



APRIL 12, 2022
Approved Grants for the 2022-2023
School Year

Fine Arts

FA1 - Fine Arts Presentations - \$13,745

Educational and culturally enriching Fine Arts Presentations will be provided for all grades across the district in collaboration with the APT, who will manage the wide array of diverse programming for the coming year. Offerings will depend on what is available at the time but may include offerings such as: Fractured Fairy tales (K-4), PlayMakers Laboratory (previously known as the Barrel of Monkeys for Grade 4), Mythomania (Grade 5), The Giver (Grade 6), Harriet Tubman: Road to Freedom (Grade 7) and Ann Frank or Number the Stars (Grade 8).

FA2 – Contrabass for General Music - \$3,385

The general music instrumentarium for Grades 5 & 6 will be enhanced by the purchase of a new set of contrabass bars, the students' favorite instrument to play. This will allow both music rooms to have bars and afford more students the ability to play them. Contrabass bars will also be used to accompany students as they play guitar and/or ukulele.

Language Arts

LA1 - Visiting Author - \$10,000

For the 2022-23 school year, Aaron Reynolds will be visiting the K-4 schools to engage students in discussions about the actual steps of publishing a book, from concept to finished product. He will be making several presentations at each elementary school over the span of 3 days. Aaron comes highly recommended by the District 67 elementary school librarians and has written many award-winning books that span all elementary school ages. This grant also awards the school libraries with funds to purchase Aaron's books for their collection.

Science

SCI1 - Visiting Scientist Program - \$6,000

This very successful repeat grant allows students at all elementary schools to have the opportunity to attend a special science event that enhances the current curricular standards for science. In the past, grades K-2 have attended an interactive assembly and grades 3-4 have participated in a hands-on workshop in the classroom. Topics have included Animal Behavior, Weather and Climate, Forces and Interactions, Wave Properties, and Structures and Properties of Matter.

SCI2 – Cherokee Garden Expansion - \$770

This grant will fund gardening tools & supplies needed to further support the Cherokee Garden expansion, such as spades, pruners, rakes, shovels and an irrigation system.

Social Studies

SS1 – Social Studies Interactive Upgrades - \$2,800

In order to support enhanced student-directed and collaborative learning within the social studies curriculum, the 7th grade social studies teachers will receive eight TVs and eight Apple TVs. Having this combination of technology in the classroom will allow students to project their work via airplay to collaborate with each other, stream primary sources and visuals (i.e. interactive maps, documentaries, primary footage) and work in small groups simultaneously.

STEAM

STEAM1 – Virtual Reality in the Elementary Classroom - \$6,795

This grant will fund the purchase of an additional set of 8 ClassVR Virtual Reality headsets for Everett and Cherokee elementary schools. This will allow each school to have enough for an entire classroom to use the devices 1:1. The Spirit funded 16 headsets per school last year and the librarians have recognized the enormous educational benefits that this tool brings to the students.

STEAM2 – Cube and Haskins Upgrade - \$11,015

To continue experimenting with new 3D technologies, like Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR), the Cube and Haskins Centers will be updated with new technologies and resources to support learning. This grant would fund the purchase of heavy-duty magnetic white boards, mobile green screens, monitors for the Cube suites and expansion of the AR book collection in both libraries.

STEAM3 – Sharing Deer Path with the World – Livestream Cameras - \$1,470

During the 2020/21 school year, livestream cameras were granted to the 3 elementary schools to be used for classroom activities, school assemblies and musical performances. Deer Path has requested 3 Mevo cameras which will be used to livestream a range of activities from meetings to in-class projects, live sports, special in-class activities and any other DPM event.

Wellness

WELL1 – Projection & Audio Systems for the Elementary MPR/Gyms - \$36,540

The current amplification and video systems used in the elementary school Multi-Purpose Rooms are aging portable systems. This grant will fund a new audio visual system in the MPRs that will improve daily Wellness class instruction, extracurricular events, after school activities, school assemblies, general music shows and curriculum night. In addition it will allow the schools to use the space for small group and specialist instruction. This system will operate in both the gyms & MPRs, while also having the capability to operate in different areas on the same or different frequency.

WELL2 – DPM Cross Country & Track Tent - \$350

Written by two 5th grade students who participate on the cross country and track teams at DPM, this request will fund a 10x10 pop-up tent to be used at all DPM cross country and track meets. The tent provides shelter from sun/rain and provides a highly visible place for students on the team to meet before the races.

WELL3 – Sheridan Early Childhood Playground - \$63,240 **NORM ERICKSON

With the tremendous growth of the Early Childhood program at Sheridan, ages 3-5, as well as an increased desire for students to have outdoor education and recreation spaces post-Covid, the Sheridan staff are finding that the current playground, near the front entrance of the school, needs to be adapted to meet the needs of younger elementary students. Additionally, the Early Childhood program serves students with special needs and the current equipment is limited in accessibility. This grant would provide funding to replace the existing equipment with new equipment specifically designed for early childhood aged students that would provide a space to safely explore the environment and gain confidence in developing new gross motor skills. This grant is designated as the Norm Erickson Award for Health and Wellness.

