



## **Zionsville Education Foundation 2018 Spring Classroom Grant Summary**

### **Exploring the Stories of Readers, Writers, and Historians**

*Kelsey Buckley and Emily Wleklinski, Zionsville Middle School (\$4,305.70)*

Exploring the Stories of Readers, Writers, and Historians will impact over nine hundred ZMS students through the purchase of novels and multiple in person presentations by Alan Gratz, a well-known author who has perfected the art of developing the stories of his characters in historical events.

### **Promoting Cultural Understandings Through Literature**

*Allison Spillman, Stonegate Elementary School (\$1,600)*

This grant will help students develop cultural understandings by providing quality diverse books for classroom libraries at Stonegate Elementary.

### **iMac Upgrade**

*Liz Overberg, Zionsville Community High School (\$8,394)*

This technology upgrade provides six new iMac computers to the Zionsville Community High School Media Center's Production Room to replace outdated iMac computers. Newer, faster computers will better support the cutting-edge software applications that allow students to produce music, sound recordings, videos, graphic designs, websites, apps, and other creative multimedia projects.

### **Strong in Every Language**

*Kris Barksdale, Mandy Keller, and Julie Luker, All ZCS Schools (\$4,256)*

Strong in Every Language enables quick, thorough communication with families who do not speak English to create stronger parent relationships and promote academic excellence for Zionsville's English as a New Language students. This grant provides the English as a New Language team with interpretation and translation technology for use in all Zionsville Community Schools so that information can be clearly communicated in languages other than English.

### **"Grow Well Initiative" School Garden Towers**

*Natalie Sarcona and Spencer Cassin, Zionsville Community High School (\$3,216.65)*

The "Grow Well Initiative" funds three tower gardens (Science Lab Growing Kits) to sustainably grow edible plants year-round in Zionsville Community High School providing students in grade levels nine through twelve the opportunity to learn about and practice holistic wellness (physical, social, and emotional), develop their soft skills and job skills, and make learning connections to course material.

**Helping Students Bloom**

*Samantha Vidal, Zionsville Middle School (\$3,636.47)*

Indoor and outdoor gardening projects will be combined with school counseling curriculum to help Zionsville Middle School students in the class of 2024 be *Strong in Every Way*. Students will participate in group counseling activities that increase self-esteem, decrease anxiety, encourage collaboration and teamwork, and promote cultural sensitivity.

**Total Grants Awarded: \$25,408.82**