

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.

2015 Band Composer Commission

This grant helps underwrite the cost of a guest composer – this year, world-class composer Dr. Kevin Walczyk – who will write a unique piece of music for the 7th and 8th grade band students to be performed in the spring of 2016. Having music written specifically for the band students allows them to highlight specific instrument sections, develop their technical skills, as well as challenge and strengthen their skills with direct correlation to the curriculum set in place. Dr. Walczyk will visit the Deer Path Middle School students in the spring to work with them directly on the piece as well as conduct their performance.

DPM Visual Arts Media Resource Center

Art education provides students with a unique opportunity to develop crucial creative thinking skills. Much of the creative process found in art classes involves researching, connecting, and developing ideas. This grant will transform a space from storage to a new Visual Arts Media Resource Center complete with an art library, digital cameras, color printers and additional software that will expand the art curriculum to include digital photography, mixed-media, Photoshop, portfolio development, and other new and current media found in contemporary art.

Electrify Our Strings

Electric instruments offer a new way to approach a similar acoustic instrument. Three violins, one cello and an electric bass will allow students to explore alternative styles, eclectic styles, crossover, and the use of technology within music. All students who participate in the Orchestra program will have the opportunity to play, practice, and perform on these new instruments, which will increase their confidence as well as allow them to experience sound production and technological manipulation.

Theatre Rear Projection System

This grant will provide a rear projection system in the Deer Path Middle School Auditorium that will allow performers a backdrop for all events that can be projected on the back wall of the stage without interfering with the performers. The projection system will support the ongoing and growing Performing arts curriculums, as well as supply the needs of the entire district as it pertains to presentations, performances and community events that take place in the Auditorium at Deer Path Middle School.

Auditorium Audio Replacement

The Deer Path Middle School Auditorium will be outfitted with a new audio system to include a mixing board, additional microphones, antennas, and the necessary

support equipment. The new system will support the growing Performing arts curriculum, as well as all groups who use the Auditorium: drama, music, band, orchestra and choral programs; social studies Culture Fair programs and 8th grade Holocaust programming; visiting authors and other visiting speakers. The new system is the equivalent to the Lake Forest High School system and will additionally benefit those students who will be pursuing theatre arts at the high school.

3Doodler Pens – “The Pen of the Future”

In an effort to further enhance and develop the digital media curriculum for 7th and 8th grade Deer Path Middle School students, this grant will provide a classroom set of 3D pens that lets one draw in the third dimension, turning sketches into sculptures, allowing designs to come to life. Some curricular enhancements will include: turning Photoshop self-portraits into 3D portraits, stop animation projects, and turning photographs into 3D representations.

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.

Monarch & Bluestem Award Books

Two complete sets of the 2016 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.

Read and Write for Google

Read and Write for Google is a Software program that supports reading, writing, and study skills within Google docs, the Internet, PDFs and ePublications. The features of the program include: spelling and word prediction; Dictionary – both traditional and picture; Text-to-speech and speech to text-diction; fact finder; translator; highlighting tools; and vocabulary tool, to name a few. The expanded use of this program across the District will benefit all learners on every level.

Reading and Writing Institute Professional Development

This grant will support and accelerate the training of District 67 teachers and administrators in the Summer Writing and Reading Institutes sponsored by the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University in New York. Teachers will implement Units of Study that have been designed by one of the world's leading experts on literacy instruction, Lucy Calkins. This program is designed to maximize student choice, ownership, goal setting, and time engaged in the act of reading and writing for real life purposes, and is directly tied to the Language Arts

Curriculum recently adopted by the District 67 Board of Education.

Science

Visiting Science Program

The overall objective of this special science event is to foster the students' interest in science through first-hand exploration and investigation by exposing them to visiting scientists from Mad Science of Northern Illinois' Up, Up and Away Special Event (grades K – 2) and Discovery World (grades 3 & 4). These special workshops will be directly linked to the current science curriculum related to Weather and Climate.

Social Studies

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 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

Two Dedicated TV Monitors on a Portable Cart

Working to address the learning needs of all District 67 students, this technology will provide the DSS team with a flexible and fluid tool for presentations, as well as student work in the area of Reading and Math Intervention programs. Having access to this technology provides a way for students who participate in their meetings to see technology applied to adult and systems-level activities, all of which are ultimately directed at addressing their learning needs. It will also provide a more seamless and visual way for everyone to feel more like a participant in the process of discussing needs and making data-based decisions.

Wellness

Re-imaging Outdoor Wellness & Recess @ Deer Path Middle School – Norm Erickson

Submitted by the 7th and 8th grade student council, with the support of wellness teacher Ryan Carney, the Deer Path Middle School campus will be outfitted with a brand new Versa Court system to replace the current blacktop surface. This new system will include two full-size basketball courts with six brand new basketball

hoops; four pickle ball courts; eight four-square courts; two volleyball / badminton courts; and all of the necessary sports equipment for each of these sports. All 950+ students at Deer Path Middle School will benefit from a truly enhanced Wellness Curriculum and outdoor playground for recess. This grant is also being supported with financial contributions from District 67, the City of Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Department, and the Friends of the Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Foundation.

World Language

World Language iPads

This grant provides the World Language Department at Deer Path Middle School East with a classroom set of iPad Mini's. The World Language curriculum will be enhanced and additionally explored through the use of Applications such as: Sock Puppets, iMovie, Auto rap, Audioboom, Viber, Chatter Box, Babel, Memize, Duolingo, Notability, Pic Collage, Tellagami, to name just a few.

Social & Emotional Development

Safe and Civil Schools FOUNDATIONS Program

This grant will support and accelerate the training of District 67 teachers and administrators in a research-based framework that is designed to improve district-wide systems in the areas of school culture, climate, student responsibility, and positive social, emotional, and behavioral systems. This program is published by Safe and Civil Schools and was founded by Dr. Randy Sprick.

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.

Cherokee Inspiration Zone

This grant seeks to increase collaboration, innovation, and exploration for each child at Cherokee Elementary School, not only during the Inspiration Block but also throughout all curricular areas. Via re-imagined use of space in the Cherokee IRC, computer lab, and an adjoining room, the Cherokee Inspiration Zone will be created and adapted for use as collaboration space, innovation space, and exploration space. This grant provides: flexible and tiered seating; moveable whiteboards; an LED touchscreen monitor and height adjustable stand; lap desks; pop-up green screens and green screen lighting kit; iPad Universal-mount floor stands; and multiple hands-on tools for students to use to explore, build, and create using all of their senses.