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Introducing ZEF Trivia Night!



Will your team be the first to claim the official ZEF Trivia Night Trophy? Join us on Friday, February 23, 2024 from 7:00-9:30pm at The Underground on Main Street Zionsville.

Your team of up to 8 people will compete in a fun-filled trivia night led by Hambone Trivia. We had a great time with the Hambone team for our 2020 virtual event and know they are even more fun in person!

Click [here](#) to register your team today and support ZEF's mission with your entry fee of \$400 per team of up to 8 people. Dessert for your team and a cash bar are included. You are welcome to bring additional snacks or team-name-themed decorations for your table!

Register Your Trivia Team

Read on to learn about:

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- Student Enrichment Grant
- Congratulations to PVE Teacher Julie Parks
- Community support appreciation
- Getting ready for Eagle Honors

ZEF @ ZCHS Basketball

Thanks to all that came out for the ZCHS Girls and Boys Basketball games last Friday. What a fun night in celebration of April Haffner!

ZCHS students signed up at the game to enter ZEF's 3-point halftime competition and nominate a favorite teacher. Four lucky winners earned \$150 for their nominated teacher and Rush on Main gift cards for both!



Click [here](#) or on the video above for highlights of the 3 point contest!

Grants In Action: ZCHS Makerspace



Funding innovative projects is part of ZEF's mission and these ZCHS Sophomore students have a great one! ZEF recently awarded a Student Enrichment Grant to Sebastian Gray, Andrew Schonlau, Luke Kouns, and Truett Weber. They are creating a Makerspace in Zionsville Community High School that will be open to all students.

The \$6,000 ZEF Student Enrichment Grant will give the Makerspace a Computer Numerical Control (CNC) desktop machine. A CNC machine works by incrementally removing material from raw stock geometry which are rectangular blocks of materials such as wood, plastics, or metal. Used as part of processing almost every manufactured product, access to this machine will provide hands-on learning and skills for future careers. Students will be able to digitally and physically bring their ideas to life, fostering STEM learning of computer-aided design (CAD) and computer-aided manufacturing processes (CAM).

The Makerspace will be a collaborative workspace where students come together to create, design, and build items of their own innovation through self-driven, inquiry-based learning. The newly established ZCHS Makerspace aspires to provide open access to hands-on learning and STEM engagement to all students.

YOU make grants like this possible! Special thanks to the generous donors that made gifts in honor of Dr. Scott Robison's retirement last year. Those funds support this grant and other ZEF Student Enrichment Grants.

Congratulations to PVE's Julie Parks!



Pleasant View Elementary Teacher Julie Parks won a drawing from among our payroll deduction donors for a ZEF Day, a ZEF-sponsored professional development day. We loved surprising her with the win on crazy dress day during first semester!

It is truly an honor for us to have the financial support of teachers and staff. It shows that those with a front-row seat to ZEF's work believe so strongly that they are willing to invest themselves. We are grateful.

Thank You, Mattcon and Angela!



Zionsville resident and Mattcon General Contractor employee, Angela Billig, chose ZEF!

Mattcon's philanthropic giving last year included a program where employees helped direct the company's generosity. Angela is the proud parent of three ZCS students and a fan of ZEF's work to support teachers and schools. She helped direct a \$1,000 gift to ZEF!

Many thanks to Mattcon and Angela!

Gearing Up for Eagle Honors



Help make this year's Eagle Honors the best yet by become a matching sponsor for our 2024 Eagle Honor awards. This is a great way to show our community that you are committed to our mission of providing funds that promote academic excellence in our schools.

Eagle Honors are an annual tradition at ZEF and ZCS. For a donation of \$10 or more, your ZCS teacher or staff member will receive an Eagle Honor award with a personalized message from your student or family. These Teacher Appreciation Week

or year-end thanks are the perfect way to honor those that have had an impact on your students. Funds raised go towards future ZEF grants that support teachers' innovative ideas across the district.

Contact Julie Bradley at jbradley@zcs.k12.in.us to learn more about sponsorship opportunities for Eagle Honors or other ZEF programs and events.



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