

LPSEF Innovative Teacher Grants for 2017-2018

The Foundation received 41 grant proposals requesting \$117,902.05 and awarded 28 Innovative Teacher Grants(30 presentations)

Richard Warren Middle School

Donor: Mainstreet Credit Union/Brenda Harding

Grant: Getting Stronger Together

Amount: \$5,000.00

Contact Person: Deb Keighley, Angie Sculley, Sean Sachen & Ron Marney

“Getting Stronger Together” is a mentoring program that will include the use of high school students from Physical Education Courses and members of our community to help enhance the wellness of our students. Once a month LHS students will prepare a “wellness life lesson” to present and mentor the physical education students at Warren. Each month a member of the Leavenworth community will present a “wellness life lesson” to the physical education classes at Warren. Life lessons will include but not be limited to nutrition, mental health, physical health, academics and social health. The goal is to improve wellness, positive character, academic success, self-esteem, increase student involvement, promote positive social interactions and Pioneer Pride.

Donor: Col. (Ret) Norman & Doreen Greczyn/Laura Batson

Grant: Cooking Up Success

Amount: \$450.00

Contact Person: Brenda Harding

Cooking up success will allow Functional Academics teachers provide meaningful lessons in independent life skills; such as cooking and other basic household duties. Cooking provides math and science skills that will be invaluable to students as they learn to connect classroom learning with real-life activities. The lessons will allow students to grow in their own independence while gaining important skills that will allow them to seek employment as they transition from middle to high school and beyond.

Donor: Family EyeCare Center/Heatron

Grant: Girls on the Run/Heart and Soul

Amount: \$5,000.00

Contact Person: Brenda Harding, Chelsie Swearingen, Sara VanBaale,

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. The girls would combine training for a 5k running event with healthy living education. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness.

Donor: Country Club Bank/Kevin Gullett

Grant: Nuturing PioNEARS

Amount: \$4,000.00

Contact Person: Kaley Wittrock

Nearpod can be accessed on Chromebooks through the internet or chrome application by the Warren teachers. The school licenses open doors to features and storage capacity that is currently unavailable. Nearpod is accessible for all content areas to create your own presentation, but has lessons readily available for the content areas of math, language arts, science and social studies. The access will also have unlimited Nearpod’s lesson library, 2 box sets(made of 12 virtual reality boxes) and a half day of professional development by Nearpod.

Donor: Coldwell Banker Reilly & Sons/Henke Mfg

Grant: Science Olympiad

Amount: \$1,160.00

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.

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: Besel's/Marti Crow

Grant: The Garden Project

Amount: \$668.77

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.

Donor: Armed Forces Insurance/Sandra Pepper

Grant: Engineering and Design in 2nd Grade

Amount: \$1,213.00

Contact Person: Brittany Buckner

The second grade will be learning about engineering and design through Ozobots. Ozobots are little robots that respond to different color codes. Children essentially program the ozobots through different color codes used with the ozobot markers. Different color codes signal the ozobot to do things such as move slower, faster, cruise, line jump right, u turn, go left, go right, pause, zig zag, tornado, spin, walk backwards, and much more! These ozobots will grab the attention of students and allow them to explore, manipulate, and create.

Donor: Advantage Printing/Sally Estes

Grant: Versatiles Worthwhile for Kindergarten Smiles

Amount: \$1,519.60

Contact Person: Leslie Hladky, Ann Pouy, Brittany Sowers & Heather Brooks

The kindergarten Versatiles Lab kit is a hands on program that combines student books, answer cases, and tiles that result in specific patterns in a puzzle when the answers are correct. This kit is the perfect way to engage kindergarten students of all academic levels to learn standards across the board in a fun way.

Donor: Kiwanis Club of Leavenworth/Lifetouch Pictures

Grant: Books For Fun

Amount: \$2,760.00

Contact Person: Nancy Crain & Stormy McClanahan

Books for fun is to help students at home by providing books for additional practice reading to improve their reading fluency. Each student would receive four books throughout the school year. The students would take these books home to keep and build their personal libraries. The books will be selected with the students reading and interest levels in mind. This will encourage parents and families to be actively involved in their students' educational process.

Earl M. Lawson Elementary School

Donor: Leavenworth Times/J.E. Dunn

Grant: Impact Literacy! 2017

Amount: \$1,416.97

Contact Person: Jeaniene Mitchell

The purpose of the Impact Literacy! 2017 initiative is to build upon the library collection activities in 2016, with an emphasis on developing a graphic novel collection and speakers bureau. Impact Literacy! 2017 also provides for independent reading opportunities by creating fun critical skills-building games, with a treasure box incentive for participation.

