

At Metter Intermediate School, Crystal Wright was awarded \$500 for the MIS AR Reward Club. Funding will be used to help encourage intermediate school students to read by offering them incentives. Music instructor Charles Van Deursen was awarded \$1,000 to introduce baritone ukulele to MIS students. With the funding 15 ukuleles can be purchased along with supplies. The Metter Ukulele Ensemble plans to perform at the 2014 Christmas program as well as at other community events. The Middle School Special Education Department has been awarded \$848 for a customer service exploration trip for students with disabilities. Through a planned trip to an amusement park, students will be exposed to customer service skills needed to work in the hospitality industry. Through the "System Overload" robotics class at Metter Middle School, Lucas Mather hopes to expose students to critical thinking and problem solving skills needed in technologically-based careers. He has been awarded \$790 for a T-Bot II Hydraulic Arm, which students will assemble and program. At Metter High School, English/language arts instructor Shannon Stuckey was awarded \$1,000 to purchase 10 Android tablets, allowing students to locate, download and utilize applications for common core standards combined with lifeskill applications. For the JROTC program at Metter High School, LTC Terry Hoyt received \$600 to offset lodging costs for his battalion to attend the Georgia State Drill Meet on March 22. The Black Tie Tiger Club was awarded \$1125. This club gives students with disabilities and at risk students at Metter an opportunity to learn life-long skills used at a risk students at Blooming.communication, business etiquette and customer service. Proceeds for the grant program are funded through the sales of Another Bloomin' Festival souvenir t-shirts each spring. Teachers or project coordinators must submit an application for funding.