

2016/2017 Michigan City Education Foundation Small Grants for Teachers

Teacher(s)	School	Project Title	Project Description	Academic Content Area(s)	Grade Level
Tim Blakeney Kathleen Gushrowski	Barker Middle	Measuring Up	Measuring Up is a hands-on collaboration with Special Needs and Advanced Students. Students will be practicing measuring skills and precision by creating 'Cookies-in-a-jar', baking cookies, and marketing some of the jars for sale.	Mathematics; Life Skills	7-8
Kathleen Gushrowski	Barker Middle	Math is a Cake Walk	Math is a Cake Walk is an engaging math review game. It gets students moving around the room while working on math skills. Students will be having so much fun they forget that they are learning.	Mathematics	5
Valerie Mecklenburg	Barker Middle	Cell Growth: Identifying Normal & Abnormal Cell Growth	Students will identify normal healthy cells and abnormal cell growth. Students will be engaged in a science unit and understand the importance of maintaining healthy cells.	Science; Health	5
Mariah Pol	Barker Middle	Barker Middle School Historical Explorers Club	Barker Middle School's Historical Explorers Club is a branch of National History Day, a competition organized by the History Channel and the Indiana Historical Society. Students who participate in Barker Middle School's chapter will conduct historical research and develop curricula to compete at the regional, state, and national levels.	Social Studies	7-8
Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel	Barker Middle	21st Century Color	21st Century Color is a project where students learn about about the Art, Science, Psychology, and Technology of Color.	Art/Music/Drama; Science	7-8
Shirley Allen	Krueger Middle	Men Sing Out!	The Men Sing Out! project will empower the brand-new all boys choir to learn several classic American spirituals and folk songs - the history behind them and appreciation of them - as well as developing the teamwork that is crucial for the choir to function well.	Art/Music/Drama; Reading/Literacy	7-8
Janine Peo	Krueger Middle	East Asian Immersion the Krueger Way	Through a collaborative effort, Team 7 teachers will immerse students in East Asian life through a variety of activities. One activity will involve the teaching of the art of calligraphy as it applies to Chinese writing. Students will be taught the appropriate brush strokes and will use authentic calligraphy materials.	Social Studies; Art/Music/Drama	7
Kathryn Triemstra	Krueger Middle	Old School Gaming	At Krueger, students receive a twenty minute activity time period where they can go to the gym, go the media center or go to the commons to play games. We would like to purchase additional games for students to play during this time.	Mathematics; Other	7-8
Courtney Barber	Edgewood Elementary	Seeing Yourself While Reading	I will be providing culturally diverse books for diverse students. It's important for kids to see themselves in the books they read. It's also important for them to see the experiences of others. This would be an opportunity for those teachable moments they might not get elsewhere.	Reading/Literacy; Social Studies	5
Teresa Pavloff	Edgewood Elementary	Dream Big Arts and Drama	Dream Big Arts and Drama expands on the established drama club to provides all ages of students at Edgewood Elementary with an opportunity to learn about the fine arts as well.	Art/Music/Drama	K-6

Sheri Tuesburg Michelle Sickles	Edgewood Elementary	Third Grade Biography Wax Museum and Ambitious Authors	Each student will choose a famous person to research and create a display board that showcases a timeline of important life events, pictures, and a list of interesting facts they learned about their person. Students will dress in "character" and present their projects at our Biography Wax Museum.	Language Arts; Reading/Literacy; Social Studies	4
Lauren Stacks	Joy Elementary	iPads for 5th	My students love technology! They thrive when they are able to conduct research, play computer games, or even work on our online math program. They become fully engrossed in what they are doing when they have any type of technology at their fingertips.	Mathematics	5
Candace Archer	Lake Hills Elementary	Instrument Suppliments	This grant is to purchase mallets to make it possible for more students to play the instruments already in the music classroom at one time.	Art/Music/Drama	K-6
Kelley Gertner	Lake Hills Elementary	Early Engineers	My students belong to a STEM school and need to have the opportunity to explore different engineering materials to keep up to date and to expand their horizons.	Science	K
Diane Grams	Lake Hills Elementary	Learning Conflict Resolution Through Art	Students will learn about types of conflict, seven steps to solve conflicts, "I" messages and communicating feelings. The project involves making a conflict resolution booklet and a set of feeling cards with "I" messages and photos of students expressing the I message through facial expression and body language.	Art/Music/Drama; Language Arts; Social Studies; Social Skills/Conflict Resolution	4
Renee Hall	Lake Hills Elementary	"Reaching the Second Step"	Second Step is a research-based program designed to help teach social-emotional learning to students. Via media-rich lessons, family connections, and interactive learning, students are taught skills for learning, empathy, emotion management, and problem solving.	Social Emotional Learning	3
Erin Lozano	Lake Hills Elementary	Sizzling Science	Sizzling Science is where students will write two types of book to demonstrate their science knowledge and create a puzzle also.	Science	4
Janis Mitchell DeAnna Munoz	Lake Hills Elementary	Creating Confident Citizens	Students will get an opportunity once a week to work on becoming young men and young women through a mentoring relationship with community members. Students will be able to bond with others of their own gender to create strong men and women who celebrate each others' successes.	Social Studies	6
DeAnna Munoz Janis Mitchell	Lake Hills Elementary	Cookies and Canvas	Students will have the opportunity to learn to paint on canvas using a variety of techniques (different brush strokes, mediums, timing). They will be required to follow step by step instructions from a video tutorial.	Art/Music/Drama	6
Sheri Wagner	Lake Hills Elementary	Lap Pad Learning	I would like to have enough Kindle Fire tablets for all my student to have lap pad time. Technology is a large part of our STEM school and teaching the students to work on tablets is part of our ever changing world.	Language Arts	K
Penny Will	Lake Hills Elementary	Have Journal, Will Write!!!	This project is a yearlong activity. It will enable me to motivate students' interest in fifth grade content subject areas by having students write about a fictional historical event, favorite genre,... in school. Students will be actively engaged in the writer's workshop based on Lucy Calkins' Writing Program.	Language Arts	5

