

## LPSEF Innovative Teacher Grants for 2018-2019

*The Foundation received 45 grant proposals requesting \$111,315.79 and awarded  
31 Innovative Teacher Grants*

### Richard Warren Middle School

**Donor: Kevin Gullett/29 Pixel Studios**

**Grant: Pete's Place--Middle School Edition (Project Based Learning)**

**Amount: \$400.00**

**Contact Person: Amy Davis and Sarah Wistler**

The students will be challenged to design a school store for Warren that compliments the high school's Pete's Place. Students will learn math content and 21st Century Skills (communication, creativity, critical thinking and collaboration) as they plan and then present. This will be a self-sustaining project, as we will use the money raised to continue the project with next year's seventh graders.

**Donor: Commerce Bancshares Fndt./J.E. Dunn**

**Grant: Warren Mentoring**

**Amount: \$1,245.00**

**Contact Person: Jerald Gross**

Upperclassmen will mentor 6th grade students through a series of strategically selected topics during first semester in order to set them on a path to success. Additionally, mentors will help all new students acclimate to Richard Warren Middle School, while creating a sense of belonging through our New Student Orientation Day prior to the regular start of school.

**Donor: Laura Batson/Artistic Works by Lu**

**Grant: Science Olympiad**

**Amount: \$939.00**

**Contact Person: Kyla Dominick**

Science Olympiad is a national organization that has divisions in elementary, middle and high school levels. I would like to create a team of middle schoolers to take to the regional competition in February. Students will practice once or twice a week for two hours and spend time outside of school. Students drive their learning and science teachers act as a resource. The requested kits will help the students practice and study for the upcoming competition.

**Donor: Lexeco**

**Grant: BTU Crew**

**Amount: \$2,500.00**

**Contact Person: Kyla Dominick, Mary Beth Riccio, Julie Humphrey, Rebecca Calhoun, Brian Spidle & Jackie Hochard**

"The BTU Crew Curriculum was designed to engage students using their campus as a living energy lab." Students will be able to track the energy using the data provided by Trane. The curriculum also provides many engaging lessons and hands-on activities. BTU Crew will enrich and engage our students and show them an appreciation for the energy they use everyday.

**Donor: Brenda Harding**

**Grant: Girls on the Run/Heart and Sole**

**Amount: \$3,500.00**

**Contact Person: Brenda Harding**

Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based positive youth development program designed to develop and enhance girls' social, psychological and physical competencies to successfully navigate life experiences. Girls in the 3rd through 8th grades combine training for a 5k running event with healthy

living education. The character-building program motivates health education, life skills development, mentoring relationships, and physical training.

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**Donor: Doug & Terry Lee**

**Grant: Full STEAM ahead with 3D printers**

**Amount: \$2,111.00**

**Contact Person: Steve Short**

This grant to purchase a set of 3D printers along with materials will allow students to engage in STEAM activities by designing objects using Computer Aided Design (CAD) software. Students will also be able to use 3D printers in the Computer Tech classes. Classes will be able to design, hands on lessons that will help prepare students for the workplace with the 21st Century Skills they need.

**Donor: Mainstreet Credit Union**

**Grant: Taking it to a New Level: Getting Healthier Together**

**Amount: \$5,000.00**

**Contact Person: Angela Sculley, Sean Sachen, Nathan Troyer, Mark Littrell, Ron Marney & Joe Waldron**

Our project will help promote getting healthier, understanding better fitness concepts and goal setting. Through fresh ideas and cutting edge versatile equipment, it will help promote positive creative thinking and a sense of unity. Our goal is to improve wellness, positive character, academic success, self-esteem, increase student engagement, promote positive social interactions and of course build "Pioneer Pride."

**Donor: R. David Wentz/Heatron**

**Grant: Inquiring PioNEARS**

**Amount: \$4,000.00**

**Contact Person: Kaley Wittrock**

Nearpod is accessible for all content areas to create presentations, but it also has lessons readily available for the content areas of Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Nearpod's lesson library gives us unlimited access and free box sets(virtual reality box set). Students will be able to transform their learning and foster Warren Pioneers into inquiring PioNEARS.

