

Grants 2009-2010

Fine Arts

AOSA Conference

DPM 6th grade General Music students have been selected to perform at the opening session of the 2009 International American Orff-Schulwerk Association Conference in Milwaukee. This grant will help fund the scenery, props and other items that will make this performance, as well as subsequent DPM Fine Arts performances, even more impressive.
\$3000

Audio System for Auditorium

Every note and every word will be heard clearly with the enhancement of the sound system in the DPM Auditorium. This new audio equipment and microphones will bring new life to all performances and presentations.
\$10,617

Wenger Versalite Platforms

From the drama classroom to the Gym and Auditorium, these adjustable platforms will enhance performance spaces, allowing for improved sight lines for both performers and audiences.
\$10,000

Guest Composer 2010

This grant will assist District 67 in the funding of the Guest Composer for the 2010 Choir Commission at DPM. The selected composer, Robert Harris, will compose a piece of music expressly for DPM and work with our 7th and 8th grade Choir students in fine tuning their performance of the piece. The entire DPM campus will attend a concert featuring this special musical collaboration.
\$1,500

"Sounds Good to Me" Orchestra System

In conjunction with the Digital Recording equipment in place, this system will enhance the ability of students to critically listen to how their instrument should sound and compare their performance. This quality feedback is crucial to mastery of an instrument.
2,981

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.
\$12,400

Language Arts

Picture Books for Middle School

Picture books are an invaluable resource when it comes to introducing certain topics for discussion, piquing the interest of students to explore concepts further and adding depth to lessons. This grant will fund the purchase of titles in core curriculum areas such as Math, Science, Language Arts and Social Studies.
\$1,500

Listening to Learn – Audiobooks

This grant will fund the purchase of audiobooks to accompany the classroom novels used in the DPM Language Arts and Social Studies programs. These resources encourage student reading and comprehension, allowing for a deeper understanding of classroom novels.

\$5,330

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-8. The Spirit thanks the APT Visiting Author Committee for their commitment to this program.

\$15,000

Math

Enrichment/Explore Math Support

Building on the success of last year's grant, each elementary school will receive additional resources that will promote interactive learning of basic concepts, such as math facts, as well as higher level thinking challenges. Puzzles, games and physical manipulatives will make learning math skills a fun and dynamic activity. These tools will benefit both Explore-Enrichment classes as well as General Education classes.

\$4,303

Math Activities and Assessment

This grant will complement both the Bridges (K-1) and Everyday Math (2) programs through support of the developmental thinking stages that students move through in learning math concepts. Activity kits and specialized assessment tools will assure that all students are receiving appropriate support.

\$3,192

Science

Elaine Buckardt – Non-Fiction Science Readers

Students at all three elementary schools will improve both their knowledge of the world around them and their non-fiction reading skills with the addition of these new science books. Geared to complement the new Science curriculum, these books will add another dimension to student learning.

\$4,512

A Living Museum at Elawa Farms

Through field exploration and data collection at Elawa Farms, DPM students will create both natural and media exhibits that will be displayed for all District 67 students to enjoy. The funding for this grant allows the purchase of the tools and technology necessary to bring the environmental exhibits to life.

\$14,522

Social Studies

Visiting Ancient Egypt

Fifth graders at DPM will explore ancient Egyptian artifacts and spend time with a well-known Egyptologist. The important contributions of this civilization will be brought to life!

\$900

Technology

Lucy Valentine - Big6 Approach to Info/Tech Literacy

Problem-solving and decision-making skills are key tools to success for today's students. The Big6 model will equip students to learn those research and evaluation strategies that will help them become effective users of information. DPM staff will be trained to deliver the Big6 model in all curricular areas.

\$2,710

AlphaSmart NEO2 Pilot

The NEO2 laptop is the perfect tool for students to use while developing keyboarding skills. In addition, this flexible tool allows for greater classroom access, putting key learning opportunities in the hands of students with minimal classroom disruption. Keyboarding, writing skills and math fact practice are areas of focus for the 3rd grade pilot at all three elementary schools.

\$47,500

Flip Videos in Elementary School

Video projects will be enhanced with the addition of flip video cameras at all three elementary schools. Students will be able to easily capture images and create presentations that support curricular learning.

\$1,607

Wellness

Norm Erickson – DPM Gyms Amplification System

Research has shown that students are more motivated to perform well in fitness activities when music is part of the program. The new amplification system for all three gyms at DPM will encourage student involvement. In addition, extra-curricular activities like sporting competitions and Curriculum Night presentations will benefit from enhanced audio capabilities.

\$1,380

Sportwall Interactive Fitness System – Sheridan School

Sportwall provides more than one hundred ways to engage children in fitness, agility and team-building activities. This equipment can also be used to meet occupational therapy goals and assist in sensory integration exercises for students who benefit from these programs.

\$37,426

Fitness Center Cardio Equipment

Three elliptical machines will be added to the fitness center which will work both upper and lower body muscles providing a more complete fitness challenge. This grant also funds the purchase of another upright bike.

\$7,548

Miscellaneous

Linking Character & Literacy

This grant will fund the purchase of books to be incorporated into a comprehensive, character development program to be implemented at each elementary school. Through a "Book of the Month" program, every child in every elementary school will learn the same character message, promoting community support for this key area of learning.

\$5,610

Educational DVDs

First grade students at each elementary school will benefit from the use of engaging, visual resources to learn essential, foundational concepts like telling time and counting money. These tools will benefit all learners, especially visual learners and those with special needs.

\$958

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.

\$4,000

LEAD Parent University – 2010

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.

\$2,000