

Fine Arts

APT Fine Arts Enrichment Program

Submitted by the Executive APT Fine Arts Committee, this grant will provide all grades with educational and culturally enriching Fine Arts performances that will challenge students to think creatively and encourage them to explore new aspects of the arts on a more personal level.

Visiting Artist Project: A Commemorative Tile Mural

This grant helps underwrite the cost of a tile mural to be created in honor of Everett Elementary School's 100-year anniversary. The mural will be the culminating efforts of a yearlong project by all of Everett's students and will capture the history and culture of Everett within the Lake Forest community. It will leave a lasting and permanent legacy.

Bringing Technology To Music: Phase Two

This grant provides the additional 16 MacBook Pro Laptops, headphones and microphones for the Deer Path Middle School Music Department that had been requested last year, bringing the total granted to 32. All 5th and 6th grade students, as well as 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.

Digital Creativity and Assessments: iPads in the Art Room

The addition of six iPads in each of the elementary art rooms will provide students a new and current means of art exploration and production. It will allow for digital painting and drawing, photography, critique, research of various artists/cultures, digital storytelling, color theory, graphic design, animation, movie making, and cross-curricular learning through the use of the amazing apps that are literally at their fingertips. Students will find a new means for creating, and new ways of expressing themselves at school and beyond.

Digital Media Cameras

This grant will provide six Canon EOS Rebel TD DSLR cameras and accessories for use in the digital technology program at Deerpath Middle School West. The addition of these cameras will allow the middle school students with an opportunity to expand their knowledge and capacity for digital media, including photography and videography with benefits that include: development of fine motor skills, spatial perception, distance and shape recognition, cognitive development and problem solving skills; they will also create a healthy curiosity of nature, science, and culture.

Language Arts

APT Visiting Author Program

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-4. The Spirit thanks the APT Visiting Author Committee for their commitment to this program.

Early Literacy Single Student Libraries and Portable CD Classroom Sets

This grant provides the first grade teachers at Sheridan Elementary School with the audio equipment and read-along classroom libraries that are needed for their Daily 5/Language Arts time, "Listening to Reading". This valuable time allows students to work on their goals including: word work, journaling, read to self, read to someone, and listen to reading.

Monarch & Bluestem Award Books

Two complete sets of the 2014 Monarch and Bluestem Award books will be provided to each of the elementary schools. These award-winning books provide all students the opportunity to read and discuss books that are age appropriate and will spark conversations about quality literature and characteristics that make up "good books". In addition, participating in the award program gives students a sense of empowerment.

Common Core Grade Level Library for the IRC

Cherokee Elementary School will receive a set of Non-Fiction and Poetry book titles for the Information Resource Center that will serve to supplement the reading programs in all grade levels with books that are more rigorous for the implementation of the ELA Standards.

Common Core State Standards Resources – Lucy Valentine

This grant provides various supplemental items to assist all staff and students in the area of Language Arts Common Core. The items will be used in conjunction with a systematic professional development plan for staff, deepening their knowledge of Common Core and Language Arts.

Fountas and Pinell Leveled Literacy – Elaine Buckardt

Three complete Fountas and Pinell Gold 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, as well as test preparation lessons.

Materials for the Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Centers in each of the elementary schools will benefit from this grant that provides them with various common core materials to assist students with disabilities and Individual Education Plans (IEPs). The activities and kits included will allow the teachers to access common core standards in a more individualized and interactive way.

Critical Thinking Game Set

This grant provides a Critical Thinking Skill Booster game set for use in Reading Intervention classes at Deerpath Middle School which will help students build the

following areas of reading comprehension: following directions, predicting outcomes, inference, figurative language, cause/effect, and logic and reasoning. In addition, using board games creates collaboration, and appeals to visual and kinesthetic learners.

Math

Games Galore

This grant provides 10 different games for each of the elementary schools as a means to supplement the new math curriculum, Bridges. One of the components to Bridges is Work Places, where the children work on their personal learning goals in math through games and partner activities. These materials will allow the teachers to better differentiate the activities to meet the needs of all students.

Science

Carolina Biological Science TWIG & TIG TAG Films

This grant will provide a year subscription to TWIG and TIG TAG films. 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.

A World of Its Own

With this grant, the Deerpath Middle School STEM curriculum will be awarded 16 21.5-inch iMac Desktop Computers to create a 21st century learning lab designed for the exploration of STEM through applied technology. Some of the engagements that students will tackle include: mechanics and structures, computer graphics, science and data acquisition, alternative and renewable energy, robotics and control technology, circuitry, and computer simulation.

Social Studies

Geocaching Across the Curriculum

This grant awards 15 Geomate Jr. GPS devices to the fourth grade classrooms at Everett Elementary School for use in their math and social studies curriculum. With the use of this technology students will learn to solve problems with a team of peers emphasizing cooperation, listening, planning, helping, and participation. Math skills include but are not limited to coordinate graphing, decimals, measurement, and estimation; social studies skills involve map reading and map making, using directions, and social skills.

District 67 Time Zone Program

The District 67 Time Zone Program is a hands-on, interactive experience for students in grades K - 4. Each grade's Time Zone program is tied to its curriculum: Kindertown for Kindergarten; Pilgrims for 1st and 2nd grade; Native Americans for 3rd grade; and the State of Illinois for 4th grade. With the award of this grant, the program will be

able to update and replace broken or worn items, as well as expand the fourth grade program to one focusing on different regions of the country, not just Illinois.

