

FHPS Foundation Fall 2021 Awarded Grants



With community support, the Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation helps fund excellence in education by supporting identified needs of the school district. The FHPS Foundation helps support key educational initiatives that are vital in equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to build meaningful and productive lives. Together with our community, we are cultivating possibility, enriching our educational system, and building a strong future. The Foundation's board of trustees provides governance and oversight to grant proposals, Foundation initiatives, and much more. It is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization registered in the State of Michigan. The Foundation awards individual staff grants two times each year, once during the fall and another during the spring. Listed below are the fall 2021 awarded grants, totaling nearly \$85,000.

Kristin Kemppainen | Ada Elementary | Three classroom sets of literature that directly connect to the mathematical concepts younger learners will experience during their year in kindergarten. **\$1,683**

Jeannette Bunda, Gabriela Tobar, Katy Salter, and Shannon Castro | Ada Vista Elementary | Purposeful play activities and toys for kindergarteners for social emotional growth; to include double-sided magnetic tiles, Playstix, light table pegs, mix and match magnetic families, Mr. Potato Head family, Little Sweeties baby dolls. **\$875**

Kristine Yelding | All 5-6 | Social and emotional learning centered games to create a building library to be used by teachers during various lessons. **\$727**

Kristine Yelding | All High Schools | Rolling desks to be used by the high school counselors to work with students in common areas, for small group instruction, and to be out of the office and in the building more. **\$1,870**

Lisa Smith | All K-12 | Six medical trolley bags with wheels for 15 adult/child CPR manikins and 15 infant manikins. **\$600**

Michelle Becker | All K-12 | Specialized equipment for all K-12 physical education teachers to ensure equitable learning opportunities for all students in PE classrooms. Items include: slow-motion soccer ball, bowling ramp for wheelchair users, freestanding basketball hoop, wheelchair soccer footplate cover, rainbow textured activity balls, InReach beeper ball. **\$17,800**

Francine Wolters (on behalf of Media Center Clerks K-5) | All K-5 | Informational state and world books that students can access that are culturally responsive and up-to-date in an effort to increase motivation and engagement. **\$13,302**

Kristine Yelding | All K-5 | Social and emotional learning centered games to create a building library to be used by teachers during various lessons. **\$5,098**

Kristy Butler | Central High School | Physical 3D models of the molecules that are most essential to life processes. These items will be used to tie in the biology and chemistry courses. **\$1,778**

Sarah Velie | Central High School | Novels for use for book club groupings in 9th- and 10th-grade English classes. **\$1,000**

Kathryn Venneman | Collins Elementary | Math motivator games to be utilized in intervention, special education, and in classrooms to help make math fact practice fun. These games will help energize and encourage practice of math facts and help make fact recall automatic for our students. **\$93**

Erin Gauthier | Eastern Middle | Autism room at EMS follows a program that helps promote independence for students. This grant will help update the exercise station with a rowing machine, and the choice time station with Lego sets, two-player games like Connect 4, and puzzles that are appropriate for their level. **\$1,500**

Heidi Kett | Eastern Middle | Books to enhance six units of study that are included in our sixth-grade language arts curriculum and will be high-interest novels for all sixth-grade students. **\$2,461**

Laura Anys Eastern Middle Yearbook cameras to help grow the yearbook program at EMS.....	\$1,816
Kristen Pennington Knapp Forest Elementary Sensory space activities. These activities will serve the needs of students who benefit from short sensory breaks in a "sensory success room." Students' emotional regulation needs can be supported with sensory-stimulating activities.	\$2,324
Kim Crampton Knapp Forest Elementary A selection of diverse books to help guide students with conversations about specific social emotional learning topics such as empathy, cultivating and maintaining relationships, recognizing and managing emotions, and problem solving.....	\$448
Tim Greenlee Knapp Forest Elementary Selection of books to enhance the classroom library. Titles are beginner chapter books that are high interest and serve as a nice bridge into more complex reading.	\$581
Rachel Sanborn/Kindergarten Teacher Team Knapp Forest Elementary Social emotional learning enrichment with box sets of books and tools; three box sets. These sets include topics such as self-awareness, social skills, feelings, cooperation, self-control, and self-esteem.	\$2,694
Karen Osborn Knapp Forest Elementary Early reader books and picture books for the kindergarten classroom.....	\$1,650
Alyssa Fein Meadow Brook Elementary Books to help build a classroom library to support the reading units and promote student choice and interest.....	\$1,514
Kristi Widdis Meadow Brook Elementary Decodable reader books for second grade to be used in five classrooms. These books are used for students who require a more structured phonetic approach to learn how to read. Decodable readers allow more students to learn how to read in the classroom setting rather than in a resource or intervention room.....	\$1,976
Joseph Payne Meadow Brook Elementary Nine-hole disc golf course and 30 discs.....	\$4,030
Hannah Ackland Meadow Brook Elementary First-grade decodable books to help close gaps in learning and further support all student growth.	\$2,412
Colin Gallagher Northern High School Wide-belt sanding machine for the woodworking and Gone Boarding industrial technology program as well as Project Next, STEM Academy, and physics.	\$6,721
Jennifer Wells Northern Hills Middle Sets of books that are high-interest low-level readers for special education students. This will include two sets of 12 readers along with a teacher guide.....	\$294
Allen Putnam Northern Trails 5/6 Flexible, sensory-based, kinesthetic seating for special needs students. Kinesthetic learning (movement while learning) tools include: under-the-desk bike pedal exerciser, FitStudent junior bike desk, and a height-adjustable wobble stool.....	\$3,750
Kirstin Sharma Northern Trails 5/6 Lower-level books for emerging readers and English language learners that are engaging and are high-interest.	\$811
Lisa Howard and Julie Hoeks Orchard View Elementary Fiction and non-fiction reading materials that will enrich, expand, and enhance the language arts curriculum. Books will include current book titles, high-interest low readability books, and popular age-appropriate magazine subscriptions.	\$2,270
Brandon Greer Pine Ridge Elementary Portable weather station and mounting unit for all third graders to study weather patterns right where they live.....	\$367
Kathleen Sobecki Transition Center 30 outdoor chairs each with an attached table so students can have a space outdoors to set their lunches, notebooks, and/or devices on without having to balance items on their laps.	\$2,550

(Note: For books to be funded, teacher(s) included a book list and the list was approved by the building principal and/or the instruction office.)