

# **GRANTS 2016-17**

## **Fine Arts**

### ***K-8 Fine Arts Presentations***

Educational and culturally enriching Fine Arts Presentations will be provided for all grades across the district. A wide array of diverse programming has been selected for the coming year. All buildings will experience Presidential Game Show. Elementary buildings will also have Ease the Tease and Barrel of Monkeys programs. Number the Stars and Tom Sawyer will be presented at DPM. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the APT Fine Arts Committee.

### ***Electrify Your Strings Workshop***

The 6/7/8 grade Orchestra students will experience alternative music in an exciting format. Students will work with the accomplished musician, Mark Wood, to explore the unique world of electronic orchestra. A concert will be given to showcase the newly developed skills alongside the Lake Forest High School Orchestra. The Spirit of 67 is partnering with the LFHS Applause Board to deliver this fantastic program.

### ***SMARTBoards for K- 4 Music***

SMARTBoards will be provided to all of the elementary school music classrooms. All students will benefit from the active visual and kinesthetic learning that the SMARTBoards deliver.

### ***Portable Audio Sounds System Improvement Project***

This grant will provide Deer Path Middle School with a high quality sound system that is easily transported throughout the entire building. Presentations may now be held in the cafeteria, gym or any outdoor space. This system will also greatly benefit the pop-a-capella choir allowing each child to sing with a wireless microphone.

## **Language Arts**

### ***Visiting Author Program***

Published authors visit all schools to bring the creative writing process to life in a meaningful way for all K-8 students. After much research and consultation with classroom teachers, the APT selects relevant, exciting programs for all kids. The elementary students will have the opportunity to meet Candace Fleming. Fran Schumer Chapman will conduct two days of writing workshops with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and Kathi Appelt will conduct two days of writing workshops for DPM-East students.

### ***Monarch & Bluestem Books***

This grant awards the three elementary schools two sets of the Monarch and Bluestem 2017 nominated books. The Monarch Book Award (Grades K-3) encourages children to read critically and become familiar with children's books, authors and illustrators. The Bluestem Award is designed for students in grades 3-4 who are ready for longer titles. All students will be eligible to read and vote for their favorite book in late winter.

### ***Teachers' Reading and Writing Project – Reading Institute***

All District 67 teachers will receive professional development from the Teachers College at Columbia University. We are happy to partner with the District to provide this outstanding professional development to all.

### ***Sets of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Mentor Texts***

All 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms will receive two additional sets of mentor texts for better individual access. Extra copies will enhance reading instruction by providing opportunities for all kids to study the texts and strengthen their abilities to apply and transfer skills taught through mini-lessons.

### ***The Phonics Dance***

All elementary schools will receive materials for the Phonics Dance Program. It's a multi-sensory program to teach phonics which will help with reading and writing skills. It provides support at various levels to strengthen decoding, fluency, phonemic awareness, and spelling.

## **Science**

### ***Visiting Scientist Program***

Students at all three elementary schools will have the opportunity to attend a special science event by Mad Science of Northern Illinois that will include current curricular standards for science. Performances include Weather and Climate, Forces and Interactions, Wave Properties, Waves/Light/Sound, Structures and Properties of Matter.

### ***Improving the Science Experience for DPM students***

A variety of hands-on materials will be purchased to further enhance the existing curriculum. Students will have increased exposure to lab demonstrations and multi-sensory tools in all science classes at DPM. A school garden will be developed to assist with the instruction of ecosystems during fifth grade.

## **Social Studies**

### ***5<sup>th</sup> Grade Culture Fair***

5<sup>th</sup> Grade students experience three exciting fairs throughout the year – Egypt, Greece and Rome - that complements the topic being studied in Social Studies at that time. The teachers design the fairs and the grant will pay for storytellers, musicians or re-enactors that bring the different ancient civilizations to life.

### ***6<sup>th</sup> Grade Culture Fair***

6<sup>th</sup> Grade students experience three exciting fairs throughout the year. The first fair will cover Medieval Europe and the Middle East units of study. The second fair will explore Imperial China and Africa. The third fair will be related to the Caribbean Islands, the Americas and the history of the Mayas, Aztecs and Incas. The teachers design the fairs and

the grant will pay for storytellers, musicians, cultural specialists or military personnel who provide informational sessions for the students.

## **Technology**

### ***New ED program***

Students in the Emotional Development program will receive new iPads and noise cancelling headphones to supplement the existing materials. This program is new to the district and supports students with emotional disabilities.

### ***TAP - it***

The Early Learners Program will receive an interactive touch whiteboard designed specifically for students with special needs. The Spirit of 67 is happy to partner with an IDEA grant to purchase this unique tool. It will allow access to developmentally appropriate materials for all students.

## **Wellness**

### ***Revitalize Outdoor Wellness and Recess at Sheridan***

The Spirit of 67 is thrilled to partner with the District and the City of Lake Forest to revitalize the outdoor playground space at Sheridan. The foundation will provide the equipment that the students at Sheridan have researched and designed. This project will begin in Summer of 2017.

## **World Language**

### ***Weichi Presentation***

Mandarin speaking students will receive specialized instruction for the game of Weichi. As the students' knowledge of the game develops, their language skills will increase as well as the higher level thinking skills necessary to strategize while playing Weichi.

## **Miscellaneous**

### ***Kreischer's Kids Fund***

This fund provides financial assistance to students who may not be able to participate in an extra-curricular school related activity or pay for school related expenses due to financial issues. District 67 personnel administer the fund which is available for all students in our district.

### ***Indoor Recess Games***

A variety of board games will be purchased for the first grade team at Cherokee to supplement the existing materials intended for indoor recess time. The games are exciting, developmentally appropriate and educational.

### ***Meaningful Play***

Cherokee, Everett and Sheridan schools will receive Rigamajigs, a large-scale building kit. The materials empower kids to follow their curiosities and develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century leaning skills. The skills that are fostered while working with Rigamajigs connect to many curriculum goals. It also assists in the evolution of our school libraries into flexible learning spaces where extended opportunities exist for all students.

### ***Everett iZone***

This grant will allow areas of the Everett IRC to be redesigned with flexible furniture pieces and innovative materials to enhance learning for students. Everett's iZone will be an area for information, imagination, innovation, integration, investigation, instruction and inquiry.

### ***Sheridan School Light Bulb Lab***

This grant will award the Sheridan School Light Bulb Lab with additional flexible, soft seating, lap desks, mobile whiteboards and storage carts for maker materials. The Light Bulb Lab will become a classroom for all students and a common learning space for the Sheridan community.

### ***Making @ The Cube***

A variety of resource books, storage containers, creative supplies and Spheros Robots and accessory packs will be purchased for The Cube's MakerSpace area. This grant will provide a much needed boost to the creation of the MakerSpace area and allow students greater experiences toward creating a "maker" culture.