### Anthony Elementary School

**Memorial: Katie Yoakam Reading Memorial**

**Amount: \$1,000.00**

**Contact Person: Robert Aaron**

Katie taught for the Leavenworth School district for a total of 20 years. Working with first graders was her passion and teaching reading was her joy. In Katie's honor, the Yoakam family requests all monies be allocated for reading enhancements at Anthony Elementary School.

**Donor: Coldwell Banker Reilly & Sons**

**Grant: Connecting Students To the Community Through Art**

**Amount: \$3,966.00**

**Contact Person: Tony Waldron, Jessica Walters, Lillie Schenk, Dennis Hatfield, Robert Caton, Shawn Cordel, & Kaleena Grasela**

In the 2019 Leavenworth Student Art Show, students will connect to the career of art by showcasing their artwork to the public during an art reception. Students will then create cultural and community

connections through their art. This event will connect to our Visual Art Standards through presentation and discussion of how such exhibits contribute to the community.

**Donor: First City Photo/Julius Kaaz Construction**

**Grant: The Garden Project**

**Amount: \$675.00**

**Contact Person: Emily Wagner**

The garden project would allow students to build a raised garden bed and then plant herbs, flowers, and vegetables that they will be able to then integrate into their daily nutrition. The garden project would be hands on, because the students that would be involved in the project will have to build a raised garden bed, plant the plants, as well as maintain the garden. This project would have many benefits to the students and the Anthony community. The students will gain a sense of responsibility, cooperation, knowledge about farm to table, all while using their mathematical and science skills to construct the garden.

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**Donor: Kiwanis Club of Leavenworth**

**Grant: Books For Fun**

**Amount: \$2,580.00**

**Contact Person: Stormy McClanahan & Nancy Crain**

We would like to purchase children's books for our students to take home for additional reading practice to help improve their reading fluency and comprehension. Many of our students have no books of their own. Data from AIMSWebPlus testing, Fall 2017\*, shows that 62% of our students fell below the 25% of National Norms in reading fluency. This data is for Grades 1-5, using the AIMSWeb reading fluency test results. By providing students with books they can read at home, we hope to prevent, or at least help the "summer slide" that is a consistent trend in our school.

### **Earl M. Lawson Elementary School**

**Donor: Leavenworth Times/Control Service Co.**

**Grant: Constructing Creative Centers for Pre-Kindergarten**

**Amount: \$400.00**

**Contact Person: Patricia Coyle**

Pre-kindergarten is a standard based program that teaches literacy, communication, math, science, and social studies. Pre-Kindergarten also prepares children socially and emotionally for Kindergarten. All of this is taught through interactive hands on center based discovery learning. Blocks, sensory activities, STEM activities, art, music, and dramatic play all foster a young child's learning experiences. This grant will create quality hands on discovery learning for my Pre-Kindergarten classes.

**Donor: Lifetouch Pictures--Jill Thorne/Besel's**

**Grant: Visual Literacy Nonconsumable Support**

**Amount: \$690.00**

**Contact Person: Jessica Waters**

This grant will fulfill the need of a tall, portable, 100 shelf drying rack for the drying of wet art projects. Artmaking is an essential part of visual literacy development. Visual literacy development influences students empathy development, communication, problem solving skills and visualization strategies in reading comprehension.

**Carol Dark-Ayres Music Grant**

**Donor: Brian Voorhess/Marlow White Uniforms**

**Grant: Orffestrations: Bringing Music Alive Part II**

**Amount: \$1,500.00**

**Contact Person: Michelle Boucher Smith**

This grant will allow us to add additional Orff instruments that will allow the entire class to play together in a small or large group. These instruments are easily adaptable for students with disabilities and the younger students and they will give students the ability to quickly and easily play simple to easy ostinatos and bordums to accompany songs.

**David Brewer Elementary School**

**Donor: Exchange Bank & Trust/Marti Crow**

**Grant: Prompts for Restructuring Oral Muscular Phonetic Targets (PROMPT)**

**Amount: \$1,700.00**

**Contact Person: Laura Masterson & Margaret Miller**

SLPs in the district would like to attend the PROMPT training which is a multidimensional approach to serving students with communication based disorders. Traditionally, and SLP relies solely on the auditory and visual systems to teach sound productions, however, PROMPT provides a multisensory approach that incorporates the tactile system to improve communication outcomes in the educational setting.