World Language**WL1 – Lunar New Year Chinese Paper-Cutting Workshop - \$600**

During the 2023 Lunar New Year, Mandarin students at Cherokee will attend a classroom workshop to learn about the ancient art of paper-cutting. An artist from the Chinese American Museum of Chicago will teach the students about the Chinese paper-cutting culture and the importance of Zodiac Animals in the Chinese culture, and lead a hands-on paper-cutting activity. An after-school workshop will also be offered for all District 67 students and families.

WL2 – Spanish Free Voluntary Reading Mobile Library - \$460

This grant will fund a Spanish Free Voluntary Reading (FVR) Mobile Library of at least 50 novice-level novels that can be shared among DPM Spanish teachers and allow classes to devote dedicated time for free choice reading. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will be able to select a book that is appealing to their individual interests at a level that is comprehensible to them.

Social & Emotional Learning**SEL1- Joe Beckman “Difference Maker” Program - \$7,500**

The “Difference Maker” program, featuring keynote speaker Joe Beckman, will include a presentation to all DPM students, as well as a community wide event in the evening, covering the topics of choices, responsibility, respect and belonging – all valuable and appropriate topics for the middle school student while aligning with the existing SEL curriculum.

SEL2 - SEL Speaker Series - \$10,000

This grant was written to allow the opportunity to bring timely speakers into the K-8 schools to address current issues with regards to SEL. Each elementary school will have access to \$2,000 per campus and DPM will have access to \$4000 across both campuses to help enhance SEL classroom curriculum and learning.

SEL3 – Everett Sensory Tools and Supports - \$725 **LUCY VALENTINE

Sensory tools help students regulate their bodies so they are able to focus and attend to their learning, minimize behavioral and emotional difficulties and can help students with social skills. This grant funds the purchase and implementation of new sensory tools for all students at Everett School, broadening teachers' thinking when planning lessons and allowing them to add new elements to their teaching. This grant is designated as the Lucy Valentine Award for Professional Development.

Miscellaneous

MISC1 Kreischer's Kids Fund - \$5,000

This Grant provides funds to assist District 67 families who may not be able to pay for extra activities for their children. It may be used to help students participate in extracurricular or enrichment activities, purchase school supplies for school related organizations, fund expenses for travel related school activities and other assistance with other similar needs. District 67 personnel administer the fund, which is available for all students in District 67.

MISC2 - Founders' Building Grants - \$10,000

This grant sets aside a total of \$10,000 (\$2,000 for each campus) to use towards time-sensitive ideas within the school year. The grant applicant must complete a Founder's Grant application and the Grants Committee evaluates all proposed ideas and makes sure they comply with the Spirit of 67's mission. If approved, funds will be awarded immediately.

MISC3 - Celebration of Participation Award - \$7,500

This grant sets aside a total of \$7,500 (\$1,000 for each campus, plus a \$500 bonus if the participation goal is reached by December 31, 2022) to award the school(s) that reach a donor participation goal. For the 2022/23 school year, the donor participation goal will be 80% of families registered at the elementary school level and 70% for families registered at DPM. If the goal is achieved, \$1,000 per campus for a Spirit of 67 mission-related, school-wide initiative will be reimbursed.

MISC4 – Cherokee 4th Grade Recess Equipment - \$975

This grant will fund new equipment for indoor and outdoor recess. Written by the 4th grade teaching team, with input from the 4th grade students, indoor recess equipment will include STEM-driven activities such as Straws & Connectors, Marble Run, Magna Tiles and Wood City for each classroom. Outdoor equipment will include various balls, frisbees and storage bins, with the 4th grade students taking responsibility for transporting, collecting, and inventorying the equipment as part of classroom jobs.

MISC5 – KitchenAid Stand Mixers for Home Arts Kitchens - \$1,140

The Home Arts curriculum currently uses hand whisks, mixing spoons and an occasional hand mixer to prepare food and baked goods. This grant will fund 4 KitchenAid Artisan Stand Mixers for 7th and 8th graders to use during the Home Arts cooking rotation, allowing students to gain knowledge and utilization of modern kitchen equipment.

MISC6 – Everett School Courtyard/Outdoor Classroom - \$9,000 **ELAINE BUCKARDT

Everett School has an enclosed courtyard that is accessible through the library, a hallway and some classrooms. During the persuasive speech unit, 3rd grade students wrote about the need to upgrade the courtyard and gave examples of how they would reimagine the space. This grant will fund tools to clean up the existing space on a "Third Grade Service Day." Additionally, this grant will fund hexagonal picnic tables with benches and Adirondack chairs so students can use the accessible outdoor space for reading, classroom lessons and perhaps even future

science and gardening endeavors. This grant is designated as the Elaine Buckardt Award for Early Childhood Literacy & Curriculum.

MISC7 – T-Shirt Graphic Design and Printing for all of DPM - \$3,000

Students in 7th and 8th grade Home Arts and STEM classes will have the ability to create their own graphic designs and then translate them into unique, original fashions by connecting both curriculums. This grant request will fund the purchase of a Cricut Maker, along with ample amounts of materials and accessories, to enhance cross-curricular projects.