



ZEF Grants in Action!

Each year, ZEF Classroom Grants fuel innovation across the district. ZCS teachers continuously go above and beyond by finding ways to engage students and teach curriculum creatively. The ZEF grants below are just a few examples of how your donation turns into unique learning opportunities for students. To see a complete list of ZEF grants awarded click [here](#) or visit our website at www.zionsvilleeducationfoundation.org.

Inspiring Future Engineers



Emily Allen and Emily Smith's 2022 Fall Classroom Grant gave Zionsville Middle School students a unique STEM experience. With the use of Infento Kits, students have the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the engineering design process. This ZEF grant gives students the ability to explore how engineering impacts their lives by creating their own life-sized transportation and inspire more students to pursue STEM careers. Students work in groups to build a mode of transportation that would have a minimal impact on the environment and reduce emissions.

Every 5th grade class at ZMS had the

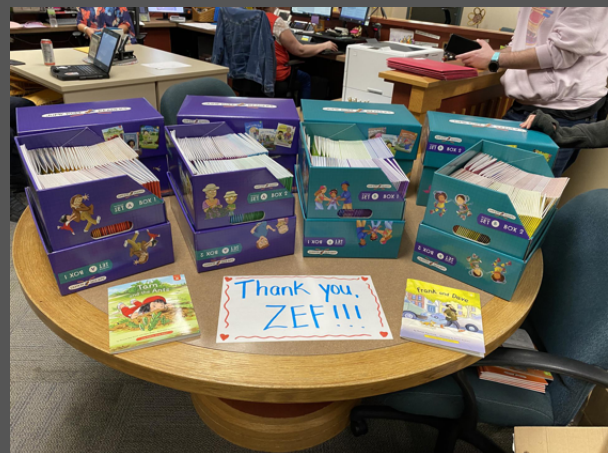


opportunity to use the kits during the past school year. The kits are completely modular and reusable enabling them to be used for multiple designs for years to come.



Jump Rope for Just Right Reading

These decodable text sets arrived at Eagle Elementary School and other elementary schools this spring for use by early and emergent readers. Accompanied by online resources and teacher's guides, the books are beautifully and thoughtfully constructed to be highly engaging while reinforcing important phonics skills. ZEF Classroom Grants provide unique tools to increase student engagement.



Haven in Hall Seven



Melisa Wilzbacher's classroom at ZCHS was next to a somewhat lackluster courtyard. She saw its potential and applied for a ZEF Classroom Grant to transform it into a more useable and attractive space. Her vision became a reality after her 2022 Fall Classroom Grant award. The addition of flexible seating, student artwork, canopies, and landscaping came together to create a space students want to use. It now hosts student gatherings, classroom instruction, study groups, club meetings and more. Mrs. Wilzbacher kindly showed our Board members around at a recent meeting. The physical changes made possible by this grant were fantastic. However, as is the case with so many ZEF grants, the lasting impact is found in the creative teacher and student utilization of the space.

Save the Date for a Night to Remember



Join us for one of the best nights of the year as our community gathers in support of our schools. ZEF Bash 2023 is set for Saturday, November 4 at the Golf Club of Indiana Cardinal Room. Mark your calendars now and get your tickets starting September 1st!

Your sponsorship will make a true impact on our success and show the community that you are a champion of teachers and students. Click [here](#) and contact Julie Bradley at jbradley@zcs.k12.in.us to learn more.

Eagle Honors a Success

Thanks to YOU and our sponsors for making our year-end and Teacher Appreciation Week Eagle Honors program a success! Your personal notes to teachers and staff made them feel truly appreciated and valued. Funds raised support future ZEF grants. Many thanks to our Eagle Honors presenting sponsor KI: Contract Furnishings and our seven matching sponsors below.

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