

## Your Donations Making a Difference!

**L**ast spring, the GPFPE awarded **\$95,501 in grants** for programs that enhance learning across all GPPSS schools. These 28 grants support academics, creativity, and emotional well-being at every level — from kindergarten Chromebooks to 5th grade camp and high school robotics.

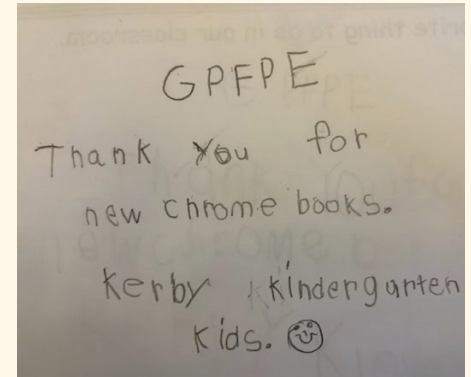
### Spring 2025 Grants:

- First Tee School Program (Young 5s - 4th grade) All Elementary Schools (\$3,250) (funded by the Lois J. Warden Fund)
- Chromebooks for Classrooms (Kindergarten) Kerby (\$7,000)
- Technology in Young Fives (Young 5s) Kerby (\$4,143)
- Chromebooks for Student Learning (Kindergarten - 4th grade) Richard (\$9,956)
- DI at Defer (1st - 4th grade) Defer (\$1,000)
- DI at Pierce (5th - 8th grade) Pierce (\$1,000)
- Championing for Students with Disabilities with Story Champs (Early Childhood - 8th grade) Barnes, All Elementary Schools and All Middle Schools (\$7,780)
- AED Trainers (All ages) GPPSS District (\$1,550)
- Inquiry Based Learning with DBQ Project (5th - 8th grade) All Middle Schools (\$10,140) (funded in part by the Ronald Dalby Fund)
- Destination Imagination Global Finals (5th - 8th grade) Pierce (\$1,000)



*The GPFPE awarded Kerby kindergarteners new technology to replace the current outdated devices in their classrooms. Chromebooks help these kindergarten students work with equipment that is not only dependable, but has become mandatory in the district. And they are fun!*

- Aeronautical Engineering (6th grade) Parcels (\$776)
- Greenfield Village (5th grade) Parcels (\$1,000)
- Pierce Botmasterz All-Girls Robotics Team (5th - 8th grade) Pierce (\$600)
- After-School Support Programs (5th - 8th grade) Parcels (\$6,000)
- Botmasterz All-Girls, Districtwide, 14+ Robotics Team (7th - 12th grade) All Middle Schools and High Schools (\$1,000)
- Grosse Pointe North Quiz Bowl: National Tournament (11th - 12th grade) North (\$1,000)
- Coaster Creation (9th - 12th grade) North (\$300)
- Assistive Technology for Reading Support (9th - 12th grade) North (\$1,175)
- Improved Access to Microscope Technology (9th - 12th grade) North (\$5,933)



- Layout and Workflow Optimization Grant (9th - 12th grade) South (\$2,256)
- Skull and Bone Replicas for Forensics (9th - 12th grade) South (\$4,300)

The GPFPE's SEED grants fund programs that support mental and emotional wellness. The SEED grant recipients are as follows:

- Community Somewhat Virtual Book Club (9th - 12th grade) South (\$953)
- Wellness Workshop, Friendship Corner, Mindful Movement and Mindful Moment Materials (1st grade) Richard (\$384)
- Bea\*TWEEN the Books Therapy Dog Program (5th - 8th grade) Pierce (\$465)
- Peer to Peer (9th - 12th grade) North (\$2,000)
- Therapy Dog Liability Insurance (Kindergarten - 8th grade) Monteith and Pierce (\$250)
- GPPSS Therapy Dog Program (5th - 8th grade) Pierce (\$290)
- 5th Grade Camp (5th grade) All Middle Schools (\$20,000)

## In Loving Memory of Beth Moran

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education is deeply saddened by the passing of our longtime board member and cherished friend, Beth Moran.

Beth’s dedication to education and community spanned more than five decades, leaving an indelible mark on countless lives. As an educator, she shaped young minds and created nurturing learning environments that reflected her kindness, compassion, and belief in every child’s potential.

Beyond the classroom, Beth’s impact reached across our community, touching the many organizations that support children and families.

For more than 13 years, Beth served on the GPFPE Board, lending her wisdom and warmth to our Grant Committee and to every project she touched. She and her husband, Joe, graciously served as Honorary Chairs for our 2024 Spring



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Benefit, a reflection of their shared generosity and lifelong commitment to education and community service.

Beth will be remembered for her unwavering dedication, gentle leadership, and the joy she brought to all who knew her. Her legacy will continue to shine through the opportunities she helped create for generations of Grosse Pointe students.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Joe and the entire Moran family. Beth’s light will continue to guide and inspire the work of the GPFPE.

Beth’s generous spirit continues. In lieu of flowers she asked that donations be made to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, 20601 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, [gpfpe.org/donate/](http://gpfpe.org/donate/). If donating, please mention her name so that we can honor her properly.

### Classroom Spotlight: Cook Schoolhouse

Second graders across GPPSS are heading back in time — thanks to the GPFPE funding for materials used during their Cook Schoolhouse field trips. Each student now has authentic learning tools to enhance this hands-on history experience. You can help fund these field trips by directing a donation to “Cook Schoolhouse Field Trips” at [GPFPE.ORG](http://GPFPE.ORG).



### Smart Giving Tip for Donors Age 70½+

If you are age 70½ or older, you can direct a gift from your IRA to the GPFPE, and it can count toward your required minimum distribution.

**A simple way to support  
the GPFPE**

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*“Every donation we receive – from the smallest to the largest – makes a difference to our students and teachers.”*

– Cynthia Sohn, GPFPE President

## The New Parcels Student Union

**T**he GPFPE is thrilled to help make the new **Parcels Student Union** a reality!

Thanks to a grant requested by Parcels administrators, counselors, and social workers, students in grades 5–8 now have a welcoming common space designed for connection, collaboration, and fun. (No cell phones allowed!) This creative project will complement classroom learning and help students – especially those who need a little extra support – build confidence and strong friendships.



## The "Shoe Project"

**C**hristmas came early for the GPFPE last December when we were invited to attend the Business Marketing class showcase at North High School. The GPFPE provided a Fall 2024 grant to teacher Scott Sowers to support the class as they applied their marketing education in a real world application through the "Shoe Project." Student teams used research and data analysis, SWOTT principles and SMART goals to design shoe collections and brands for today's customer. As a bonus, all the shoes were donated to local non profit Lace Up Detroit. We love seeing GPFPE grants in action, especially when they are as creative and innovative as this one!



## Simple Ways to Make a Lasting Difference

Two ways you can make a difference:

- Support the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education by making a gift that is an investment in our children's future. Enhance and enrich their education for years to come.
- Include the GPFPE in your will, trust, or retirement account, or—if you're age 70½ or older—make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA.

Learn more at [gpfpe.org](http://gpfpe.org).

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## Highlights:

- \$4.5 million given since inception
- 28 grants awarded Spring 2025, including 7 SEED grants for mental wellness
- Every GPPSS school supported





## Invest in the Future