



Grant Cycle 2020-2021

OCTOBER 2020 APPROVED GRANTS

1. Dramatic Play Equipment - (Kindergarten) Monteith ~ \$3,731
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
2. All Hands-on Deck (Grade 3) Mason ~ \$406
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
3. Integrating Literacy into the Maire Makerspace (Grades K-4) Maire ~\$750
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund.
4. Instrumental Music PPE (Grades 5-12) Parcels, Brownell, Pierce, North and South
~ \$2,400
5. iPads to Interact with New Smart Board Software (Grades 5-8) Parcels, Brownell
and Pierce ~ \$6,808
6. Hands on Art (Grades 5-8) Parcels ~ \$402
7. Chromebooks for Everyday Lessons and Growth (Post High School Students)
Community Campus ~ \$3,179
8. Bring Out the Bass (Grades 5-12) Brownell, Parcels and North ~ \$8,000
9. New Vibraphone (Grades 9-12) South ~ \$3,993
10. Impairment Goggles (Grades 9-12) North ~ \$600

Total grants awarded October 2020 = \$30,269.00



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MARCH 2021 APPROVED GRANTS

1. Early Childhood Hands-On (E.C.H.O.) Library and Resource Center (Preschool)
Trombly Early Childhood Center ~ \$2,000
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
2. Engaging Preschoolers in Movement (Preschool) Barnes ~ \$2,319
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
3. Moving to the Beat of My Own Drum (Y5-4th grade) Defer ~ \$2,775
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
4. Richard Elementary Playground Replacement (Y5-4th grade) Richard ~ \$10,000
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
5. Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine (5th grade) Parcels ~ \$5,050
6. Harmony Directors to Help Retrain Ensemble Skills (5th-12th grade) Brownell,
Pierce, Parcels, South and North ~ \$4,775
7. iPad Cart and Twenty iPads (9th-10th grade) South ~ \$8,359
8. Peer to Peer Program Funds (9th-12th grade) North ~ \$500

Total grants awarded March 2021 = \$35,778.00

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED 2020-2021 = \$66,047



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1. Dramatic Play Equipment (Kindergarten) Monteith (\$3,731)

This grant purchases wooden play equipment replacements for 3 Kindergarten classes. Dramatic play is a mandatory part of early childhood learning goals, as the students learn about collaboration, compassion and diversity, while using the new kitchen equipment. GPFPE is fortunate to be able to fund this grant through the *Lois J. Warden Fund* that has been established for important elementary programs within the school system. *Submitted by Natalie Bruveris, Theresa Comilla and Diane Richards*

2. All Hands on Deck (Grade 3) Mason (\$406)

Math manipulatives will be purchased for this classroom to make mathematic instruction more interactive and engaging, in a workshop environment. This instructor will use the purchased games to build math proficiency and fluency, while also encouraging different learning styles. This grant will also be funded by the *Lois J. Warden Fund*. *Submitted by Caitlin Haigh*

3. Integrating Literacy into the Maire Makerspace (Grades K-4) Maire (\$750)

This is another literacy grant that will be funded through the generosity of the *Lois J. Warden Fund*. Maire Elementary wishes to expand a literacy library that will complement the hands-on learning and critical thinking skills in their STEAM/Makerspace area, by offering many new leveled books about engineering design, creation and the importance of collaboration for students to choose. *Submitted by Michelle Kramer*

4. Instrumental Music PPE (Grades 5-12) Parcels, Brownell, Pierce, North and South (\$2,400)

Air purifiers will be purchased for every instrumental music practice room in the district's middle schools and high schools, through this grant. Twelve air purifiers will protect the entire band and orchestra musicians, during indoor practice sessions. *Submitted by Tom Torrento*

5. iPads to Interact with New Smart Board Software (Grades 5-8) Parcels, Brownell and Pierce (\$6,808)

The Math departments at the three middle schools requested iPads and accessories for teachers to connect with new SMART Board technology. This will allow better social distancing within the classroom during in-person instruction, as well as accommodate virtual sharing of the SMART Board, through a Screen Mirroring feature. *Submitted by Ashley Golitko*



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6. Hands on Art (Grades 5-8) Parcels (\$402)

This grant will purchase wire and equipment to allow instruction in 3D manipulation in Art Class, offering another medium in which to create. The classroom teacher wants her students to see that art is not just drawing and painting and hopes that this hands-on opportunity will allow her students to learn more about spatial skills. *Submitted by Courtney Hughes*

7. Chromebooks for Everyday Lessons and Growth (Post High School Students)Community School (\$3,179)

This is a partial grant to fund the purchase of ten Chromebooks and a cart for use in the GPPSS Community School. Developmentally disabled students will use the technology to engage in exploring and researching potential jobs and careers, practice data entry and learn e-commerce as a microbusiness. *Submitted by Ann Marie Bokatzian*

8. Bring Out the Bass (Grades 5-12) Brownell, Parcels and North (\$8,000)

Another partial grant will fund the purchase of two Sousaphones for two middle schools and North High. Replacing instruments purchased in 1968, this acquisition will be especially beneficial for the marching band. *Submitted by Tom Torrento*

