

2011-2012 Spirit Grants

Fine Arts

Fine Arts Enrichment Program All Schools

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.

Commissioned Band Project DPM

This grant will assist District 67 in the funding of the Guest Composer for the 2012 Band Commission at DPM. The selected composer, Brian Balmages, will compose a piece expressly for DPM and work with our DPM band students fine-tuning their performance of the piece. Mr. Balmages will conduct this piece at the DPM Band Spring Concert.

School Art Gallery Walls Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan and DPM West

This grant will provide for select walls in each school to have vinyl tack boards installed to display students' art work in visually interesting arrangements that will ensure the integrity of the students' work. These boards will allow the students' art work to be exhibited for view by the entire school population and to be easily rotated and enjoyed.

Stage Boxes/Flip Forms DPM

These stage props allow for the stage and other spaces throughout District 67 to be configured to support a variety of performance options. In addition, these props will allow for all students to be seen throughout the performance.

Social & Emotional Development

LEAD Parent University – 2012

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.

Character Education – Anti-Bullying Bucket Filling Program Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan

An anti-bullying program based on the popular children's book "How Full is Your Bucket" will be presented at the elementary schools through student and parent assemblies and workshops.

Model Me Kids DVDs for Social Skill Development Little Explorers Preschool

DVDs that facilitate healthy social development for preschool age groups will be purchased for District 67's Early Learning Program.

Sheridan Playground Pals Program Sheridan

This program will extend the inclusive philosophy to the playground and promote socially connected and happy, safe children. The grant includes items for the program as well as safety equipment for Sheridan school.

Miscellaneous

Kreischer Kids' Fund – Family Assistance Program All Schools

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.

Science

Embryology DPM

This grant will allow students to view the development of birds from the earliest stages through hatching. The sixth grade animal unit will be enhanced by this grant.

ProScope Handheld Digital Microscopes Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan

These digital handheld microscopes will allow students to capture and store microscopic images and video footage for later viewing and analysis.

World Language

Large World Language Symbol Cards Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan, DPM East

Sets of large, magnetic picture/language cards in French, Mandarin, and Spanish will be used by the world language teachers to introduce vocabulary and form sentences with new vocabulary.

World Language Signage for Schools Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan, DPM East

World language signage will be created for each of the elementary schools and the east campus of Deerpath Middle School. The signage will label rooms and objects around the school in French, Mandarin, Spanish, and Latin.

Mandarin Immersion (K-1) Supplemental Materials

This grant will provide the new Mandarin Immersion Program with additional learning materials in Mandarin.

Supplemental Mandarin Materials (3-8) All Schools

This grant will provide the existing Mandarin program with high quality supplemental reading materials and learning materials in Mandarin.

Wellness

Norm Erickson - DPM Outdoor Education Equipment DPM

This grant prepared by the DPM School Student Council in collaboration with their teacher advisors will provide for outdoor education equipment at DPM that can be utilized for teambuilding purposes and integrated into the Wellness Curriculum. The equipment can be used as an obstacle and team course throughout the year to measure student growth.

Language Arts

Visiting Author Program All Schools

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.

Elaine Buckardt - Fountas & Pinell Leveled Literacy Little Books Everett

This grant provides supplemental materials to the existing program which is a scientifically based early intervention program that addresses literacy difficulties before they become long-term challenges. The format and activities included in these materials will enhance the students' phonemic awareness, alphabetic principles, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Math

Tier 2 Math Intervention Everett

Supplemental math materials will be utilized by students needing additional math support beyond the core general education math curriculum. Teachers will be able to target specific needs with these math support materials.

Technology

iPads in the Classroom (K-2) Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan

iPads and educational apps will be used as an alternative method for practice and reinforcement of skills during K-2 language arts and math center times. The iPads will be available for use by the science teachers in conjunction with the ProScope Digital Microscopes.

Smart Boards for Math DPM

The addition of Smart Boards to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade math classrooms will allow for examples and notes that will be vividly portrayed using color and allow for hands-on manipulation. This method of teaching math should help students be more engaged. These Smart Boards will prepare students for similar methods of teaching that are used in the Lake Forest High School Math Department.

Sixth Grade Science iPad DPM

A classroom iPad will enrich the existing curriculum with the use of interactive apps, ibooks and images. There are many apps and ibooks available which are related to the existing curricular areas of the sixth grade science program and the iPad will allow for the use of these items.

Netbook Grant for Third & Fourth Grade Cherokee, Everett & Sheridan

The addition of netbook computers to the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms will allow for immediate computer use for research and various other computer related tasks. These netbooks will be a compliment to the Neos in the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms which are currently used for keyboarding, math facts and writing projects.

Netbooks 1 – 1 Implementation Year DPM

This grant will assist District 67 with the implementation of the one netbook to one student initiative that was piloted during the current school year. Full implementation of the program will occur during the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Teaching with Digital Technology Cherokee, Everett & Sheridan

Digital cameras will be provided to all of the elementary classroom teachers to assist in their collection of significant moments to share with their students, parents and colleagues and provide a visual source of information for students when working in a new curriculum topic.

Social Studies**Cultural Fairs DPM**

Cultural Fairs for sixth graders will revolve around the study of Southwest Asia, Africa, and Asia. The cultural fairs integrate social studies with fine arts, science, language arts and world language to bring the students a holistic experience.