Deerpath Middle School 6th Grade Culture Fairs

The Sixth Grade Culture Fair program is comprised of three full day cultural immersion experiences that integrate Social Studies with Fine Arts, Science, Language Arts and World Language. The geographical areas studied include Southwest Asia/Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

Deerpath Middle School 5th Grade Culture Fairs

The Fifth Grade Culture Fair program is being introduced and modeled after the 6th Grade Culture Fairs. Again, the Fairs will be comprised of three full day cultural immersion experiences that integrate Social Studies with Fine Arts, Science, Language Arts and World Language. The geographical areas studied include Egypt, Greece and Rome.

Technology

Global Connections: Using Webcams to Connect to the World

This grant award is for the installation of 12 webcams in all of the computer labs at the elementary schools. The webcams will be used for activities and projects that enhance technology and 21st century learning skills. Teachers are working collaboratively to provide ample opportunities for global awareness, creativity, critical thinking, and communication to a variety of audiences through various technology tools.

Microphone Headsets for the Computer Labs

The Cherokee and Sheridan computer labs will be the recipients of 25 sets of headphones with built-in microphones that will allow students to develop their 21st century learning skills by working on projects that include voiceovers, thereby adding depth and detail to their projects and showing their thinking and understanding of school subjects.

Transforming Learning Through Technology

With this grant, the Haskins Center at Deerpath Middle School West will benefit from new technology to further the continued commitment to the 21st Century Teaching and Learning Skills of Communication, Collaboration and Creativity. Included in this grant: a 70-inch TV monitor with web-cam, dedicated speakers and Apple TV; a 58-inch TV monitor on a portable cart with Apple TV; and 10 iPad minis with protective cases and storage cart. These items replicate some of the most popular and frequently used components from "The Cube".

Portable Multi-Media Carts for DPM-West

In the hope of transforming teaching and learning in Deerpath Middle School West's 21st Century classrooms, this grant awards two self-contained multi-media carts that provide access for 7th and 8th grade students to a variety of technology tools necessary to create student-driven projects for any curricular concept. They include: 10 iPad minis; a subscription to Adobe Creative Suite; 10 MacBook Pro computers; 8

Canon VIXIA Mini video cameras with memory cards; 2 GoPro Hero3+ video cameras; and 2 portable pop-up Green Screens.

Wellness

Indoor Climbing Wall – Norm Erickson

Featured in the Deerpath Middle School Multipurpose Gymnasium, an Indoor Climbing Wall will provide an empowering, challenging and exciting opportunity for increased student engagement. Offering both physical and mental health benefits, different sized students, with or without disabilities, will be able to work together to share authentic social and cooperative learning experiences. The Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Learning Disabilities Association (LDA) has partnered with the Spirit of 67 Foundation to underwrite a portion of this grant.

Water Bottle Filling Station

This grant will provide five water bottle fillers for the elementary school buildings: one at Everett and two each at Cherokee and Sheridan. This will promote a healthy lifestyle by giving students access to clean, filtered water, and will help save our environment from wasted plastic bottles.

Social & Emotional Development

Creating a Book to Create Awareness to Create Change

The Deerpath Middle School 6th grade Advisory classes will undertake a project in which they will research, study, pursue, investigate, and become aware of a global need with the goal that they will first notice the world they live in, and then empower them to change it. Each class will collaborate to create a final presentation in the form of a book.

Friendship Bench

Submitted by a student at Sheridan Elementary School, this grant awards a Friendship Bench in the hopes that it can serve as a place for lonely kids to find a friend. Painted with words of encouragement and positive character traits such as: Hope, Respect, Listen, Dream, and Encourage, the bench also continues to enrich the emotional wellness curriculum as it includes materials to encourage random acts of kindness and helpful ways to use the bench.

Handheld Observation and Data Collection Devices

This grant awards two iPad minis and the application Behavior Tracker Pro to the school Psychologist and her team at Everett Elementary School. Systematic direct observation provides quantifiable data about student behavior that is then analyzed and used in the decision-making process for Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and/or Response to Intervention (RTI).

Social Thinking Materials

This grant provides the elementary schools with the 2nd curriculum to "The Incredible Flexible You" social skills program targeted for students from Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Some examples of skills targeted include: being flexible, making smart guesses, judging the size of a problem, and learning what behavior is expected.

Therapeutic Sensory Integration Products

This grant provides Cherokee Elementary School with various sensory integration tools that assist students with self-regulation and make it easier for students to focus in the classroom.

Miscellaneous

Kreischer's Kids Fund

The Foundation has granted funds, as in years past, to provide opportunities for students to participate in extra-curricular activities, purchase supplies for school related organizations, and fund expenses for travel related school activities, among others. This grant was founded several years ago in memory of Gary Kreischer, a friend to all and former teacher/Principal at District 67. District 67 personnel administer this fund confidentially.

Student Group Room Furniture

This grant provides students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade with new, updated furniture for their Group Room to practice, rehearse, and role-play body language, social language, social communication, and executive functioning skills outside of the classroom.