



PCCS EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION FALL 2017 CLASSROOM GRANTS

Noteworthy Classroom Rug

Jesse Alstaidt Dodson Elementary Music

This is a useful tool for teaching music to children. It gives students their own independent spot in the classroom. This rug will be utilized in a multitude of ways to increase productivity, student engagement, and streamline routines for all learners. **Amount granted: \$752.71**

Educational Software for Guiding Instruction (ESGI)

Stephanie Carson, Amy Korstijens, Annie Cebul, Sarah Ropert Farrand Elementary

This is software that provides a streamlined one on one student assessment for Pre-Reading, Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, and Pre-Math Skills. It is loaded on the classroom iPad, and a teacher can quickly test a student with tests aligned with the Common Corps. **Amount granted: \$736.00**

Google Expeditions Kit

Tammie Groth and Kathy Lester East Middle School

Google Expeditions Virtual Reality Kit allows teachers to bring this engaging and authentic way of learning to East Middle students. It will enhance the middle school social studies curriculum by allowing students in grades six through eight to interactively experience locations around the world without leaving the classroom. Students virtually explore locations while the teacher leads them on their journey.

Amount granted: \$3,999.00

Instrument Loaner Program

Penny Kazmierski and Cathy DePentu Canton High School

This was a request to purchase four cellos for the middle school music program. Cellos cannot be transported on the bus, so instruments are provided for them at school during day time rehearsals. At middle school $\frac{3}{4}$ size cellos are needed to fit the height of the students. **Amount granted: \$4,680.00** (This grant was made possible by donations from Community Financial.)

EMS World Premiere Commission Project

Matt Kazmierski East Middle School

The East Middle School "Rocket Band" is commissioning EMU resident composer to write a new composition for the advanced middle school band. **Amount granted: \$500.00**

Full Steam Ahead: Making in the Library and Beyond

Gwen Marchesano Pioneer Middle School

In 2016-17 students began a collaborative coding club in the library. This request for funds is to create a broader program of "making" in the library that appeals to more students, provides a variety of making experiences across STEAM topics and encourages collaboration. **Amount granted: \$1,593.39**

Subscription for NY Times Upfront Magazine

Michelle Mimikos and Rachel Ammar Canton High School

This magazine is targeted towards teens as it includes high interest stories with many text structures that appeal to learners in Reading/Writing Workshop class. These students are struggling in the area of reading and writing, and this will help them get engaged in reading. **Amount granted: \$350.00**

Kitchen Equipment

Emily Moczulski Canton High School

This grant will assist the Creative Foods, International Foods, and Living on Your Own classes, which encompass six kitchens. The funds would purchase a new cookware set for each of the kitchens.

Amount granted: \$283.32

Spanish Kindness Rocks

Pamela Purcell Liberty/Electives—Foreign Language

Utilizing these rocks will bring cultural awareness to the community by appreciating and understanding other languages and cultures. Rocks are painted, hidden, and found by others in the community. Countless Facebook posts indicated the excitement of finding a rock that has a special meaning.

Amount granted: \$195.22

Melting Point Determination

Steven Rooney Plymouth/Science

The purpose of this project is to give the IB chemistry students access to a college level lab technique that is also used in many commercial analytical laboratories. The IB chemistry curriculum is heavily lab-based. However, it is important that those labs are as close to a real- world experience, as possible.

Amount granted: \$950.48

Lab Dispensing Bottles

Katherine Smiley Salem High School

This grant is needed to cover the cost of plastic dispensing bottles for chemistry labs. This will eliminate dispensing the wrong chemical into the wrong container, which eliminates contamination of the bottles.

Amount granted: \$170.10

QBall

Casey Swanson Plymouth High School

QBall is a wireless microphone system that will eliminate trying to pass a microphone to all participants in the class. This is a portable, throwable, cushion encased microphone.

Amount granted: \$354.00

Reader's Workshop

Allison Tomasitas Farrand Elementary

This grant will allow the purchase of nine class sets of different chapter books to be used during Reader's Workshop for classroom instruction for the third- grade team. This is to support the new reading curriculum, in which teachers are expected to deliver reading instruction using a Reading Workshop model. **Amount granted: \$1,000.00**

Brainpop Integration with Individual Learning Paths

Jolie Valentine and Bryan Leudy Field Elementary

Brainpop is an educational video creator with supporting tools to help students make connections between their learning. The site goes far beyond the whole class videos often used by teachers, including educational games, quizzes, and up to the minute content connected to real world events. This will be a building wide subscription. **Amount granted: \$1,890.00**

Project Sentence Strengtheners: Using Story Champs to Increase Mean Length of Utterance in Preschool

Kellie Woehlke Gallimore PreK Speech

The goal of this project is to increase preschool oral language through storytelling and retelling. The target population is three-year- old students who are currently receiving speech and language therapy through our Communications Builder Program. **Amount granted: \$278.00**

Total amount granted: \$18,231.78