Donor: Carol Dark Ayres Music Grant

Grant: Orffestrations: Bringing Music Alive at Earl Lawson Elementary with Orff Instruments

Amount: \$2,500.00

Contact Person: Michelle Boucher Smith

These Orff instruments will give all students the ability to quickly and easily play simple to difficult ostinatos and melodies. These instruments are easily adaptable for students with disabilities and can be simplified by taking bars off for younger students.

Donor: R. David Wentz/Ron & Jean Romig

Grant: Constructing Quality Early Childhood Education

Amount: \$300.00

Contact Person: Patricia Coyle

Pre-kindergarten is a center based program that teaches literacy, communication, math, science, and social skills. This grant would specifically provide food for cooking centers which teach science, math and language skills and allow the group to utilize the Starfall.com website to learn about technology and digital media as part of center based learning.

David Brewer Elementary School

Donor: First City Photo

Grant: Connecting Students To the Community Through Art

Amount: \$3,286.38

Contact Person: Dennis Hatfield, Tony Waldron, Kaleena Grasela, Lillie Schenk, Dawn Blankartz, Emily Sipp & Lexie Everman

In the 2018 Second Annual Riverfront Student Art Show, students, K-12 grade, 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: Dr. Mike & Julie Roth

Presentation: David Brewer School Playground

Amount: \$3,000.00

Last year, the Horizon Kids Childcare Program celebrated 10 years of service. In recognition of that strong presence in our community, the LPSEF designated \$10,000 for Horizon Kids Program materials and equipment. In partnership with the district, specifically, David Brewer Elementary School, as the host of the summer program, the LPSEF purchased a swingset for the new playground. We eagerly await the arrival of the swingset, at which time we will place a placard denoting the contribution by the LPSEF.

Henry Leavenworth Elementary School

Donor: Zephyr Products/Studdard Moving & Storage

Grant: How to Train Your Brain! Phase 2: Going Deeper

Amount: \$922.27

Contact Person: Cindy Scircle

Henry Leavenworth students will deepen the opportunity to explore the brain and develop common vocabulary to help actively engage the brain in learning. In addition, the students will apply different methods of focusing, moving from emotional to logical problem solving, and growing desired neuron connections. With practice these methods can enhance academic performance and develop self-regulation.

Donor: Frontier Community Credit Union/Lexeco

Grant: Literacy & Math Versatiles

Amount: \$3,400.00

Contact Person: Michelle Foster & Ann Broeker

Versatiles are a hands on tool that directly coincide with STEM in regards to math, science and reading. The classroom kits are uniquely designed to reinforce skills with specific activities allowing teachers to differentiate their classroom instruction. The Versatiles allow you to differentiate focus on foundational skills and concepts in an engaging puzzle format that is presented in a fun way but challenges students simultaneously. Students in the third grade classrooms will directly model and offer peer guidance to their younger counterparts in first grade. This approach builds upon our theme of bringing students together to collaborate and learn as well as our “being a family” at Henry Leavenworth Elementary.

Donor: Robert & Sharon Doran III/Artistic Works by Lu

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

Amount: \$1,567.50

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.

Leavenworth High School

Donor: St. John/Providence Hospital

Grant: Minority Leadership & College Planning

Amount: \$700.00

Contact Person: Chandra Fairley

The LHS minority students were invited and always attended leadership symposiums at various universities. The primary purpose of the sessions are to help minority students to strengthen and/or develop leadership skills, to establish connections in preparing for college and to receive information regarding college admissions, financial aid, scholarships, academic programs, social aspects of campus life, college support programs and much more. The benefits of taking these trips, outweigh the costs.

Donor: Commerce Bancshares Foundation

Grant: Job Hunting Handbook

Amount: \$1,576.80

Contact Person: Liz Anstine

The job hunting handbook will be a tool given to all senior students in their English class. This tool will help students when preparing resumes, cover letters, identifying what to wear to job interviews, to practice interview questions and more. These booklets are a great tool to help students organize their attributes and skills in preparing a resume and setting up a plan to contact future employers.

Donor: Hallmark Cards Inc./Hansen's Properties/Realty

Grant: International Festival

Amount: \$2,000.00

Contact Person: Liz Anstine

This project is a community international festival, intending to bring all students, K-12, staff and community members together to share culture by displaying artifacts, food, ethnic rich music and talents. Visitors will travel around the exhibits to taste, feel and see the rich cultures of their peers and community members home countries.

