they absorb science content. Pitsco products include the award-winning STEM in the Gym™, which demonstrates integrative ways for elementary school students to learn about simple machines using kinesthetic methods. Elementary Missions curriculum explores life, physical, and Earth sciences and a wide variety of STEM careers. Also check out our MATH *Connections*, which reinforce concepts with a hands-on approach. The quest to acquire these and other Pitsco solutions to form a STEM continuum for the coming school year could involve a desperate search for finances. Should that be the case, perhaps one of the following could be of assistance to you:

Motorola Solutions Foundation

Category: K-12

Academic Subjects: Science and math

Special Considerations: Motorola focuses on initiatives that foster a love of science early in life.

Deadlines: None specified

Max Amount: None specified

Website: http://www.motorolasolutions.com/en_us/about/company-overview/corporate-responsibility/motorola-solutions-foundation.html

Starbucks Foundation

Category: K-12

Academic Subjects: Literacy

Special Considerations: Starbucks heavily supports areas where its stores are located.

Deadlines: None specified

Max Amount: None specified

Website: <http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/foundation.asp>

Daniels Fund

Category: K-12

Academic Subjects: Elementary

Special Considerations: Daniels Fund supports several levels but particularly early-childhood readiness.

Deadlines: None specified

Max Amount: None specified

Website: <http://www.danielsfund.org/>

Sunderland Foundation

Category: Sunderland supports capital and special projects for nonprofits.

Academic Subjects: Varies

Special Considerations: They aim to construct labs.

Deadlines: None specified

Max Amount: None specified

Website: <http://www.sunderlandfoundation.org/>

Teacher's Pet

(grant tip geared specifically toward teachers' smaller projects)

Dollar General Literacy Foundation

Dollar General provides grants seeking advancement of literacy and basic education in science and math.

More information: <http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/index.aspx>