



TANTASQUA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*Educational experience beyond the ordinary*

## Grants Awarded in 2023

### **Primary Learning Flexible Seating**

\$1490.64

Stacy Cizik, Jill Sheldon - Brimfield Elementary School

This grant will fund a variety of flexible seating equipment for use in the learning environment. It will allow the students to wobble, rock, bounce, lean or stand which increases oxygen flow to the brain, blood flow throughout the body and increases core strength while supporting the students' individual learning styles. The equipment will be used daily, benefiting as many students as possible in the school.

### **Dramatic Play is FUNdamental**

\$7208.00

Krista Starr, Lori Czech, Maureen Kenneway, Denise Campiglio, Erica Rodriguez, Erika Blais - Burgess Elementary School

This grant will fund dramatic play furniture, storage and six different dramatic play themes. These materials will provide hands-on play experiences, which will enhance the students' learning environment and promote learning across the curriculum. The activities will also allow for social, emotional and language development in this age group. The equipment will be shared among the Kindergarten teachers impacting as many students as possible and can be used year after year.

### **A Book for All, Big or Small**

\$5640.00

Kristin Giuggio, Mary Beth Holland, Meghan Matczak - Brimfield Elementary School

This grant will fund a book vending machine for the Brimfield Elementary School. The fully functional vending machine will be filled with a variety of books for the students to purchase. It will provide the teachers an opportunity to nurture the students' love of reading. The students will earn tokens to be used in the machine by demonstrating excellent school citizenship, positive behavior and acts of kindness, all in keeping with the school goals. This will benefit the entire population of the school.

### **Collapsible GaGa Pit and Expansion for Indoor/Outdoor Physical Education**

\$3749.00

Christine Neslusan - Wales Elementary School

This grant will fund a "GaGa" Pit, which is an enclosed space with low walls and room for several individuals to move freely while playing a variety of games. It can be used either indoors or outdoors and can be configured to support a variety of games and activities. It will provide many activity options for students, who might otherwise sit out or not want to participate. It will also encourage problem solving and teamwork. It will benefit all students at the school.

### **Touch Screen Monitors: An Equitable Solution**

\$3300.00

Jeff Crisafulli, Elizabeth Venezia - Holland Elementary School

This grant will purchase eight touch screen monitors for small group settings as additional instruction sites in the classroom. This will allow instructional staff to use the same formats and materials as the classroom teacher, increasing education equity by creating consistency between the whole classroom and the small group settings. The touch screens will increase student engagement by providing fast and easy visuals for a variety of learners.

### **"Building Thinking Classrooms" - Resources for Mathematics Teaching**

\$2500.00

Terri Boshka - TRHS

This grant is to expand the use of "a thinking math classroom" from one to all 16 math classrooms at TRHS. It provides for four mounted white boards for use in each of the classrooms. This will provide students with the opportunity to be fully engaged in learning, to encourage vertical thinking and group activities. It will encourage students to take more ownership of their own learning, gain confidence in their mathematical abilities and prevent them from falling behind. It will benefit every student who takes Math at TRHS.