



Competitive Grants Awarded in Fiscal Year 2014

Appleton Area School District –

- \$1,157 from three AEF funds to support online professional development for AASD's 41 speech and language pathologists.
- \$503 from the Connie Pitt Memorial Endowment Fund to purchase Bluetooth switches for iPads used by students who lack fine motor ability.
- \$1,320 for six subscriptions to eSchoolCare. This online resource will provide valuable health information, training modules and resources for AASD school nurses.
- \$5,000 to support the 2014 Summer Math Institute.
- \$500 to give special education students opportunities to practice positive social skills outside of the classroom.
- \$1,306 for headphones and keyboards to enhance the functionality of iPads purchased with a grant AEF received from the Bemis Company Foundation.
- \$1,500 to create take-home family activity bags for all students enrolled in Appleton Community 4K.
- \$1,500 to support a district-wide program: "World Water Crisis – You Can Make a Difference!" The program will be based on the book [A Long Walk to Water](#), and also will include other books and activities that tie lessons to all grade levels.
- \$900 to purchase books and activity kits for parent/child playgroups for families with children aged birth to 5. Playgroups are offered at five AASD elementary schools.
- \$1,000 to support the visit of R.J. Palacio, the author of [Wonder](#), the 2014 Fox Cities Reads book. Palacio will speak at East High School and a middle school. All middle school students will watch Palacio's talk via live feed.
- \$1,500 to bring authors Wendy Welch and Jack Beck to Appleton during the Fox Cities Book Festival for assemblies and workshops at eight AASD schools.

- \$1,800 to host medical continuing education programming for physical therapists over the summer. Physical therapists from surrounding districts also will be invited.
- \$1,250 to purchase books and materials for use by the district's early intervention speech and language pathologists to model and coach area childcare providers and 4K teachers to expand children's early literacy skills.
- \$848 to purchase oral motor and sensory fidgets to benefit students with sensory needs. Fidgets are small objects used for calming and alerting, to promote focus and concentration, and decrease stress.
- \$502 from the Co-Curricular Endowment for the Talented and Gifted department to grow the district's elementary-level Math League.

Appleton Public Montessori – \$1,500 for Harpsicle Harps to expand the school's performing arts program.

East High School - \$500 for IdeaPaint and other materials to create additional whiteboard space on the tables and cabinets in a science classroom.

\$500 from the Co-Curricular Endowment to purchase new equipment for the growing student boxing club.

\$1,500 to support interactive Shakespeare workshops led by American Players Theater. All students in language arts classes will participate.

East High School and Tesla Engineering Charter School – \$1,500 toward the purchase of two Haas CNC Simulators. These simulators will allow more students to gain valuable CNC programming experience.

Edison Elementary School – \$358 to purchase tools and appliances for cooking activities in an early childhood classroom. These hands-on activities help children explore and develop language, literacy, math, social, and fine motor skills.

Edison Elementary, Columbus Elementary and Appleton Bilingual Charter Schools – \$1,500 for a multicultural music program called *Exploring the Global Soundscape*. Presentations at each school, an evening presentation for families, and flute-building workshops are program components.

Einstein Middle School – \$1,500 to help seventh- and eighth-graders create hand-made string instruments out of found objects.

\$1,500 for a collection of high-quality interactive materials to help students practice math skills during RTI (Response to Intervention) class.

Ferber Elementary School – \$800 from the Bob & Gerri Heffron Family Endowment Fund to purchase Kindles and accessories to improve reading levels of struggling sixth-graders.

Franklin Elementary School – \$500 for binoculars to enhance second-graders’ research of local birds.

\$500 to support Girls on the Run, a program that combines training for a 5K run/walk with a curriculum to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles in pre-teen girls.

Valley New School – \$1,290 from the Alan & Vira Stoner Education Fund to support the “After the War” project. Students will travel to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King in Waupaca to develop relationships and learn from the veterans.

Richmond Elementary School – \$660 from the Betsy Melzer Endowment for materials to teach number knowledge (ie: patterns and relationships) to students with learning disabilities.

Horizons Elementary School – \$500 from the Betsy Melzer Endowment to support community field trip experiences for students with cognitive disabilities.

Huntley Elementary School – \$1,381 from the Ellen Kort Endowment Fund to engage first-grade students in creative collaboration around art, music, and poetry. Activities will support and increase student understanding of voice, emotion, reading, writing, and listening.

Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary Schools – \$550 from the AEF Diversity Fund to create a Hmong culture kit with story cloths, art work, musical instruments, clothing, Hmong folktales and other materials. This kit will include practical applications for students K-6.

Johnston Elementary School – \$529 from the Betsy Melzer Endowment to purchase a deep pressure machine called a steamroller for use with students with sensory processing needs.

\$1,500 to purchase Speed Stacks to increase brain activity during indoor recess, physical education class, brain breaks, and during afterschool programming. Speed Stacks are used in sport stacking, an activity in which participants stack and unstack plastic cups in pre-determined sequences. Sport stacking improves hand-eye coordination, bilateral proficiency, and development of the right side of the brain – where awareness, focus, creativity, and rhythm is housed.

\$425 to purchase an On Cloud Nine kit, which will provide materials to assist special education students working to improve their math skills and meet their Individualized Education Program goals.

Madison Middle School – \$1,500 to support the building of a Supermileage car.

\$500 for classroom makeover contest. Students will create design boards for an educator’s classroom. The winning design will be implemented by students.

\$500 for start-up expenses of a student-run café involving students from classes in the Financial Literacy, Employability Skills and Entrepreneurial curriculum. Income will be reinvested in the business and help fund other creative learning opportunities at Madison.

North High School – \$1,500 for a Poetry Slam for students in grades 6-12. Participants will compete against each other with performance poetry.

\$270 to support healthy breakfast options as part of the Jump Start program. Students who are truant are enrolled in the Jump Start program to develop relationships with peers and school staff and get each day started right.

United Public Montessori – \$1,500 to purchase garden equipment and small kitchen appliances to enhance students' work in the UPM greenhouse. Students will harvest crops and create snacks for Appleton Public Montessori students.

West High School – \$1,500 to support a new program designed to help get freshmen students on the path to success in high school.

Wilson Middle School – \$500 to support a student-driven project to build five Little Free Libraries in the Appleton community.

\$500 to support Girls on Track, a program that combines training for a 5K run/walk with a curriculum to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles in girls.