

2010-11 Spirit Grant Descriptions

Fine Arts

Fine Arts Enrichment Program – District wide

With the help of the APT Fine Arts Committee, this program will provide all grades with educational and culturally enriching Fine Arts performances.

\$12,400

Audio System for Auditorium – DPM and District wide

This grant provides for new audio equipment and microphones for the DPM Auditorium.

\$10,617

Wenger Versalite Platforms – DPM and District wide

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

\$10,000

AOSA Conference – DPM 6th grade

General Music students will perform at the 2009 International American Orff-Schulwerk Association Conference in Milwaukee. This grant will help fund the scenery, props and other items for this performance.

\$3,000

Guest Composer 2010 – DPM 7th and 8th grade choir

This grant will assist District 67 in the funding of the Guest Composer for the 2010 Choir Commission at DPM. Robert Harris, will compose a piece of music expressly for DPM and work with our 7th and 8th grade Choir students on this piece.

\$1,500

Orchestra System – DPM 5th – 8th Orchestra

This system will enhance the ability of students to critically listen to how their instrument should sound and compare their performances. This quality feedback is crucial to mastery of an instrument.

\$2,981

Language Arts

Visiting Author Program – District wide

Working with the APT Visiting Author Committee this grant promotes interaction with published authors which brings the writing process to life in a meaningful and accessible way.

\$15,000

Picture Books for Middle School – DPM 5th-8th

This grant will fund the purchase of picture book titles in core curriculum areas such as Math, Science, Language Arts and Social Studies which aid in the introduction of core concepts.

\$1,500

Audiobooks - DPM 5th-8th

Audiobooks will be purchased to accompany the classroom novels used in Language Arts and Social Studies. This encourages better reading and comprehension.

\$5,330

Math

Math Support – Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan – K-4th

Each elementary school will receive resources such as puzzles, games and physical manipulatives that will promote interactive learning of basic concepts, such as math facts, as well as higher level thinking challenges.

\$4,303

Math Activities & Assessment - Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan - K-2nd

This grant will complement the math programs using assessment tools to support the math concepts.

\$3,192

Science

Non-Fiction Science Readers - Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan – K-4th

Students will improve both their knowledge of the world around them and their non-fiction reading skills with these new science books.

\$4,512

A Living Museum at Elawa Farms – District wide

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.

\$14,522

Social Studies

Visiting Ancient Egypt – DPM – 5th

Students 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

Big6 Approach to Info/Tech Literacy – DPM – 5th-8th

The Big6 model equips students to learn 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 – Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan – 3rd-4th

The NEO2 laptop will be used to develop keyboarding skills. This laptop allows for greater classroom access with minimal classroom disruption. Keyboarding, writing skills and math fact practice are areas of focus.

\$47,500

Flip Videos - Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan – K-4th

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

\$1,607

Wellness

Gym Amplification System – DPM – 5th-8^h

An amplification system will be installed for all three gyms at DPM. Research has shown that students are more motivated to perform well in fitness activities when music is part of the program. Extra-curricular activities like sporting competitions and Curriculum Night presentations will benefit from enhanced audio capabilities.

\$1,380

Fitness Center Cardio Equipment – DPM – 5th-8th

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

Sportwall Interactive Fitness System – Sheridan

Sportwall provides more than one hundred ways to engage children in fitness, agility and team-building activities. It can also be used to meet occupational therapy goals and assist in sensory integration exercises.

(Everett and Cherokee were previous recipients.)

\$37,426

Miscellaneous

Family Assistance Program – District wide

These funds support student activities where family funding is not possible. The fund is administered by District 67 personnel.

\$4,000

Linking Character & Literacy - Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan – K-4th

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 - Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan – 1st

These videos teach foundational concepts such as telling time and counting money in an engaging, visual manner.

\$958

LEAD Parent University – Community wide

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