**Donor: Armed Forces Insurance**

**Grant: Let Me Run**

**Amount: \$2,200.00**

**Contact Person: Craig Idacavage**

Let Me Run is a seven week running program for pre-teen and teenage boys. The team meets twice a week to train for a 5k. They will also learn to express themselves, reach personal goals and improve overall wellness.

**Henry Leavenworth Elementary School**

**Donor: Frontier Community Credit Union/Kathleen Glenn**

**Grant: Layered Learning: Science, Social Studies, Math and Literacy**

**Amount: \$1,589.00**

**Contact Person: Karen Miller**

The National Geographic Explorer magazines integrate additional science and social studies content into the math and reading blocks. In addition to the time requirement necessary for the language arts and math standards, we have found the informational and literary texts from National Geographic magazines are an important and exciting supplement to the enVision math and Daily 5 reading programs.

**Donor: McDonald's/Col. (Ret) Norman & Doreen Greczyn**

**Grant: Lighting the Science and Social Studies Fire**

**Amount: \$523.00**

**Contact Person: Sheri Eberth, Gale Jarowitz, Vicki Nash, Angie Schwalm & Stacy Vardiman**

Building vocabulary is essential to gaining understanding in the areas of science and social studies. We have limited resources for attaining this goal. The National Geographic Explorer will help those students that are below grade level in reading, comprehension, and vocabulary usage.

**Donor: Advantage Printing/Henke Mfg.**

**Grant: Building Community as Family**

**Amount: \$1,115.00**

**Contact Person: Sheri Eberth, Gale Jarowitz, Vicki Nash, Angie Schwalm & Stacy Vardiman**

Social opportunities to learn about our community is limited. We want to give our students an opportunity to visit local downtown businesses, learn first-hand how their lives are affected and the importance of services our community family offers.

### Leavenworth High School

**Donor: Jerome & Charla Reilly**

**Grant: Advanced Drama Community Impact Touring Productions**

**Amount: \$450.00**

**Contact Person: Jennifer Morgan-Beuchat**

The Advanced Drama Touring Productions will be touring with "Tour of Hope Puppet Plays" to the Ronald McDonald House in December which will show how theatre has a lifelong impact on healing and the "Anti Bullying Play" will visit all four elementary schools in one day to empower change in students and schools.

**Donor: Great Western Mfg./Ronald & Jean Romig**

**Grant: MacBook Air for Debate**

**Amount: \$4,000.00**

**Contact Person: Jennifer Morgan-Beuchat and Madeline Plovier**

Last year the debate team won two sweepstakes tournaments, second in another sweepstakes tournament with three teams qualifying for state. The MacBook Air has increased competitiveness and confidence in the debate students. An increase in number of MacBook Air will allow each debate student to create a more unified organizing system for the team and give all debate students a sense of appreciation, acknowledgement and self-worth.

**Donor: Family Eyecare Center**

**Grant: International Festival**

**Amount: \$3,000.00**

**Contact Person: Liz Anstine**

Leavenworth DECA students will be hosting the International Festival at Leavenworth High School. In addition to the foreign exchange students and the twelve international liaison military officers, the 110 international officers and their families visiting from their home countries at attend, the CGSC will also participate and a parade of nations will be featured at the festival for the first time this year.

**Donor: Kansas Gas Service/Leavenworth Rotary Club**

**Grant: Physics of Waves and Resonance (Project Based Learning)**

**Amount: \$1,600.00**

**Contact Person: Mark Wentz**

This grant is geared toward building flutes. By constructing this flute the general physics concepts such as, wavelength, frequency, amplitude, wave speed, wave mediums and resonance will be learned. Other outcomes of this project are learning the many concepts, equations and problem solving (both visual motor skills and written problem solving).

**Carol Dark-Ayres Music Grant****Donor: Robert & Sharon Doran III/Sally Estes****Grant: LHS Choir -- Have Keyboard, Will Travel****Amount: \$1,000.00****Contact Person: Judith Rounda & Connie Baxter**

Providing a digital keyboard or stage piano when travelling to different locations will increase performance confidence, the number of opportunities to perform, the number of points awarded in competition(having live accompaniment) and having control of a reliable piece of equipment gives the students a peace of mind when performing.

