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YOU Make it all Possible!

These are uncertain times, but we are also witnessing incredible human stories of kindness, generosity, creativity, and fellowship. These stories beautifully fill the space among the daily news reports.

The ZCS community is part of these stories as well.

Whether it is a teacher checking in with kids at the end of a conference, food service workers preparing food for families in need, counselors still offering help to individual kids, custodians cleaning essential areas, technology professionals creatively paving the way for e-learning, administrators planning and clearly communicating...we are grateful for their commitment to education and, most importantly, the well-being of all.

Today's challenging environment has forced our community to approach education & learning a little differently than planned. ZEF continues our commitment to educational excellence, funding grants that plant seeds from which innovative ideas can take root, grow, and expand.

Past ZEF grants provided startup funds for the 1-to-1 laptop programs at both middle schools and the high school. These programs aid the possibility of today's e-learning.

Current grants will help middle school students stay connected during this unusual time through the Young Men of Purpose program at ZWMS and a speaker series featuring Samantha Smith and Gary Brackett for ZWMS and ZMS students.

Today's professional development grants announced below will help plan for the future.

All ZEF grants fund innovative ideas that lead to tomorrow's solutions, supporting teachers, administrators, and schools as they make education at ZCS remarkable - whether in person or from a distance.

YOU, our donors, make it all possible.

Thank you!

Thank you, CFBC & Boone REMC!



The Zionsville Education Foundation is pleased to announce the receipt of generous donations from two great community partners.

A \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County's Community Impact Fund will help ZEF support our school community through grants.



A donation from Boone REMC for \$1,000 will help fund ZEF Classroom Grants. We are thankful to Boone REMC for their support of teachers, students, and schools!



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**Pictured above: ZEF Executive Director Lyle Browne (right) receives the donation from Boone REMC Accounting Supervisor Ben Duke (left).*

ZEF Awards \$21,586 in Professional Development Grants



ZEF is committed - now more than ever - to supporting our teachers.

ZEF is proud to announce **\$21,586** in funding for **seven grants** - six Imagine Professional Development Grants totaling \$14,836 and one Strategic Initiative Grant for \$6,750.

Imagine Grant recipients will explore new ideas in the areas of mathematics, global learning, technology, cultural understandings, and Professional Learning Communities. These recipients represent learning at

every level (K-12) in the district. These grants provide the opportunity for ZCS educators to continue learning, continue striving, and continue innovating at ZCS for all students.

Through the Strategic Initiative Grant, elementary administrators will attend training at the Teachers' College at Columbia University to help lead the implementation of the Reading and Writing Units of Study to the ZCS balanced literacy framework for all kindergarten through fourth graders across the district.

We hope you will learn more about these projects by clicking [here](#).

Food Assistance

If you or someone you know needs meal assistance, please visit the ZCS website by clicking [here](#) for resources available to help.



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Want to know the latest about ZEF Grants, events like ZEF Bash, Eagle Honor Awards, and all the great things happening at ZEF? Stay in touch through ZEF's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts!



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Eagle Honor Awards Matching Sponsors

Over the last month, ZCS employees have quickly redesigned plans, creatively solved problems, and remained a consistent presence in students' lives.

Each spring, ZEF offers Eagle Honor Awards as a way to thank teachers, administrators, bus drivers, coaches, counselors, custodians or any ZCS employee for their impact on our families and community. We will continue the tradition this year!

We appreciate our annual Eagle Honor Awards sponsor KI: Contract Furnishings and our first matching sponsor, Trane, for their support again this year!



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Is your company able to provide matching funds for the Eagle Honor Awards this spring?

We understand that this is a difficult time for many businesses. But for some, this may be an opportunity to help spotlight your support of the great work being done at ZCS.

Please contact Julie Bradley at jbradley@zcs.k12.in.us to learn more!

Eagle Honor Awards can be sent at any time through the ZEF [website](#).

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They are the businesses that we turn to for that special family dinner, perfect new household decor, favorite outfit, thoughtful birthday gift, or quick lunch...

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They are the businesses that sponsor ZEF and so many other events and organizations we love.

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As you eat and shop during this time, please join us in supporting our local businesses. Visit individual websites or check out these resources:

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