



Spring 2023  
25 Grants ~ \$46,309

## MULTIPLE SCHOOLS

- **RaMalik Illustrations - EPS & SL - \$1,800**  
*Awarded to: Michele Immordino & Stacey Moore*
  - Two day visit with presentations and workshops for 3rd graders at SL & EPS by author and illustrator Rashad Malik Davis (a former Slackwood student).
- **Unlocking Independence for LIS and LMS 2023 - LIS & LMS - \$784**  
*Awarded to: Elizabeth Mayo, Catherine Campbell & Karen O'Brien*
  - Provides 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at LIS who do not currently use a locker the opportunity to practice locker skills prior to moving to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. In addition, a locker will be located in the OT room at LMS for students who continue to have difficulty opening a locker so they can practice.
- **LHS & LMS Model UN Teams go to GCIMUN Conference! - LMS & LHS - \$1,232**  
*Awarded to: Daniel Christel*
  - Funding for the LHS and LMS Model UN Teams to attend the Global Classrooms International Model United Nations Conference in April in New York City.

## BEN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- **Sensory Center at Ben Franklin - \$1,000**  
*Awarded to: Joelle Weidenbaum*
  - Sensory equipment (such tunnels, squeeze machine, ball pit, body socks) for special education students in order for them to be able to better participate in their school day.
- **Flexible Seating - \$1,317**  
*Awarded to: Stephany Palacio & Karen O'Brien*
  - Flexible seating choices in order for students to be more mobile throughout the day, which often correlates to increased alertness and on-task behaviors.

## ELDRIDGE PARK SCHOOL

- **Fine Motor Skill Development through Lite-Brite - \$1,305**  
*Awarded to: Karen Formisano & Amanda Prettyman*
  - Lite-Brites for fun, creative, and targeted opportunities for K & 1<sup>st</sup> graders to develop much needed fine motor skills in preparation for and in tandem with developing hand writing skills.

## LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- **Hallways of Wisdom and Hope - \$600**  
*Awarded to: Jeffrey Berry, Melissa Wall & Melissa Lockett*
  - Phrases, words, and quotes on the walls of LES to provide learning opportunities for students and teachers alike to help develop a deeper and more personal understanding of the world they live in.

- **Sensory Tools for a Successful School Year** - \$3,000  
*Awarded to: Lindsay Karlson*
  - A variety of sensory tools for grades 1-3 that will promote active learning and provide students with the sensory inputs needed to be successful in the classroom.

#### SLACKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- **Stop and Think 2.0: Notice & Wonder Learning Spots** - \$600  
*Awarded to: Jeanne Muzi & Julie Schmidt*
  - Digital frames and large capacity USB flash drives which will enable mounted “Notice & Wonder Learning Spots” in each hallway.
- **ACTIVATE with 123 Andrés!** - \$1,210  
*Awarded to: Tanya Damon*
  - Assembly by the Latin Grammy-winning, husband-wife team 123 Andrés, which will provide character and Spanish education through music, dancing, and positive messages presented bilingually.
- **Slackwood STEAM Stroll** - \$3,580  
*Awarded to: Jeanne Muzi & Michelle Liwacz*
  - Series of interactive and engaging outdoor STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities that will be situated along the walking path that surrounds the playground and garden areas.

#### LAWRENCE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

- **LIS Life Skills Program** - \$500  
*Awarded to: Melissa Carberry*
  - Items for the Life Skills program in LIS’ self-contained classrooms that will foster student independence in school, home, future workplace, and the community to help prepare students for successful and independent living.
- **Having Fun with Pyramids and Pharaohs** - \$1,256  
*Awarded to: Tami D’Errico*
  - Interactive educational experience for all 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies classes that will allow students to explore ancient Egyptian everyday life by utilizing hands-on activities including storytelling, music, dance, and interaction with artifact reproductions.
- **Kinesthetic Stimulation to Increase Achievement** - \$1,402  
*Awarded to: Rebecca Franke & Jen Nguyen*
  - Standing desks for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in order to enhance learning endurance and foster academic achievement.
- **Read to Succeed** - \$1,624  
*Awarded to: Gabrielle Casieri & Rebecca Franke*
  - Classroom literature sets for 6<sup>th</sup> grade special education students that support the social justice and language curriculums while ensuring access to appropriately leveled novels for all students.
- **LIS Hit the Sound Running** - \$9,739  
*Awarded to: Randall Longwill & Bess Ploener*
  - Replace and update the sound equipment used for the LIS musical and concerts.

## LAWRENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **Introduction to Vocal Jazz Workshop - \$300**  
*Awarded to: Rachel Scaturro*
  - Workshop with a visiting jazz vocal artist for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in order to expose students to jazz music and singing.
- **Recipes for Success - \$487**  
*Awarded to: Douglas Lehnert & Heather Dow*
  - Copies of student produced cookbooks for Mr. Lehnert and Mrs. Dow's Writing 2.0 classrooms.
- **Music Composition Technology - \$2,000**  
*Awarded to: Thomas Zumchak*
  - *GarageBand*, a music creation program for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade general music class and other small ensembles.

## LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

- **LHS E Sports Gaming - \$890**  
*Awarded to: Jennifer Zuczek & Catherine Campbell*
  - 2 Xboxes, 4 controllers, and 2 Xbox live passes for the E-sports club to give students the ability to play games together and build participation in the club.
- **Bringing New Composition to the Classroom - \$1,000**  
*Awarded to: Mandy Johnson & Andrew Chojnacki*
  - Opportunity for vocal music students at LHS to workshop a new piece with living composer, Tom LaVoy.
- **LHS School Store Personalization - \$1,370**  
*Awarded to: John Tees*
  - A Cricut machine that will allow students to make personalized merchandise to sell at the school store.
- **Silence is Golden (and sometimes Aluminum) - \$1,671**  
*Awarded to: Michael Drobish*
  - Mutes for trumpets that can change the color and sound of the instrument to create different textures and moods, and give musicians the opportunity to perform higher caliber music.
- **Equipping Photo and Video Classroom - \$3,500**  
*Awarded to: Timothy Williams*
  - Equips a photography and audio production classroom with enhancements that will provide students with practical skills and understanding of modern techniques.
- **Gel Electrophoresis Update - \$4,142**  
*Awarded to: Andrea Meyer*
  - A class set of electrophoresis tools that will provide a hands-on biotechnology experience for all life science courses.