

Foundation Grants Report

*1 Grant Cycle offered
in the 2024-2025 Academic Year*

To:

P-H-M School Board Members

From:



2024-2025 P-H-M Education Grants Committee -
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2024-2025 Grant Summary:

- **Total 2024-2025 Grant Budget - \$60,000**
- Total EZ Grants Requested - \$24,533.26
- Total EZ Grants Approved - \$10,369.23
- Total Traditional Grants Requested - \$87,874.09
- Total Traditional Grants Approved - \$49,630.73
- **Total Grants Awarded: \$59,999.96**

The PHMEF 2024-2025 Grants Committee requests the approval to fund the following EZ form grant requests for \$750 or less:

1. Remediation Phonics

- Meadow's Edge Elementary - Alayna Mitchell
- Ufli & Secret Stories Curriculum for 2nd grade
- **Awarded \$260.00**

2. "One Choice" Book Study

- Schmucker Middle School - Mila Jones
- Purchase 60 copies of the the Jack & Nick Savage story "One Choice" books
- **Awarded \$600.00**

3. Elsie Press back in commission

- Elsie Rogers Elementary - Heather Jackey
- Funding for the Elsie Press Newspaper
- **Awarded \$165.00**

4. Third Grade Writing Portfolios

- Meadow's Edge Elementary - Emily Liggitt

- Publishing and resource materials for writing
 - **Awarded \$479.58**
5. **Infant CPR Training Kits**
- Discovery Middle School - Emily Jenkinson
 - Infant CPR Training kits from the American Red Cross
 - **Awarded \$685.62**
6. **Star Buddies, Coffee Shop for All**
- Discovery Middle School-Carly Hixon
 - Materials and supplies for coffee shop for teachers run by exceptional education students
 - **Awarded \$300.00**
7. **Film Photography Processing**
- Penn High School - Jessica Marsh
 - Materials and tools for the film classes and darkroom
 - **Awarded \$320.00**
8. **Let your Learning GLOW**
- Elm Road Elementary - Christy Cook, Amanda Hertel, Nicole Freeman
 - Black lights and materials for ILearn review in 4th grade classrooms
 - **Awarded \$661.51**
9. **Middle School Clay Assistant**
- Grissom Middle School - Elizabeth Marshall
 - Slab roller for clay materials
 - **Awarded \$666.62**
10. **Ricochet Stools for Fidgety Students**
- Discovery Middle School - Tim Braunsdorf
 - Stools designed for students to rock/tip safely
 - **Awarded \$638.20**
11. **Wiggle Seats for Classroom/Small Group Table**
- Prairie Vista Elementary - Elizabeth Stetten
 - Wiggle seats/flexible seating for students
 - **Awarded \$509.94**
12. **Enhance Comprehension through updated Classroom Libraries**
- Elm Road Elementary - Julie Mattison
 - New books that encourage the comprehension process
 - **Awarded \$544.71**
13. **The One and Only Bob Literature Story**
- Prairie Vista Elementary - Elizabeth Stetten
 - 25 copies of **The One and Only Bob**” books
 - **Awarded \$250.10**
14. **North Point Drama Club “The Dazzles”**
- Northpoint Elementary - Jocelyn Dupuis
 - Creation of a Drama Club including “The Big Band” Musical
 - **Awarded \$583.00**

15. **Scintillating Science**

- Discovery Middle School - Anita Weaver
- Tabletop ice maker for the Science classes
- ***Awarded \$371.49***

16. **Photography Club: Explore to Fine Art Photography**

- Penn High School - Jessica Marsh
- SD memory cards for cameras
- ***Awarded \$107.88***

17. **Microscope for all learners**

- Penn High School - Zachery Lopez
- Digital microscope that can connect to a computer
- ***Awarded \$479.00***

18. **“Wonder” Novel Study**

- Bittersweet Elementary - Michelle Polizzotto
- Purchase of 30 copies of the novel “Wonder” by R.J. Palacio
- ***Awarded \$377.70***

19. **Coding with Beebots for Kindergarten**

- Northpoint Elementary - Mary Ann Hatch
- STEM based coding robots for all kindergarten classes to share
- ***Awarded \$676.00***

20. **Door M Picnic Table Part Deux**

- Penn High School - Elizabeth Dix
- Picnic table for outdoor space for teachers’ and students’ use
- ***Awarded \$750.00***

21. **Preschool Playground Revamp**

- Penn High School - Kaylee Wetzel
- Refurbish and install new equipment and play areas outside of Door K including a sandbox in partnership with Penn Construction for the Penn Preschool
- ***Awarded \$419.38***

22. **Discovery Band Tuners**

- Discovery Middle School - Murray Weaver & Carol Weirich
- Devices that clip to music stands helping students tune their instruments
- ***Awarded \$523.50***

The PHMEF 2024-2025 Grants Committee requests the approval to fund the following Traditional form grant requests:

Full Funding

1. **Learning by Induction**

- Penn High School - John Gensic, John Fitch, Rachael Meyers, Brian May, Steven Sanders, Toni Boger-May
- 10-12 grade Sciences & Culinary Arts students
- ***Awarded \$1,347.74***
- A unique collaboration between STEM and FACs classes at Penn obtaining equipment to

modernize space in the culinary classes to include more user-friendly and energy efficient induction cooking materials. Science students will use previously funded thermal cameras and partner with culinary students to help them see a direct connection between science, technology and the application in everyday lives in the kitchen.

2. Drumming Up Creativity

- Elm Road Elementary - Cynthia Berryman
- All kindergarten through 5th grade students through Music class
- **Awarded \$1,655.84**
- 12 new “tubano” drums that will promote bilateral coordination and facilitate complex rhythms using two hands. Students will become composers and create their own music with partners and will perform within the school community.

