



TANTASQUA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Educational experience beyond the ordinary

Learning Through Minecraft

\$982.80 with 3yr license

Kage Sagan, Nicole Colella, Kerri Glanville -Wales Elementary School

This grant will fund the purchase of 65 licenses for Minecraft: Education Edition for the enhancement of core standards in Grades 3-6. This version allows for increased student engagement across all curriculum areas, through an engaging, high-interest medium that is equitable and accessible to all learning styles. Each child in grades 3-6 will have a personal account that they will be able to access both at home and in school.

Unplug to Recharge

\$878.74

Meghan Rodier, Melissa Strange, Deb Culver, Loree Hamparian - TJHS

This grant will provide a collection of activity book and supplies, board games and recreational items for students to utilize in developing independent skills to manage stress and anxiety with a focus on items that display an emphasis upon diversity, cultural appreciation and gender equality topics. These tools will help them battle stress utilizing non-technology-based methods.

Compassion Cards Continued

\$2195

Carol Willard, Emma Pesaturo, Abigail Korenda, Madeline Guertin -TJHS

This grant will fund updating necessary equipment that is now "tired" and outdated. Students photograph their Art and use graphic design programs to alter their work and learn how to create note cards. Card packs are sold and all proceeds are donated to non profit groups. The color printer has been a key to the success of this project for 12 years and needs to be replaced in order to continue the project for many more years.

Put Your Best Foot Forward

\$1327.54

Mary Meyer, Meghan Rodier - Tantasqua and Union 61 District

This grant will fund 6 adjustable footrests, 6 rocking footrests, and the material needed for the carpentry department to fabricate additional wood footstools. When children are optionally positioned, they perform significantly better than children who are in too-large standard classroom furniture and allows them to remain seated without providing distraction to others in the classroom.

Gymnastics Supporting Movement Skill Development

\$2,416.68

Megan Clark - Brookfield Elementary

This grant will fund an updated gymnastics unit, including new equipment, and will benefit all elementary students with motor skill development. Gymnastics prepares students for all fundamental movement patterns that transfer to different skills and sport genres and will support physical activity and fitness.

Shining a Light on Learning

\$4,482.00

Kimberly Ferreira, Rebecca Choquet - Brookfield Elementary

This grant will fund 3 light tables and accessories, utilized in academic learning and play centers in Early Childhood classrooms. The tables and manipulatives will foster sensory integration and will provide sensory discovery. COVID changed how we are teaching young children. There is too much hands-off and too much time with pencil and paper work. Children learn by doing. These tables and supplies get back to hands-on learning.



Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine

\$5700

Dalaine Baril, Jen Mullin - Burgess Elementary School

This grant will fund an Inchy's Bookworm vending machine, tokens and trade books to stock the machine. The goal is to increase students' love for reading and to empower elementary students to become good citizen. It will be used as a reward system for students who meet academic goals or show kindness, exhibit good character and model excellent school citizenship all which align with PBIS goals.