9. New Vibraphone (Grades 9-12) South (\$3,993)

This grant purchases a new vibraphone for the South Band and Orchestra Program. This instrument replaces a currently unrepairable vibraphone that is central to festival preparation and performances. *Submitted by Christopher Takis*

10. Impairment Goggles (Grades 9-12)North (\$600)

GPFPE is pleased to fund this innovative grant, submitted by a North counselor, which buys six impairment goggles, which he intends to use to help students learn valuable life experiences. The students will experience, virtually, the effect of drugs and alcohol on their systems, while being instructed in possible legal ramifications from their use. This will be part of a new American Legal Systems class. *Submitted by Sean McCarroll*

11. Early Childhood Hands-On (E.C.H.O.) Library and Resource Center (Preschool) Trombly Early Childhood Center (\$2,000)

This grant partners with the district and many other resources in helping fund learning supplies for both pre-school teachers and young families to use at Trombly. E.C.H.O. Library and Resource Center will become the district's first early childhood resource center and will provide a safe and nurturing environment for young minds



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(ages 2.5 to 5) to explore and learn using hands-on materials, manipulatives and age-appropriate books. GPFPE is fortunate to be able to fund this partial grant through the *Lois J. Warden Fund* that has been established in her memory and is designated for important early and elementary educational programs within the school system.

Submitted by Betina Davis and Cate Williams

12. Engaging Preschoolers in Movement (Preschool) Barnes (\$2,319)

This grant will provide hands-on materials to promote movement and help preschoolers with motor skills. Research indicates that 80% of all children entering kindergarten will present with delays in motor skill development. In this grant, occupational therapy equipment like stepping stones and balance beams will entice movement and balance which in turn accelerates cognitive and social/emotional development. This grant will also be funded by the *Lois J. Warden Fund* that is set up for young learners.

Submitted by Kelly Vess, Victoria Armenio, and Michelle Satler

13. Moving to the Beat of My Own Drum (Y5-4th grade) Defer (\$2,775)

This grant will benefit all of the students at Defer Elementary as a result of their very creative PE teacher and her idea to keep the kids physically active getting their heart rates up while keeping a rhythmic beat. The DrumFIT program provided by this grant gives each student during PE class a fitness ball, a stand and two drumsticks to follow the teacher's lead and move to the beat of the different songs at appropriate age levels. This grant will also be funded by the renowned *Lois J. Warden Fund*.

Submitted by Courtney Kliman

14. Richard Elementary Playground Replacement (Y5-4th grade) Richard (\$10,000)

The GPFPE is excited to join the many businesses and donors committed to replacing and updating the current unsafe (26 years old) playground equipment that is at the center of our community. The funds gifted here will aid in the purchase of a variety of playground equipment used for recess, extra curriculums and to give the community a place to interact, play, build cooperative skills and spend time with each other. Since this grant will be used for elementary children and young families, we are happy to give credit to the *Lois J. Warden Fund* yet again. *Submitted by Dr. John Kernan*



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15. Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine (5th grade) Parcels (\$5,050)

This grant funds a vending machine that will hold 150 grade appropriate books that will be available to students earning credits for good work and behavior. A creative incentive program, tying in with the Parcels PBIS, reading goals and Leader In Me, will help build excitement and enthusiasm for reading. The teachers requesting this grant hope that the vending machine program can eventually be run by the students- adding real life experiences in running a business, economics and fundraising to their learned skill sets. *Submitted by Karen Gallagher, Kim Hool, Erica Stout-Kirck, Christine Porada and Nicholas Symonette*

16. Harmony Directors to Help Retrain Ensemble Skills (5th-12th grade) Brownell, Pierce, Parcels, South and North (\$4,775)

Connecting with the existing classroom technology, this grant will provide musical instrumental instruction at the middle and high school level to better teach tone, intonation, rhythm and ensemble blend with the use of Yamaha Harmony Directors. As instrumental students return to face-to-face ensemble instruction, this technology will facilitate working together, building confidence and performing at a high level for years to come. *Submitted by Tom Torrento*

17. iPad Cart and Twenty iPads (9th-10th grade) South (\$8,359)

This technology grant coordinates with the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards), approved by GPPSS last year. The teacher requesting iPads for her high school Science students envisions them using multiple free apps and programs to interact and manipulate simulations, explore labs and document their work through images and videos. This inquiry-based instruction will use technology to allow students to have a new experience with science and engineering practices. *Submitted by Claire Sobolak*

18. Peer to Peer Program Funds (9th-12th grade) North (\$500)

As cited on a University of Michigan website, "The Peer to Peer program was built on the premise that many mental health disorders first present themselves during adolescence, and teens are more likely to listen to other teens than well-meaning adults." Funding this grant will allow North's mental health team to expand outreach, raise awareness, reduce stigma and promote social/emotional health at North High. Led by 24 students, this mentoring program will bring in pertinent speakers to address good emotional health, engage the student population through social media and interaction, and promote the value of counseling and/or help available to students. *Submitted by Kelly Osborne*