Alisa Carlson	Marsh Elementary	Growth Minded	Reading biographies of noteworthy people in history is inspiring. Seeing how others have faced difficult times or challenges and risen above their circumstances to achieve greatness will inspire my students to have a growth mindset. They will learn about diverse cultures and historical information.	Language Arts	3
Susan Shell	Marsh Elementary	All Hands on Deck!	Students will build a variety of fun and simple models using legos to learn about different science concepts, such as energy, balance, and buoyancy.	Mathematics; Science; Technology; Real Life; Engineering	K
Holly Beadles	Pine Elementary	Gluing Magic	One of the most frustrating things about working on three dimensional projects is waiting for glue to dry, this project will eliminate student frustration by allowing them to glue stress free.	Art/Music/Drama; Language Arts	5
Julie Schmidt Holly Beadles Samantha Lakin Samantha Kubik	Pine Elementary	Acceptance Through Ugly Dolls	Our sixth grade students will design, create an use their own "Ugly Dolls" to learn about their own uniqueness through art, reading, writing, character education and stop animation. Their projects will be utilized to teach the lessons of acceptance and affirmation to our students in first, second and third grades.	Art/Music/Drama; Language Arts; Reading/Literacy; Character Education	1-3, 6
Elizabeth Schreeg	Pine Elementary	Tuning Up with Tablets	Students will use the Kindle Fire to increase student access to technology. This will include use of remedial, on level and enrichment projects and activities.	Reading/Literacy	2
Trish Baczkiewicz Joe Bobillo Cate Joanna Sandy Purcell	Notre Dame	Brain Pop	In classrooms, on mobile devices, and at home, BrainPOP engages students through animated movies, learning games, interactive quizzes, primary source activities, and more.	Science	3-8
Kathlene Bobillo Natasha Magnuson	Notre Dame	Chickens Go To School	Notre Dame Catholic Preschoolers bring chickens to school. After building an outdoor classroom and a raised garden the preschool students decided to incorporate chickens into their beautiful outside area.	Science	PK-8
Barbara Brandon Jennifer Scriba	Notre Dame	Boom and Ring, Then Let's Sing	Using color-coordinated instruments, we will boom & ring through games and activities allowing students to enjoy and have fun while learning through art and science.	Art/Music/Drama	2-4
Natasha Magnuson	Notre Dame	Here Birdie Birdie	Students will observe birds up close. Several activities are offered for observing/learning about birds. Students will also learn about bird habitats, food and behaviors. The teacher and students will construct a bird feeding station that will provide enriching teachable moments.	Science	PK
Angela Ruiz Nancy Donoghue	Notre Dame	Math for Fast Finishers	This purchase will provide resources to our students who are grouped in our high ability groups during math to be able to have additional math studies upon finishing quickly. Often times, our math block will yield several students who have completed an assignment with quality work in a rapid manner.	Mathematics	4
Laura Bennett	Queen of All Saints	Giant Indiana Map	Queen of All Saints 4th graders, in conjunction with their Grade 4 Indiana Academic Standards, will paint a 40ft X 75ft map of Indiana on the parking lot. The map will include major cities, Lake Michigan, and neighboring states.	Social Studies	4

Andi Haas	Queen of All Saints	Saints Among Us	Themed take home bags to be utilized as a family homework activity.	Religion	K
Stephanie Kush	Queen of All Saints	Challenger Learning Center Field Trip	This project will entail my students studying things that are in the sky, such as clouds, the moon, and the sun. At the culmination of this unit, I would like to take my students to the Challenger Learning Center to do a simulated mission on the moon.	Science	2
Carla Neary	Queen of All Saints	The "Wonder" Effect	Students at Queen of All Saints Catholic school will attend a screening of the movie "Wonder," which is based on the book by R.J. Palacio. This story has an anti-bullying theme and has already been read to the classes who will attend the movie.	Science	5-8
Lexa Allison	St. Paul	Sight Word Scramble	Kindergartners will work in a variety of centers which provide practice for identification and success with their 100 sight words. These centers will include activities which address different multiple intelligences, so that more students will succeed with today's high expectations in the realm of language arts/spelling.	Language Arts	K
Melissa Bushnell	St. Paul	STEAM Science Innovation	STEAM science is an innovated program that allows art to be infused into the science curriculum. Students are able to use technology, math, and engineering, but are also able to incorporate the art of design into their work and collaborative projects.	Science	3-4

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