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2021-22
GRANT SUMMARY



Message from the Director

Dear Neighbors,

The pandemic continued to present unique challenges to the students and teachers in the 2021-22 school year.

Through these difficult times, the Radnor Educational Foundation has proudly partnered with the Radnor Township School District to provide its teachers and students with the resources they needed to be able to adapt to the changing needs of the school community.

In the 2021-2022 school year, the Radnor Educational Foundation awarded a total of \$71,399 for 17 projects and programs that enhance the school curriculum and student life.*

None of this would have been possible without the hard work of our volunteers and School District staff, but most importantly without our friends and neighbors who have generously supported our mission. Thank you so much for your continued support.

With gratitude,

Judy Trombetta

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*Please note that some applicants ultimately did not use the funds or used less funds than allocated.

2021 – 22 Grant Awards

RTSD Summer Reading Initiative – \$7,775

Students scoring at least two levels below grade level in literacy are invited to participate in the Summer Reading Camp. These students represent some of RTSD's most vulnerable students. Funding offers an incentive to attend Summer Reading Camp. Students can earn "Book Bucks" for each day they attend. On the last day of camp, students visit Children's Book World in Haverford to purchase a book (or a few) of their choice using their Book Bucks. They also enjoy a frozen yogurt treat at So Fun Yogurt in Wayne.



Geodes Decodable Readers @ WES – \$3,916.70

Funding supports the purchase of new Geodes Decodable Readers®, accessible, information-rich books for emerging and developing readers. Each book in the collection is designed to cultivate a deep reading experience, enabling students to apply decoding skills while building knowledge.

Play for Plays @ RES – \$1,000

Through the purchase of literature in a drama format, upper elementary students at Wayne Elementary School can read and discuss quality plays while sharpening comprehension and fluency skills. This funding fulfills a missing component in the language arts curriculum.



Growing with STEM @ IES – \$4,700

Funding supports the purchase of a vertical growing tower with 288 plant spaces. Using the vertical tower, elementary students are introduced to hydroponic farming, one of the fastest growing sectors of the agricultural industry that uses artificial lighting and limited water and power to grow food.



ORBA Music Initiative @ WES – \$1,000

Funding supports a pilot program to expose students to a new form of technology called an ORBA, a self-contained musical loop creator made to fit in the palm of the hand. The ORBA gives students the chance to create and compose music and supplement their musical understanding of beat and the relationships between timbres and sound.



School Supplies for Students @ WES – \$2,000

Funding purchases school supplies for the school's financially disadvantaged students, allowing students to begin the school year knowing they have all the school supplies they need for a successful year.

Multilingual Multicultural Libraries @ WES – \$4,432.70

Funding supports the purchase of more fiction and nonfiction books for the development of multilingual and multicultural libraries in the English Language Development classrooms. Recognizing that 18% of RTSD's families report that they speak a language other than English, the new books represent the countries and cultures of the current students. The new libraries allow students to read and borrow books in their home language. This fosters a home-school connection with families that are learning English and will allow families to feel supported to be active partners in the Radnor community.

Girls Lead @ RMS – \$5,000

In partnership with the Women's Resource Center this longstanding program focuses on developing positive decision-making skills and enhancing the interests, abilities, and character of middle school girls, resulting in increased self-esteem.



Back to School Supplies For Students @ RMS – \$1,100

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Garden Redesign @ RMS – \$5,700

Funding supports the purchase of materials and supplies to renovate an existing garden space at RMS. The new garden offers a more usable, lower maintenance, and accessible space for students to have fun learning about gardening, understand the process of growing healthy foods, and make a real connection to the farm to table concept, while enjoying the results of their planning and planting.



Nathan Hale Author Presentation @ RMS – \$2,000

The ability to engage the arts through illustrations in literature promotes a love of writing and supports the school's ELA curriculum across grade levels. On February 15, 2023, Radnor Middle School will host Nathan Hale, author and illustrator of the Eisner-Nomination, New York Times bestselling graphic novel series on American history, Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales. All Radnor Middle School students will be able to attend one of two assemblies, which exposes students to the development and creative process of novel development in a fun, interactive, and creative way.

PTO Multicultural Committee Holi Celebration @ RHS – \$2,000

Funding supports the purchase of supplies for the second annual Holi Celebration at Radnor High School, a Hindu celebration that includes music, dancing, games and food, and culminates with the throwing of bright and colorful powder called gulal. Organized by the Multicultural Committee of the RHS PTO, this event celebrates and recognizes the diverse and varied cultures that make up the RHS community and perpetuates one of RTSD's core values of respecting and valuing diversity.



League of Women Voters Registration @ RHS – \$870

In partnership with the League of Women Voters, funding supports voter registration activities in Radnor High School. Prior to graduation, each high school senior receives voter registration information and a sweet treat from Insomnia Cookies.

Library Zen Den @ RHS – \$6,084

Funding supports the purchase comfortable, durable, and high-quality furniture to provide a place for students experiencing stress or anxiety to relax and unwind in the RHS library. A complement to the flexible seating planned for the school library, the new “Zen Den” will have a set of guidelines that ensures that the space is used for its intended purpose of supporting the mental health of the students.



Flexible Updated Library @ RHS – \$9,774

Funding supports the purchase of new furniture that provides an area for flexible large group, small group, and individual seating opportunities for RHS's 1,200 students, as well as over 100 teachers and staff. The new furniture allows for more flexible, mobile, creative, and instructionally active space.

Radnor Committee for Special Education (RCSE) Speaker Series – \$3,500

Funding supports a four-part series providing parents, educators, support staff and various community stakeholders the best practices for inclusive education and how to effectively implement them virtually.



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