

Spring 2013 Grant Awards

Getting Started on the STEM path with 2nd Grade WeDo Robotics (\$3,146.94)

Ryan LaPlante (Stonegate)

This grant provides 24 additional Lego WeDo Robotics kits for use at all ZCS elementary schools. The kits will allow for hands on STEM lessons for all 2nd grade students in Zionsville.

Elementary Robotics Grant (\$8,886.84)

Dan Layton and Christine Squier (All ZCS Elementary Schools)

Following the resounding success of the first-year robotics program in Zionsville elementary schools, this grant allows for the expansion of the robotics curriculum in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) classes and for the expansion of the extra-curricular First Lego League clubs in the fall.

Tap into Technology (\$468)

Courtney Foster (Union)

This grant allows for the purchase of an iPad Mini to teach social skills to students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Research supports the use of video modeling for teaching social skills to students with ASD.

Tools Not Toys (\$1,495)

Lynne Munley (Union)

This grant provides technology through the use of iPads to create differentiated classroom instruction. This project promotes academic excellence by maximizing the education experience of each student individually with the use of proven successful technology.

Special Bikes for Special People (\$764.98)

Juli Speer and Jennifer Davis (ZCHS)

This grant adds two Sun Adult Trikes to the tools available for Adaptive Physical Education. Students with special needs can use the bikes to gain confidence, independence, muscular strength and coordination.

Trailblazers--STEPS to Independence (\$2,800)

Julie Noel (ZCHS)

This project empowers students in the ZCHS Student Transition and Employment Partnership (STEP) Program to learn leadership, teamwork and independent living skills through environmental and wilderness experiences.

We're Having a Ball! (\$831.60)

Jennifer Davis (ZCHS)

This grant provides the remaining funding needed to complete a ball pit for students at the high school with sensory integration difficulties. The pit of 8000 balls provides an age appropriate tool for sensory regulation that will decrease disruptive behaviors and help promote academic excellence for these students.

Centers, Centers, Centers (\$769.79)

Jonann Lamaster (Stonegate)

This project centers around providing students with enriching activities during guided reading and math group times. The supplied materials will allow students to work independently while the teacher works with other students in a small group setting.

I've Got Z'Power--Expect the Best, Get the Best (\$4,100)

Kris Devereaux (ZWMS)

Utilizing the latest brain research on learning, ZWest wants to target character education and choices by involving students and parents in a year-long focus that includes monthly power words, power Fridays and First Day and Mid-Year special activities.

Learning STEM Through Literacy (\$12,850)

Jodi Burns and Jessica Gray (all ZCS Elementary Schools)

This grant allows for the purchase of a collection of books for each elementary school that support the current math curriculum. All kindergarten through 2nd grade classrooms will be able to use the books to help meet the varied needs of their students in math while creating a literacy rich environment.