

2017 Spring Classroom Grant Summary

Active Kids Learning Minds

Deborah Torrance, Stonegate Elementary (\$3,000)

Movement is not only good for the body but also the brain. It is the spark that activates our brain for learning. This project purchases kinesthetic equipment for a learning lab at Stonegate Elementary. The lab will provide a learning environment that emphasizes the brain/body connection for learning and will be available for all students K-4.

Mindfulness Training

Dr. Scott Robison, ZCS Elementary Schools (\$2,000)

Mindfulness training for Zionsville Community Schools (ZCS) at the elementary level aims to forward the mission of ZCS as well as the *Strong in Every Way* campaign to ensure students are life-ready and prepared for the global world in the 21st century. This project will promote student wellness through development of assets and resources intended to improve attention, enhance emotional regulation skills, and reduce stress and anxiety.

Side-by-Side-by-Students

Mikayla Koharchik, Ashley Etzkorn, & Deana Broge, Zionsville Community High School (\$6,105)

The Side-by-Side-by-Students grant allows ZCHS' student musicians, performers, and crew to work with professional musicians for the 2017 fall production of *Les Miserable School Edition*. This partnership with the community allows students to improve their own skills through professional mentorship and learn about potential, future professions in the fine arts.

Bringing the World to Zionsville – VR Kits

Kyle Beimfohr & Carly Havlik, All Zionsville Community Schools (\$6,679.69)

Virtual reality headsets allow students to be immersed in exotic locations around the world. Whether exploring the surface of the moon, taking a gondola ride through Venice, Ital, or standing in the middle of a Civil War battle reenactment, virtual reality helps students experience learning through a multi-sensory approach. The shared VR Kits will be available for use at all 8 Zionsville schools.

Come on Vámonos, Spanish 1 Let's Read!

Christie Waldron and Mercedes Muniz-Peredo, Zionsville Community High School (\$918)

This project will impact about 150 students taking Spanish 1. The novel, *Esperanza*, will provide a new transactional experience; stretching their language skills and giving them a different cultural perspective through a more relevant text.

Do the What?!?! Do the Math!

Kathy Drake, Pleasant View Elementary (\$3,844.50)

This grant is for *Do the Math* by Marilyn Burns. It provides the students and teachers at Pleasant View Elementary a research-based Response to Intervention program for mathematics instruction.

Practice Equals Progress...Not Perfection

Kathy Drake, Pleasant View Elementary (\$1,053.80)

This grant is for *Math in Practice*. This professional resource provides teachers with the instructional knowledge needed to complement our adopted curriculum by deepening their understanding of the big ideas of the math content as well as the instructional strategies and why those strategies are so powerful.

Writing in the Real World

Blake Mellencamp, Zionsville Middle School (\$1,148.20)

This project allows Zionsville Middle School's 7th grade students to transform their academic coursework into a product with a real-life audience. By producing a self-published magazine of student writing in language arts, social studies, and science, students will improve their academic and entrepreneurial skills.

Total Grants Awarded: \$24,749.19