



ZEF eNewsletter February 2020

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ZEF Grants Deadline 2/20

We've combined two great ZEF dates into one convenient-to-remember time!

2/20/20 is the deadline for ZEF Imagine Professional Development Grants and for Spring Classroom Grants.

ZCS employees, we want to hear your creative, innovative, and great ideas to promote academic excellence at ZCS. You are welcome to submit applications in both categories!

Guidelines and application

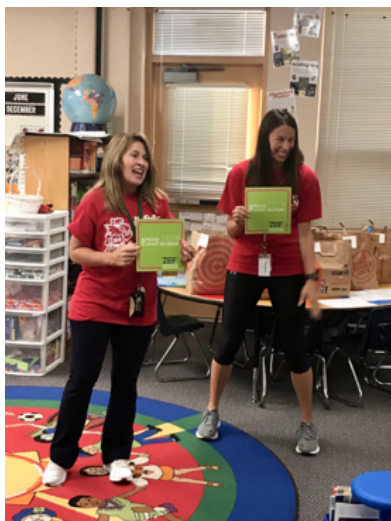
ZEF Grants in Action: Robotics



ZEF Grants have launched or enhanced access to robotics in every school in the district. Projects include the start of two

information can be found by clicking here: [Classroom Grants](#) and [Imagine Professional Development Grants](#), or on our website under the "How We Do It" tab.

Questions? Don't hesitate to call Lyle Browne at x11500 or email at lbrowne@zcs.k12.in.us.



Thank you, Marquis!

Marquis Commercial Solutions donated \$15,000 to ZEF for Zionsville Community Schools special projects. We are thankful to Marquis for their donation and all they do for ZCS!



middle school clubs, high school travel to world competitions, and early robotics and coding materials for elementary students.

Attending a recent robotics competition was a great way to see these ZEF grants in action. Teams from Zionsville West Middle School, Zionsville Middle School, and Pleasant View Elementary competed against other area schools.

However, competing "against" other teams isn't the whole story in robotics. For each round, students are paired with another team (often from another school) to complete the tasks. Teamwork is the name of the game! Quickly identifying strengths and weaknesses to figure out the best strategy, the two teams come together to compete in the next round. Their scores and chances of advancement are intertwined.

While students learn a great deal about logic, physics, strategy, math, and structure through robotics, the life skills of negotiation, teamwork, communication, and organization hold equal weight.

Congratulations to all the students involved in robotics at ZCS and thank you to their coaches for investing your time in this great endeavor for kids!

ZCS Board Gives Generously

Grants in Action: Video

Last month, we highlighted Outdoor Playscapes, a grant written by and awarded to Eagle Elementary's Molly Haas. We hope you will click on the video link below or [here](#) to learn more and see the grant in action!



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During their January meeting, the Zionsville Community Schools Board of Trustees voted unanimously to donate their annual Board salaries to ZEF. We are honored by their generous donations and grateful for their leadership.

Please join us in thanking ZCS Board members Joe Stein, Debbie Ungar, Jane Burgess, Mike Coussens, and Mike Berg for helping ZEF support teachers, classrooms, and students through grants that promote academic excellence at ZCS!

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