



RADNOR EDUCATIONAL
— FOUNDATION —

GRANTS SUMMARY

2022-2023



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About REF

What We Do

The Radnor Educational Foundation (REF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to secure and provide funding and support to enrich the educational experience, maintain academic excellence and encourage innovative opportunities for the students of the Radnor Township School District.

Through three grant cycles, REF funds projects that support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Programs, Curriculum Enhancement, Cultural Arts, Technology, Professional Development, and Community Engagement.



How We Do It

When a teacher, administration, student, member of the PTO, parent, or organization has an idea for a positive way to supplement the curriculum and encourage student growth or learning, they come to the Radnor Educational Foundation for the money they need to bring their idea to fruition. REF works closely with the school district administration to ensure that the idea aligns with the district's mission of academic excellence.

REF evaluates and approves funding through a relatively simple grant application process that opens three times a year - in fall, winter, and spring. The process includes submitting a Letter of Intent, and if approved, a full grant proposal. A Grants Committee reviews and recommends the awarding of the grants to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

In addition to the funding we provide to support curriculum enhancement, we also support school district families through our Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) Program. REF partners with district social workers to assist families facing temporary financial hardship, as this often affects a student's ability to participate fully in school life. NHN supports district families by assisting with basic life needs such as housing, utilities, food, and clothing. In the 2022-2023 school year, REF provided over \$4,300 to help families in need.



PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2022-2023

After School Pathfinders - \$846.58

The Pathfinders After School Program at Wayne Elementary School serves low income and refugee students in grades K – 5. This program provides students with assistance in completing homework, physical education, cooperative play skills, art activities, science activities, meals and healthy snack options, and occasional celebrations. Funding provided special educational activities such as trips to the Wayne Art Center, Franklin Science, etc. and supported celebrations that, due to financial need and limitations, most students cannot experience.

All-District Orchestra - \$1,000

Funding sponsored a district-wide orchestra festival during which students in grades 4-12 rehearsed music with the school district's orchestra teachers as well as a special guest conductor, who offered a different musical perspective. During the day, students participated in small group sectionals and rehearsed as a full orchestra before they performed for families in the community. The festival supports growth in the orchestra community within the school district and encourages collaboration between students of different grade levels and between different schools. It also builds upon the music development skills that the students are working on in school.

Color Poster Printer - \$5,700

Funding enabled the purchase of a color poster printer at Radnor Elementary School. The new printer allows teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, and PTO members to create posters as needed in various sizes and colors to accommodate their classrooms and workspaces.



Extended Learning Bussing - \$4,500

Funding provided necessary transportation for the Extended Learning Program at Radnor High School. The program is a drop-in tutoring service for students in grades 9-12 and covers all core subjects including World Language and also offers help with study skills and organization for students. This program is provided at no cost to families.



Circus Week at Ithan Elementary School - \$5,000

Funding provided an engaging opportunity for experiential exploration of the circus arts for our elementary-aged students at Ithan Elementary School. The Philadelphia School of Circus Arts hosted an assembly program to kick off a one-week residency at the school during which students learned various circus arts skills. The week culminated with a performance by the 4th grade students.



Printing for the Future - \$4,500

The Elementary IDS program has seen a growing number of students presenting an extreme interest in 3-D Design and 3-D printing. The IDS program has provided K-5 students with basic 3-D printing opportunities within the current curriculum. With a goal to embrace students' interests and help them pioneer a future in the world of STEM, funding supported the purchase of more capable 3-D printers in each of the IDS classrooms. The printers are able to handle larger print items as well as provide students and staff with multiple color options in each print.



Summer Reading Incentive - \$5,045

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

Bird Observation Science Unit - \$500

Funding supported the purchase of new bird feeders and supplies that are used in the 2nd grade bird observation unit at Wayne Elementary School. Using the new supplies, students learn about different types of birds and migration patterns. They also study John James Audubon and other naturalists who specialize in birds and the environment.



WES Goes Pro - \$500

Funding supported the purchase of a Go Pro videorecording camera and software that all school administrators and teachers in Wayne Elementary School are able to use to record, edit, and share classroom performances, special events, student projects, and more.

3-D Printer for Radnor Middle School - \$2,750

The current 3-D printers used by the Tech Department at Radnor Middle School are being phased out by the manufacturer. Funding supported the purchase of an Ultimaker 2+ Connect that enables remote printing and the option to print with 9 materials. The new 3-D printer are being used in Tech Ed classes for 6, 7 and 8 grade students.



Girls Lead Program at Radnor Middle School - \$8,000

Funding supported programming for 50 middle school-aged female students that equips them with the knowledge and skills necessary to be leaders in school and in the world beyond formal education. The program, developed and facilitated by the Women's Resource Center, helps students develop positive decision-making skills and enhances their interests, abilities, and character.



High School Voter Registration Event - \$905

In partnership with the League of Women Voters, funding supported 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.

STEM Kits for Kids - \$2,000



Funding financed interactive and engaging science kits that were assembled by Radnor High School's ACS Chemistry Club and other volunteers from Radnor High School. The STEM kits were given to every student (~560) at Radnor Elementary School. Each kit included materials to perform a grade-specific experiment that could be completed by the student with adult supervision at home. The kits included instructions, activities, and explanations that accompany each experiment.

Summer Camp Magic of Reading - \$1,795



Funding provided special programming for the ~300 students participating in the Radnor Township School District summer reading camps in need of additional academic support in the summer months. A special assembly, titled the Magic of Reading, encourages children to explore the library and promotes a love of reading. Magician Brian Richards captivated our K-12 learners and kicked off our summer literacy camp with a mesmerizing presentation to enrich the educational experiences of Radnor student campers.



WES School Supplies - \$2,450



Funding used to purchase school supplies for Wayne Elementary School's financially disadvantaged students, allowing students to begin the school year knowing that they have all of the school supplies they need for a successful year.



DEI and Belonging Assembly - \$9,000

Funding provided specialized leadership training from nationally recognized experts to create a cohort of high school student facilitators that are equipped to serve as student advocates, support existing initiatives that focus on a culture of belonging, and create experiences that focus on dignity and belonging. All of these components enhance the school district's Belonging Initiative which is incorporated into the school curriculum.



Sound System for Radnor Elementary School Theater - \$15,000

Funding allowed for the purchase of a new sound system for the Radnor Elementary School Little Theater and Cafeteria combined space. The project supports the school's theater program, in addition to allowing for better experience for educational school assemblies and gatherings. These improvements also improve accessibility, allowing members of the school community with hearing challenges the ability to more fully access the school's programming.



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