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## ZEF eNewsletter June 2020

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### Understanding

To be understood. It is what we want for ourselves and for those around us. It is what we strive to do for others.

This past February, the ZEF Grant *Looking Back to Look Forward* enabled 36 ZCS team members (including middle and high school humanities and social studies teachers, administrators, and a ZCS Board member) to visit the African American Museum, Holocaust Museum, and Native American Museum in Washington, D.C. and the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, AL. The educators experienced first-hand accounts of difficult historical times. Many called the grant experience "life changing." Lessons learned will help inform material selection and enhance student experience by providing students true stories from history and today that represent multiple perspectives.

Understanding – of perspectives different from our own.

The ZEF Grant *Promoting Cultural Understandings through Literature* funded quality diverse books for elementary classrooms and schools. Learning about different cultures helps broaden the world for early readers. It gives all students an opportunity for mirrors (seeing ourselves in literature), windows (seeing others), and doors (an entry point for appreciating differences.)

Understanding – an early view of the diversity in our community.

This spring, a ZEF Grant was awarded for two teachers to attend training entitled *Living and Learning Globally* to further develop cultural understandings in themselves and foster it in their classrooms. Past professional development grants from ZEF enabled teachers to experience education practices abroad and to explore best practices in global learning.

Understanding – of the global world in which we live.

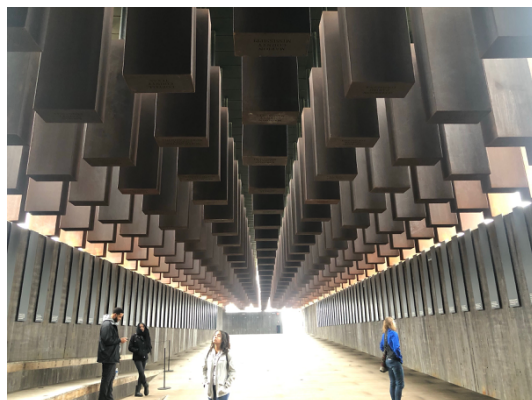
Zionsville Community Schools' *Strong in Every Way* initiative strives to ensure that the social and emotional well-being of students is nurtured along with their academic pursuits. ZEF is committed to helping with both.

Understanding – education about diverse groups of people, experiences and cultures helps the students of today become the global citizens of tomorrow. Understanding is necessary to build relationships that will enable action.

In 2019, ZEF granted \$130,000 to ZCS teachers, students, and schools to assist with innovative and

creative ways to ensure excellence in our schools. As we approach our 25th anniversary this fall, we continue our commitment to teachers and students in and out of the classroom.

We hope you will learn more about past ZEF Grants by clicking [here](#) and support future grants by [donating today!](#)



## ZEF Bash!



### Save the Date!

Join us for the 2020 ZEF Bash on **November 14th** as we celebrate ZEF's 25th anniversary and raise funds for innovative projects in our schools. The event will take place either in-person or virtually depending on state and local guidelines. This annual ZEF tradition is the perfect way to support the teachers and administrators that skillfully led us through pandemic e-learning and continuously work to provide educational excellence for all students.

### Gift Card Pull Donations

The event's Gift Card Pull has a new twist this year as

## Passing of the Gavel

The ZEF Board is comprised of 21 men and women that volunteer their time to make ZEF stronger. This talented group of community members brings a variety of strengths and expertise to the work we do.

Board member Katie Aeschliman has given so much to ZEF and we are extremely grateful for her bold, thoughtful, inclusive leadership as Board President the past three years.

Katie passed the President's gavel to Challis Imes at our June Board meeting. Challis has served as ZEF Vice President for several years. Her enthusiasm for ZEF is always evident and her creativity is invaluable.

Please join us in thanking both women for their work on behalf of ZEF.

The ZEF Board also elected the following officers for the coming year: Mark Pascarella, Vice President; Beth Ann Kaltenmark, Secretary; Chris Mingus, Treasurer.

Learn more about all our Board and Staff members by clicking [here](#).



Katie Aeschliman



Challis Imes

## ZEF Grants in Action:

we try to support local merchants right now as they open back up. Sign up today to help! One donation helps in three ways:

1. help our local businesses that give so much to our community,
2. support ZEF Bash, and
3. help provide much needed grants to our schools!

Click [here](#) to visit our SignUp Genius and learn how to help today!

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Sponsorship is a great way for you and your company to show the community you support ZEF and our schools. Check out our sponsorship opportunities by clicking [here](#) and contact Julie Bradley to learn more: [jbradley@zcs.k12.in.us](mailto:jbradley@zcs.k12.in.us)

### **New Amazon Smile Option**

Did you know AmazonSmile customers can now support ZEF in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones?

Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app, update your app. Click [here](#) for instructions.

## **Josh Weirich and Chris Murray**



*ZMS Jazz Band*

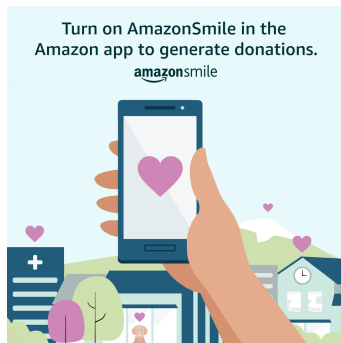
ZEF Imagine Professional Development Grants give ZCS educators funding for growth and renewal opportunities. Every profession benefits from the chance to expand knowledge and learn new things. When teachers have the chance to do this, it also benefits our schools and students for years to come. ZEF Imagine Grant recipients bring these experiences and perspectives back to the classroom and back to their students.

ZMS band directors Josh Weirich and Chris Murray received a 2019 Imagine Grant for *Jazz Education Network National Conference: Taking Jazz in Zionsville Community Schools to the Next Level*. This grant gave them the opportunity to learn more about teaching jazz, discover new repertoire, visit historical jazz locations, and explore future performing opportunities for Zionsville students.

Their experiences enhance a great band program and directly relate to student experience in learning to play jazz and compete. While their season was cut short this year, the ZMS Jazz Band placed 2nd at the Ball State Jazz Festival with Addie Coons named outstanding trumpet soloist competing against middle and high school jazz bands. They also received a "Gold with Distinction" (within a point of a perfect score!) at the ISSMA Jazz Organizational Contest. Congratulations to the ZMS Jazz Band.

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*Josh Weirich and Chris Murray*

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