Zionsville Education Foundation
2024 Fall Classroom Grants

Special thanks to the Barth Family Fund and Duke Energy Foundation for their support of this grant cycle.

Metallophones, Xylophones, & Mallets...Oh My! ($15,212.22)
Lauryn Tooley – Stonegate Elementary
This grant is funded in part by the Michael A. Shafer Memorial Fund.
Gives students an amplified music experience by creating and exploring with a variety of timbres from new Xylophones, Metallophones, proper Glockenspiel Mallets, and Bass Bars!

Author Visit ($5,070.00)
Krista Westfall – Pleasant View Elementary
Author Yamile Saied Mendez will visit students to discuss how she integrates her writing about immigration and illustrations to tell a complete story.

Innovative Tools for Tomorrow: Enhancing Advanced Science Education with Cutting-Edge Equipment ($4,700.00)
Jessica Showalter – Zionsville Community High School
Provides advanced life science classes with modern, efficient, and comprehensive laboratory resources, leading to a more effective and engaging educational experience.

Cricut Explore 3 ($500.76)
Spencer Cassin – Zionsville Community High School
A Cricut Explore 3 will allow ZCHS SOARS program students to design different merchandise and items to support students' career interests and the program's community partnerships.

Extending our Inspiring the Next Generation of STEM Professionals Grant ($3,668.00)
Erin Manifold, Emily Smith, Maggie Smith, Amber Krizmanich – Zionsville Middle School
This grant builds on a past successful ZEF Classroom Grant by giving 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.

Tossing Z-West into Fitness ($1,239.92)
Trisha Smart, Kristina Comer, Steve Simmons, Whit Keadle – Zionsville West Middle School
Adds Corn Hole to the Zionsville West Middle School Physical Education curriculum. This is an activity all students can do and benefit from throughout middle school, regardless of their athletic ability. This interdisciplinary activity is inclusive with benefits for students in the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and adaptive PE classes.

Novel Novels ($2,598.12)
Alexis Larson and Kellie Valentine – Union Elementary
Funds additional books to enrich Union Elementary's Third Grade reading curriculum, enhancing volume reading opportunities including fiction and nonfiction texts that align with the first two modules' themes.

The Future of Art is Inclusive ($2,400.00)
Tom Hundley, Jennifer Trinosky, Laura Nolan – Boone Meadow Elementary
This project is dedicated to providing students of all abilities with adaptive art equipment, facilitating inclusion in art education.

Taking Modeling to Another Dimension! ($5,800.00)
Michael DeLand and Michael Murphy – Zionsville West Middle School
Expands the Project Lead the Way portfolio of 3D printers to offer more flexibility for enhancing hands-on learning, enabling students to create physical prototypes and develop essential STEM skills.

Encouraging Life Long Civic Participation ($120.00)
Allison Tripolitis – Zionsville Community High School
Offers pocket constitutions to AP Government students to promote lifelong civic engagement and appreciation of the United States government.

Middle School Math Made More Manageable ($203.40)
Amanda O'Donnell and Erica Patty – Zionsville West Middle School
Gives Resource Teachers and Instructional Assistants for 7th/8th graders a math notebook study guide to enhance concepts learned in general education math classes.

Dressing Through the Decades ($1,000.00)
Brandon Mooradian and Allison Tripolitis – Zionsville Community High School
Funds costumes for US History students to use during detailed and memorable role-playing learning experiences throughout the year.

Total 2024 Fall Classroom Grants: $42,512.42

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