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Boylan Foundation grant buys 'Smart Table' for Columbian Elementary

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Helen S. Boylan Foundation President James R. Spradling presents a check for \$7,900 to fund the purchase of a Smart Table for Columbian Elementary. Pictured from left are James R. Spradling, Columbian Elementary teacher Deb Westmoreland, Columbian Elementary Principal Sonia Resa and Carthage R-9 School Foundation Director Vicki Cash.

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CARTHAGE, Mo. — Carthage R-9 School Foundation has received a grant from Helen S. Boylan Foundation for the purchase of a "Smart Table" for Columbian Elementary's Special Education department.

Boylan Foundation President James R. Spradling presented a check for \$7,900 to Deb Westmoreland, the special education teacher who wrote the grant request, and Columbian Principal Sonia Resa.

Though many classrooms throughout the school system have Smart Boards, this will be the first Smart Table to be purchased in the R-9 School District. Westmoreland's class consists of students in grades K-4 who are at different learning levels. She explains the advantages of having a Smart Table.

"Kids with disabilities can be highly distracted, so I wasn't able to fully integrate the wall unit into my classroom," Westmoreland said. "The Smart Table provides technological access, to which the students respond well, and more opportunities for learning. More than one student can sit and work at the Smart Table at once without being a distraction to the other students in the room. The interactive system allows access to my own lesson that I program in, Smart Board lessons and the Internet simultaneously. This aids tremendously with the many different levels of teaching required."

Both Westmoreland and Resa said they were excited about getting the Smart Table, and expressed their deep appreciation to Helen S. Boylan Foundation for their generosity in providing the funds.

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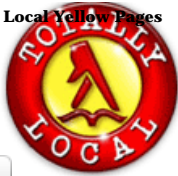
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