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## ZEF Announces Spring Grants: \$37,723 for Innovative Projects



Boone Meadow Music Teacher Will Doublestein celebrates his Imagine Grant with students, Principal Tom Hundley, and the ZEF Prize Patrol. Photo by Janet Mann.

The Zionsville Education Foundation announced more than \$37,700 in grants to the Zionsville Community Schools (ZCS). Two types of grants were awarded: \$23,393 for Classroom Grants and \$14,330 for Imagine Professional Development Grants. These grants will bring unique learning experiences to students and provide growth and

renewal opportunities for ZCS educators.

Click [here](#) or on the video below to come along as our ZEF Grants prize patrol surprises ZCS teachers with the news that their grants were funded. Many thanks to ZCS Chief Marketing and Communications Officer Janet Mann for capturing the excitement!

ZEF Classroom Grants bring educators' innovative ideas and creative projects to life for their students. Unique learning opportunities funded by these grants promote academic excellence across the district. The 2023 Spring Classroom Grants include funding for math manipulatives for middle schoolers, new technology for high school speech classes, decodable readers for early and emergent readers, advanced digital illustration tools for high school digital design courses, and hands-on tools for 3rd and 4th graders learning how computers work.

ZEF Imagine Professional Development grants provide professional growth and renewal opportunities for teachers with three or more years of full-time education experience. The 2023 Imagine Grants will take educators to a variety of conferences where they can learn with peers from across the country and have access to subject experts. They then bring renewed enthusiasm and ideas for their classroom back to their colleagues and students.

Classroom and Imagine Professional Development Grant applications are reviewed by a combination of ZEF Board members and community members. The generous work of these volunteers is essential to ZEF's grant process.



Click [here](#) or the button below to learn about the specific creative projects and innovative ideas funded by these grants.

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## ZEF Grants in Action: Experiencing Art & Culture



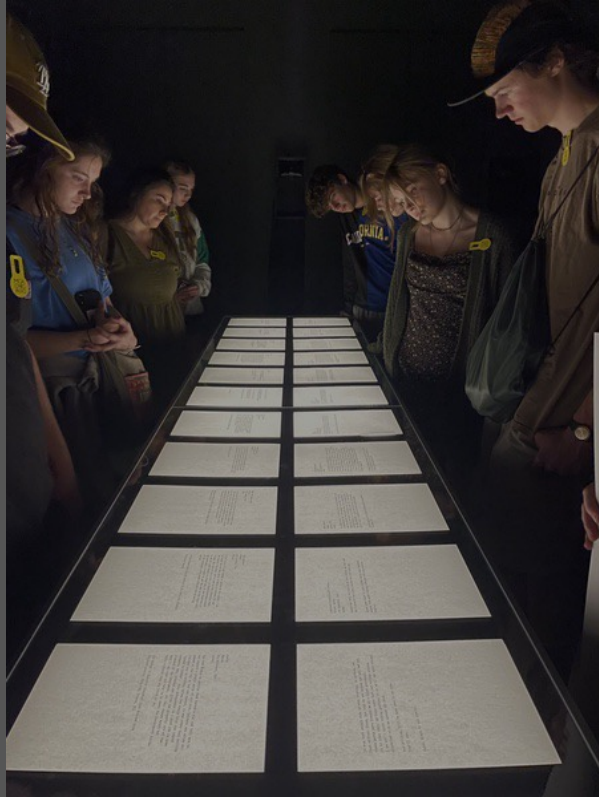
ZCHS Art Teachers Jessica Sterling, Melissa Glass, and Brenda Jalaie's 2022 Spring Classroom Grant took students to Chicago to personally experience art they have studied in class. World class art museums and institutions in Chicago helped students gain cultural and artistic understanding.

Ms. Sterling shared that, "students were able to see works of art in person that they had talked about in class and had only seen on a screen. They walked through the streets of Chicago and experienced the city's life and culture. They saw artwork that generated lively discussions and brought strong emotions to mind."

They not only viewed art up close, but they also had the unique experience of seeing it with other art-loving peers and subject expert teachers as guides. While in the museums, students conducted a formal art analysis of two pieces of art. Art analyses

teach students how to discuss, evaluate, and critically think about artworks from the past and present.

As these incredible Art educators stated in their application, "Although students discuss famous artworks in class, with the physical pieces in front of them, students can more personally and vividly explore how the different colors, textures, subjects, etc. that they see in the artworks reflect the cultural and historical themes and changes in society."



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## Eagle Honors: An Annual Tradition of Gratitude to Teachers and Staff

Great teachers inspire a love of learning, help struggling learners, spark interests that lead to future careers, plan engaging lessons, and often go above and beyond for their students. **A ZEF Eagle Honor is**



the perfect way to let those special teachers in your student or family's life know how much they are appreciated.

And we all know that talented educators are supported by a network of people working behind the scenes.

Send Eagle Honors

Bus drivers, principals, counselors, food service workers, administrative assistants, custodians, technology gurus, coaches, aides, and business service professionals are essential to making our schools work. **A ZEF Eagle Honor is also the perfect way to let these behind-the-scenes professionals know they are seen and appreciated.**

### How Do Eagle Honors Work?

For a donation to ZEF of \$10 or more per honoree, a personalized Eagle Honor certificate will be sent to your recipient with a message from your student or family. Funds raised support future ZEF Grants. Eagle Honors can be ordered for Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8-12) or year-end thanks online [here](#).

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