Donor: VideoWorks

Grant: Pushing Pioneer Journalists into the Future

Amount: \$2,597.99

Contact Person: Meredith Roberts, Alise Boal & Sarah Weekley

Through advanced technology avenues in high school Journalism, students will be able to increase the level and quality of projects in order to more closely align with KSDE standards, as well as better prepare for their futures.

The department would add one drone and two gimbals. A gimbal is similar to a tripod but one is able to move around and follow action without camera shake or making the viewer motion sick. The drone and gimbals will expand the visual capability of our coverage. The added perspective of overhead adds depth to our coverage.

Donor: Training, Technologies, & Support

Grant: First Amendment Fantasy

Amount: \$400.00

Contact Person: Misti Stevens

Kansas University has invited the LHS senior social studies class to attend the Johnson County First Amendment Foundation's discussions with Laws Scholars. The students will listen to and ask questions of Floyd Abrams and Retired Judge Deanell Tacha. The information and experience the students will be exposed to will help them realize the power and importance of our Constitution in a way that cannot be replicated in our classroom.

Donor: Exchange National Bank

Grant: Functional Communication for LHS Life Skills Students

Amount: \$2,727.90

Contact Person: Phyllis Salas, Emily Freeman and Terrance Jordan

Augmentative-alternative communication(AAC) devices offer great promise in helping nonverbal and/or highly unintelligible individuals overcome their communication barriers. These devices are efficient, user friendly and cost effective and develop functional communication for students in the district.

Donor: Great Western Mfg./Jerome & Charla Reilly

Grant: Mac Airbooks for LHS Debate Squad

Amount: \$4,000.00

Contact Person: Jennifer Morgan-Beuchat

Currently, Kansas and National High School Debate has shifted from using paper copy evidence to computers for more effective storage, note taking, and research between rounds. The current Chromebooks at the high school cannot offer multiple files open side by side for storage on the desktop if the wifi is turned off. The Mac Airbooks will allow multiple files open side by side with storage available with wifi off and provide the online research opportunities between rounds when needed.

Donor: Geiger Ready Mix

Grant: The Omaha Film Festival Academy

Amount: \$3,000.00

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. Going into our third year of attending, 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: Julius Kaaz Construction/Leavenworth Rotary Club

Grant: The Tour of Hope Puppet Project

Amount: \$671.00

Contact Person: Jennifer Morgan-Beuchat

The Advanced Drama Class wants to bring in Richard Schultz, puppeteer and designer, to teach them how to build muppet style puppets, create distinct puppet characters, operate the puppets, write puppet scripts. and create a portable puppet stage. The ultimate goal is to build the puppets in the fall

so the show can be taken to local hospitals, schools, and Children's Mercy this December to bring hope and joy to those who may not be with their family for the holidays.

Donor: June's Northland/McDonald's

Grant: Anti Bullying Touring Production

Amount: \$271.00

Contact Person: Jennifer Morgan-Beuchat

The focus of this project is to combine the advanced skills of LHS theatre students in providing an anti bullying touring production presented in a children's theatre format at all elementary schools in April.

Nettie Hartnett

Donor: Dr. Cathy Redelberger/American Roofing

Grant: Enhanced Communication through Technology

Amount: \$3,290.00

Contact Person: Laura Masterson

The use of iPad technology in speech therapy serves students with a wide range of communication disorders. The technology has an adverse effect on the educational and social outcomes of students. The technology will enhance the students engagement for the following target skills: vocabulary, comprehension, sequencing and retelling, articulation, pragmatic language, self-monitoring, generalization and socialization.

Donor: Doug & Terry Lee/Marlow White Uniforms

Grant: Work Placement Production

Amount: \$1,500.00

Contact Person: Leah Litherland

Adults with disabilities have a difficult time gaining employment due to a lack of skills needed in the community. With the work production program in the Quest 1821, we are able to teach the students basic skills to help with employment possibilities. The use of the tested Job Task Boxes, the district's students with disabilities can obtain skills to obtain employment in the community. This will relieve the monetary pressures on the community for adults that would be on full disability.

Innovative Teacher Grants: \$55,399.18

Music Grant: \$ 2,500.00

Total Grants: \$57,899.18

Memorial: \$ 1,000.00

Special Presentation: \$ 3,000.00

Total Funds Awarded: \$61,899.18