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Eagle Honor Awards - Twice as Nice!



When you pay tribute with an Eagle Honor Award, you are doing two good things!

First, you tell someone special in the Zionsville Community Schools that they have a positive impact on your family.

Second, you help to fund ZEF grants that give ZCS educators and students opportunities for innovative experiences.

For each donation of \$10 or more to ZEF, an Eagle Honor Certificate will be sent to the honoree with your personalized message.

Whether it is for Teacher Appreciation

Over \$25,000 Awarded in ZEF Spring Classroom Grants



ZEF Spring Classroom Grants were awarded to ZCS educators on Tuesday, May 1st. ZEF board, staff, and grants committee members formed a "Prize Patrol" to surprise recipients and announce the awards.

Among the projects, ZCS teachers were awarded funds that will promote cultural understandings, bring an accomplished author to Zionsville, provide access to cutting-edge design software, increase social and emotional wellness through gardening, and provide quick, clear communication to

Week (May 7-11) or a year-end gift, show your appreciation with an Eagle Honor!

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Sponsorship Opportunities

ZEF partners with corporations and small businesses to further our mission. Donations from companies support our Classroom, Imagine Professional Development, and Student Enrichment grants.

Sponsorship packages can be tailored to meet your company's needs. Opportunities include events such as Barn Bash and Drive 4 UR School, as well as targeted marketing opportunities through our website or newsletters.

Katie Reasoner, ZEF Chief Development Officer, can answer all your questions and help craft the perfect sponsorship opportunity for your business. Let Katie know you are interested by contacting her at kreasoner@zcs.k12.in.us or 317.873.8052.

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families for which English is a new language.

Promoting excellence in education is ZEF's mission and these grants will do just that! Providing unique experiences and much-needed tools for the classroom, ZEF Classroom Grants give life to fantastic ideas from ZCS educators. Join us in congratulating the following award recipients: Kelsey Buckley, Emily Wleklinski, and Samantha Vidal at Zionsville Middle School; Allison Spillman at Stonegate Elementary; Liz Overberg, Natalie Sarcona, and Spencer Cassin at Zionsville Community High School; and ZCS English as a New Language educators Kris Barksdale, Mandy Keller, and Julie Luker.

Discover more about these amazing grants by clicking [here](#) for a description of each grant.

ZEF Grants In Action - Vex Robotics Team Goes to World Championships!



Andy Seward's 2017 ZEF Fall Classroom Grant provided funding for equipment to start a middle school robotics program. The Steel Eagles were born and several student teams competed throughout the school year.

One team, earned the privilege of traveling to Louisville, KY for the Vex Robotics World Championships! This Steel Eagles team competed among 400 of the top middle school robotics teams in the world. They met many teams from different countries and competed as allies with students from Chile, Canada and Russia.

Among the different competition categories, the Steel Eagles performed best in the Skills category which is a combination of driving and programming skills. The Steel Eagles finished 13th out of the 400 teams in the Skills Category!

Congratulations to the Steel Eagle's team members:

merchants such as FiveThirty Home, Lesley Jane, and Robert Goodman Jewelers have given so much to ZEF and to many other local non-profit organizations. Please consider them first.

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