**Donor: Geiger Ready Mix****Grant: The Omaha Film Festival Academy 2019****Amount: \$1,500.00****Contact Person: Jennifer Morgan-Beuchat**

An amazing opportunity for students, the Omaha Film Festival Academy and Omaha Film Festival itself, offer our LHS students connections and learning that they would never have in class. Our continuing goal is to offer our students incredible resources and options for college and careers readiness. The Omaha Film Festival is a nationally recognized film festival that brings all types of films to Omaha: documentaries, short films, animated short, feature films, horror, science fiction, and more.

**Donor: Dr. Mike & Julie Roth****Grant: Rocketbook Note taking Application****Amount: \$560.00****Contact Person: Sharon Mueller**

Rocketbooks are smart notebooks that allow students to take notes and scan them digitally and the notes then transfer to their selective drive. Students then erase the notesheet and begin again. The goal of this grant project is to increase student note taking levels and to assist students in becoming organized. This will work alongside the AVID focused note taking strategy at LHS.

**Donor: J.F. Denney Plumbing & Heating****Grant: Circle The Wagons-- Pioneers in Action****Amount: \$1,893.00****Contact Person: Hannah Robinson, Brittany Almire, Sara King and Emily Freeman**

Special education students from the high school will be in a leadership position and preschoolers will receive exposure to literacy concepts necessary for kindergarten readiness. Special education high school students will complete a job interview process to become facilitators of a leadership/literacy program which will benefit LHS and Anthony Elementary School. Specifically, preschoolers will be the primary beneficiaries at the elementary school. There will be a "book of the month" which will be read and distributed to the preschool classroom(s). Facilitators will prepare monthly literacy activities related to the "book of the month" for preschool participants.

**Donor: VideoWorks/Training, Technologies & Support**

**Grant: CTE Showcase**

**Amount: \$2,645.00**

**Contact Person: Liz Anstine, April Wolters & Steve Short**

In support of CTE(Career Technical Education) month in February CTE/CTSO students from LHS will go to Richard Warren Middle School to showcase the different career pathways available to students at LHS. Warren students will tour the different pathways and participate in engaging activities setup by LHS students. They will be able to showcase their amazing projects while informing future LHS students about career pathways offered at the high school.

**Donor: Country Club Bank**

**Grant: Introduction to Technology Project Based Learning with Modules/MakerSpace**

**Amount: \$2,000.00**

**Contact Person: Ruth Striggow**

MakerSpace and Project Based Learning is an excellent way for students to achieve STEM skills. This program will be incorporated into the Introduction to Technology classroom curriculum as well as Drafting/CAD and Research in Manufacturing as design projects. Not only does MS an PBL include many state standards and STEM properties, it is also very exciting watching students create products and it is easy to get students involved in this program.

**Nettie Hartnett**

**Donor: Dr. Cathy Redelberger**

**Grant: Quest Quilters**

**Amount: \$508.00**

**Contact Person: Jeanne Gray**

This project would supply sewing machines and sewing items for Quest students. The sewing projects will improve math skills(measure and alter fabric) as well as build students' self-confidence. Sewing will also improve hand-eye coordination. Students would also sell some of the projects to help fund additional projects which will expose the students to budgeting and marketing skills.

**Donor: Hallmark Cards/Zephyr Products, Inc.**

**Grant: Pioneer Produce**

**Amount: \$687.00**

**Contact Person: Jennifer Simmons & Rebekah Varvel**

The elementary students started the Pioneer Produce last year where they grew plants, harvested them and sold them to educators. This year the students would like to expand their business model to be able to grow more plants, reach out to more community members and to be able to enhance their knowledge on sustainability, nutrition, and organic foods.

<b>Innovative Teacher Grants:</b>	<b>\$50,010.00</b>
<b>Music Grant:</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Reilly &amp; Sons Community Art Show</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,966.00</u></b>
<b>Total Grants:</b>	<b>\$56,476.00</b>
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,000.00</u></b>

**Total Funds Awarded:**

**\$57,476.00**