3. Schmucker Speech Room Upgrade

- Schmucker Middle School - Jenna Pacheco
- All middle school students receiving Speech Therapy
- **Awarded \$2,626.00**
- Upgrades in interactive technology through a video smart board that allows for effective and interactive therapy sessions benefiting students with communication difficulties under the guidance of speech therapy.

4. Mary Frank and Northpoint Tech Upgrades Phase 2

- Mary Frank Elementary & Northpoint Elementary - Jason Poff
- All K-5th grade students
- **Awarded \$5,036.98**
- Expansion of sounds and lighting equipment to enhance Fine Arts performances. These upgrades will help students become more effective communicators through performance experience and more technical lighting and sound engineers.

5. You Can't Swipe This Screen - Screen Printing Basics

- Penn High School - Alex Dunfee
- Digital Design students in grades 9-12
- **Awarded \$3,373.58**
- Provides students the opportunity to learn the screen printing process in class (one of the most common ways to print on fabric.) Students will design and make their own ink-based screen printed shirts and have the opportunity to collaborate and produce products with other student organizations within Penn High School.

6. Feeding You Mind One Book at a Time & Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine

- Horizon Elementary - Sue Roberts & Emily Cornett
- Elsie Rogers Elementary - Hollie Truckowski
- All K-5th grade students
- **Awarded up to \$7,169.00 per vending machine; \$14,338 total (schools to negotiate and work together on pricing/vending machine design)**
- Funds to purchase a book vending machine as part of an incentive program allowing students to earn tokens to then use to purchase a book with the help of staff from the vending machine. Students will have the opportunity to keep the book encouraging the promotion of literacy as a reward with increased student engagement. Vending machines will have the PHMEF logo branding and will be displayed prominently within each school (library or school lobby.)

7. Grissom's Embouchure Project

- Grissom Middle School - Camille Roper
- Band students in grades 6-8
- **Awarded \$1,757.50**
- Purchase of embouchure (mouth shape) and ear training skill building tools for the band program allowing students to correctly and quickly improve their progress in learning music. Students will build fundamental skills in embouchure development, tone production and audiation skills.

8. Integrating Children's Books into Physical Education

- Walt Disney Elementary - Stephen Gouorko
- All K-5th grade students
- **Awarded \$300.50**
- Unique collaboration with classroom teachers and librarians to implement an interdisciplinary learning program that promotes literacy and physical activity in students. Students will use books to research new ways to eat healthy and make better choices while playing games and participating in physical activities based on the books.

9. The Prairie at Prairie Vista

- Prairie Vista Elementary - Dr. Keely Twibell
- All K-5th grade students, other PHM schools and the greater PHM Community
- **Awarded \$10,250.00**
- In collaboration with community volunteers, the school community and PTO organization, Prairie Vista will restore and utilize the natural prairie area on school property. The grant will create learning opportunities for all PHM students allowing them to engage directly with the natural world. Teachers can bring classes out to the natural environment to create a dynamic learning environment. Students and community members will be encouraged to take an active role in prairie conservation efforts, clean-up activities, seasonal maintenance and seeding initiatives and will be an area that other schools can visit to pursue research projects and advanced study. Restoration efforts include but aren't limited to Wildlife identification and trail marker signs, observation station stumps, a natural obstacle course, raised garden beds, bird and bat houses, microscopes, binoculars, magnifying glasses and field guides to enhance the learning experiences.

10. Tinker and Thrive - 3D Printing for Focused Students

- Penn High School and all 11 Elementary Schools - Kyle Marsh
- K-5th grade students and 9-12 grade Penn students
- **Awarded \$4,936.56**
- Purchase and installation of 3D printers in all elementary students with a designated teacher lead. Students who use fidget toys as a tool for focus and accommodation in the classroom, will have the ability to design and create their own fidget toys using 3D printing technology, empowering them with the ability to customize tools that best supports their unique needs for attention and engagement.

11. Write On!

- Walt Disney Elementary - Katie Carroll
- All K-5th grade students
- **Awarded \$1,884.03**
- Organization and expansion of the student Engagement Lab where students and teachers use props and visuals to illustrate/bring to life student's written work. It will provide an opportunity for cohesive and engaging writing experience for students as they grow in Math, Language Arts,

Science and Social Studies. Materials will also be incorporated into school community events like the Math and Literacy Night and Culture Night at Walt Disney Elementary.

Partial Funding

1. Power Hour: Fitness & Focus for a Strong Future

- Discovery Middle School - Terry Arter, John Hedrick, Kevin McMilen & Autumn Stout
- All 6th-8th grade students
- ***Requested \$5,000.00***
- ***Awarded \$1,795.00***
- Funds to purchase new workout equipment to start a workout club before school, enhance exercise during PE and offer opportunities for athletes before and after school. The current equipment is unsafe and damaged. These funds will be used to begin replacement of old equipment. Funds are in collaboration with the Discovery PTO and Dr. Aaron Leniski & Mrs. Elizabeth Cunha's existing budgets.

2. Foreign Language Academy

- Horizon Elementary - Ally Schmidt
- All K-5th grade students
- ***Requested \$1,049.00***
- ***Awarded \$329.00***
- Purchase of a Spanish Language Curriculum, Calico Spanish, which is designed for kindergarten through fifth grade students. Students will be taught in six 1-hour sessions as a part of an afterschool club. There is the possibility to expand into other languages in the future. Grant is in partnership with Horizon Staff funded through the Horizon PTO and in collaboration with Penn High School Mentors as suggested volunteers for the program.