

# **Approved Grants for 2013-2014**

## **FINE ARTS**

### **Fine Arts Enrichment Program**

This program will provide all grades with educational and culturally enriching Fine Arts performances. A wide array of diverse programming is planned for the coming year thanks to the tremendous efforts of the APT Fine Arts Committee

### **Artist in Residence**

This program will assist District 67 in the funding of an artist in residence to align the movement portion of the music curriculum with the dance portion of the wellness curriculum, allowing teachers to reinforce the same concepts and skills and allowing for student choice and self-expression through creative movement.

### **Loom Knitting**

This grant will purchase knitting looms for Deerpath Middle School's Home Arts Program for use in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade related arts rotation. These looms will allow all the students to make hats during their Home Arts rotation, providing a new way to increase self-confidence, accomplishment and enjoyment.

### **Bringing Technology To Music**

This grant provides 16 MacBook Pro Laptops, headphones and microphones for the Deerpath Middle School Music Department. All Music Department students benefit from having access to powerful software tools like Smartmusic, Garageband, Vocaroo and Musicscore. These tools allow for complex compositions, improved self-assessment and more improved performance feedback.

### **The Real Game and Career Cruising**

Real Game and Career Cruising is an interactive career exploration program allowing students to explore careers in today's society while in their Home Arts rotation at Deerpath Middle School. Students learn about managing time, earning and managing money realistically, stress, life's necessities and future opportunities.

### **Garment Printer For Epic T-shirt Project**

This grant will provide a digital garment printer for use in New Media classes at Deerpath Middle School, where students will print designs from computers directly onto t-shirts. The t-shirt project shows that digital creations can have real world applications and rewards the students with unique wearable artwork.

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

### **Playaway with Audio Books**

This grant provides playaway audiobooks and the corresponding books for Cherokee's and Sheridan's libraries. The playaways support and enhance the existing curriculum by allowing students the opportunity to enjoy books, even if they are not able to read fluently and confidently. The playaways allow students to grow as independent readers.

### **Monarch and Bluestem Books**

Two complete sets of the 2013 Monarch and Bluestem Award books will be provided to each of the elementary schools. These award winning books are always popular with the students and this grant will allow for more accessibility for student check out.

### **Elaine Buckhardt - Fountas and Pinell Leveled Literacy Program**

Three complete Fountas and Pinell Red System Leveled Literacy Intervention Programs will be provided to each of the elementary schools. This scientifically-based intervention program is a comprehensive program engaging stories and novels with a focus on comprehension, vocabulary and fluency skills.

### **Reading Camps For Middle School**

This grant supports the purchase of Summer Reading Camps and Effective Reading Interventions, a concentrated intense literacy intervention program. This program will be used in summer school with students in grades 4-8, as well as for middle school students in tiered instruction.

### **APT Visiting Author**

Through promoting interaction with published authors, the Visiting Author program helps bring the creative writing process to life in a meaningful and accessible way for all students in Grades K-8. The Spirit thanks the APT Visiting Author Committee for their commitment to this program.

### **Team Read Ipads**

Ipads and educational reading apps will be used to reinforce learned concepts and to provide independent practice. The ipads will enhance the experience for all students during Team Read for students of all reading levels

### **Ipod Shuffles for Listening Centers**

Ipod shuffles, a subscription to audible.com and books for each of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms in District 67 will be used as an alternative method to further bring about a love of good literature and a love of reading to students.

### **Engaged Learning: Apple TV and Monitor on a Cart**

An Apple TV and rolling cart will provide an alternative method for reading specialist teachers to engage students who have diverse learning styles. Visual elements incorporated into reading support groups will assist with building background knowledge and gaining deeper understanding of literary elements.

## **MATH**

### **Math and the Common Core**

This grant provides new materials from EAI Education that will support students in hands-on, student centered approach to math problem solving as well as games that will help

them sharpen their skills in creative and engaging ways. This grant will benefit all elementary school students in District 67.

### **Museum of Thinking: Apple TV and Ipads**

10 Ipads and an apple TV will enable teachers to enrich the 6<sup>th</sup> grade math curriculum through integration of technology in the classroom. The technology will foster the new Standards for Mathematical Practice and encourage students to be leaders in the classroom.

