



ZEF eNewsletter March 2019

Welcome, Julie!



We are excited to announce that **Julie Bradley** joined the ZEF team on February 21 as Development and Events Manager.

Julie will take the lead on year-round development activities including our annual fall fundraiser, Barn Bash, which will take place on Saturday, November 9, 2019 (so mark your calendars now!)

Please join us in welcoming Julie Bradley to ZEF!

ZEF Announces \$15,923 in Imagine Professional Development Grants



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Difference



Thanks to a generous donation by the Schwarz Family Foundation, ZEF funded two major projects at ZCS: mindfulness spaces and a middle school speaker series. (Lynn and John Schwarz are pictured at a ZCS Board meeting above)

Both middle schools and the high school now have a room specifically designed to give students and staff space to decompress, recharge, and find calm. These spaces are important to providing students skills needed to maintain strong mental health.

The speaker series gives separate spaces for girls and boys to discuss topics such as body image, social media, balancing pressures, and supporting peers. Samantha Smith leads the girls' discussions and Eric Day leads the boys' conversations. This project was successfully piloted at ZMS and the ZEF Grant funded by the Schwarz Family Foundation donation enables ZCS to expand it to ZWMS.

Thank you to the Schwarz Family for their dedication to education and enabling ZEF to fund these incredible projects that further the Strong in Every Way initiative at ZCS!

Employer Matching Programs

Does your employer match charitable contributions made by its employees? It might be worth checking!

More and more employers are honoring their employees' passions by matching contributions to non-profit organizations made by their

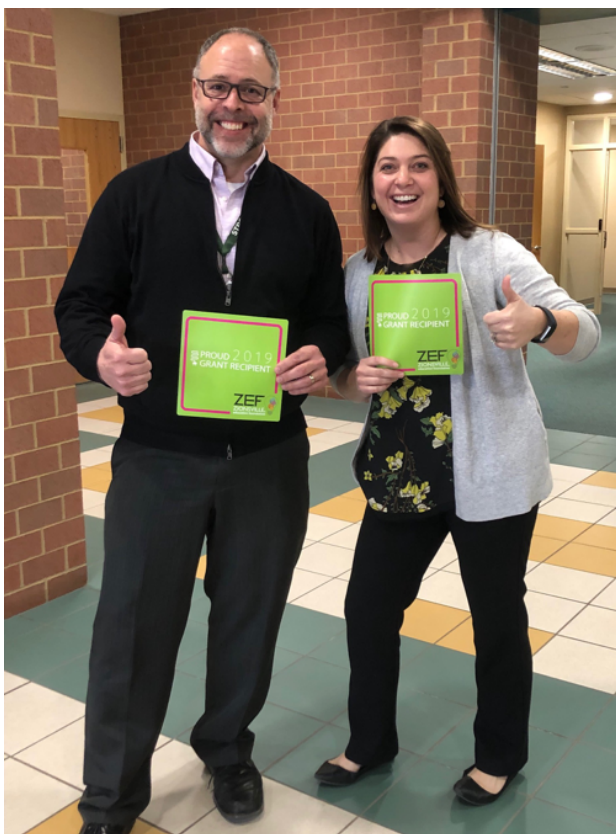
We've all heard it...the Zionsville Community School district is the lowest funded school system per pupil in the state of Indiana. It is also one of the fastest growing. Tight budgets and a growing student population mean fewer dollars for teachers' professional development.

Each year, ZEF provides funds for our Imagine Professional Development Grants to give educators much needed growth and renewal opportunities. We are excited to announce more than \$15,000 in awards this year. Grantees will return to ZCS with information on a wide variety of academic areas including: digital and media literacy within reading and writing workshop classrooms, school counseling, student-centered educational approaches, literacy instruction, jazz education, and building-wide learning plans.

Grant recipients are expected to share the knowledge gained from these outstanding national and international trainings with their colleagues. Thus, the impact of Imagine Grants will spread across grade levels, schools, and the entire district.

Please join us in congratulating this year's ZEF Imagine Grant recipients: Lauren Kersey (Boone Meadow), Kelly Masters (Union), Sarah Kiel and Amanda Rennard (Boone Meadow), Joshua Weirich and Chris Murray (ZMS), Jess Lukens (ZWMS), Stephanie Barrientos (ZWMS), and Leah Brough (ZWMS).

For a complete list of the 2019 Imagine Grant winners and a summary of projects, click [here](#).



ZEF Grants in Action: Making Sense of Math in the

employees. Talk to your employer today to see if your donation to ZEF can be matched. It is often as simple as filling out a form!

ZEF Spring Classroom Grants Deadline

Attention ZCS teachers, administrators, and staff!

The 2019 Spring Classroom Grant application deadline is: **Wednesday, April 10**. All applications are due by **4pm** in the ZEF office in the Educational Services Center (900 Mulberry Street.)

Application information can be found on our website under the "How We Do It" tab or by clicking [here](#).

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact Lyle Browne via email at lbrowne@zcs.k12.in.us or phone 317.733.4805.

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Real World



We use math in so many aspects of life. Whether it is calculating percentages to determine the sale price of a shirt, balancing a check book, or dividing to see which size bag at the grocery store is more economical, math is part of our daily lives. However, it is sometimes hard for students to see the connections.

ZWMS teacher Liz Ferrand's 2018 Fall Classroom Grant, *Making Sense of Math in the Real World*, worked to make those connections for her 6th grade students. On March 7th, more than 150 students experienced math in the real world and performed service learning.

They started the day at Meijer in Whitestown where they worked in groups to shop for the most economical ingredients for a recipe while staying within their budget. Afterwards, they took the food for each recipe to the Zionsville Food Pantry where they helped sort food, discussed food insecurity, learned about how the pantry operates, and explored real-life budgeting scenarios.

For more information about the grant, click [here](#) to watch a great video of the project created by Janet Mann, ZCS Director of Communications.





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