## **SCIENCE**

### **Science Lab Demonstration and Activities**

New demonstrations and materials, including Roller Coaster Labs, Molecule Kits and Tectonic Demonstration Models, will enhance lessons throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum by engaging students and allowing teachers to add visual aids to the classroom and labs.

### **Carolina Biological Science TWIG & TIG TAG Films**

This grant will provide a year subscription to TWIG and TIG TAG film. The films show scientific and mathematical concepts in action in the real world and highlight key concepts in effective ways. The films will be available for all K-4 science specialists, 5-8 science teachers, as well as K-8 students and parents via home access.

### **Informational Text Readers**

This grant will provide informational text readers for all three elementary schools. Incorporating new readers into the science curriculum will provide students with yet another opportunity to express themselves through reading and writing during science and language art instruction.

### **Increasing Student and Teacher Interaction Through Technology**

Ipad minis and Apple TVs will enhance the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science curriculum by providing a mobile platform from which classroom activities can be initiated. The science curriculum will be more student centered and driven by student participation.

## **SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Social Thinking Materials**

This grant provides a variety of tools to use with students with social skill deficits. in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade . Targeted skills include being a good listener, managing one's feelings and working in a group.

### **Community Wellness Task Force**

This grant will provide a contribution to help underwrite training for social workers, psychologist and health teachers in crisis prevention and intervention. The specific training includes a deeper understanding of the risk factors of teen depression and teen suicide.

### **Lucy Valentine - Capturing Kids Hearts**

This grant will help provide professional development for administrators, faculty and staff to build positive, productive, trusting relationships among themselves and with their students. Capturing Kids Hearts is the core of a powerful process that allows every member of the school faculty to foster and become part of a high performing, learning community

### **LEAD Parent University**

This grant will provide LEAD with a contribution to help underwrite the cost of speakers for Parent University. We join other organizations and schools in our community in support of this program.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

### **Expanded Showcasing: Social Studies Whiteboard**

Enhanced presentation equipment for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies classroom to augment the delivery of the social studies curriculum and enhance the process through which it is currently delivered.

### **Sixth Grade Cultural Fair**

Cultural Fairs for 6<sup>th</sup> graders will revolve around the study of Southwest Asia, Africa, and Asia. The cultural fairs integrate social studies with fine art, science, language arts and world language to bring the students a holistic experience. This grant helps provide programs and presenters for the Cultural Fairs.

### **Interactive Globes for Social Studies Classes**

Intelliglobe Interactive World Globes will enhance the 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies curriculum and provide a greater understanding of the geographical regions studied.

### **Holocaust Immersion Week**

8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be studying the Holocaust through an all encompassing immersion approach. This grant will help provide programs, presenters and educational materials for the Immersion Week.

### **Classroom Ipad Grant**

Ipads, an Apple TV and apps will transform the curriculum and meet the common core in social studies and language arts. Additionally, self-directed learning with ipads will allow students ongoing personal learning.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

### **New Media Arts Moving Image Display**

A television with built-in DVD player mounted outside the New Media Arts classroom will allow 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students an opportunity to have their films and animations displayed for the entire school to see.

### **Students x (Apple TVs + Ipads) = Transformation and Engagement**

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### **WELLNESS**

#### **Norm Erickson - Changing Wellness Through Water**

This grant will provide 4 water bottle fillers for the Deerpath Middle School Campus, This will promoting a healthy lifestyle by encouraging students and staff to use water bottles in their daily life.

### **WORLD LANGUAGE**

#### **Tabula Callida- Smartboard in Latin**

This grant will purchase a SMART Board for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Latin program providing interactive technology and bringing dynamic learning opportunities to all students.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Kreischer Kids' Fund – Family Assistance Program**

The Foundation has granted funds, as in years past, to support student activities where family funding is not possible. The fund is administered by District 67 personnel.

#### **Tabletop Transformation**

This grant provides octagon-shaped tables in a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom at Everett, which will encourage students to work collaboratively and facilitate small group discussions. This would lead the learning of the classroom in a more student directed path in keeping with the Common Core Standards and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning.