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Farmington/Farmington Hills Education Foundation awards \$32,000 to fund 34 innovation grants

FARMINGTON, Mich. – The Board of Trustees of the Farmington / Farmington Hills Education Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2014 fall grant allocations. These awards were funded from proceeds from October's successful "A Toast to Education" fundraiser and private donations.

Seventy-one grant requests totaling more than \$70,000 were submitted for consideration. **The foundation was pleased to award 34 teacher-submitted projects and initiatives ranging from Aquaponics in the Classroom to Zumba Girls Mentoring Program.**

Projects and programs funded include 15 collaborative grants and 19 mini-grants, 10 projects that impact multiple buildings and 14 unique schools. Awards made include 19 Technology, 9 Extracurricular Enrichment, 5 Arts and 1 Scholastic Achievement projects. Congratulations to the projects that received funding in this cycle.

3 Fires	iLearn
Aquaponics in the Classroom	Imagination Station (Design-Make-Play)
Boxer and Saints	Increased Student Engagement Through Use of Document Camera
Bringing Google into the Classroom	iPad for the Music Classroom
Building Coping and Communication Skills in Teens with Special Needs	iPad Mini to Assist with School-Based Physical Therapy Services
Clickers for 3rd Grade Students	IXL Math
Documenting and sharing student work with document camera	Language Readiness
Dunckel Yearbook	Lanigan Skateboard Club
East Middle School Water Bottle Refilling Station	Leader in Me
Easy Access to Technology with a Laptop	Mini iPads
Engage Math!	PTA Reflections Film/Video Screening at the Greater Farmington Film Festival
F/FH After School Youth Center Education Programs	Studio Configuration of JVC GY750 ENG Cameras
FHS Instrumental Music Tour	Technology Integration in Physical Education
Forest Elementary School Ceramics Program	Using the iPad to improve ELA performance for learning disabled students
FPS Woodwind Whirlwind	World Language Laptop for authentic-source & task-based learning
Giant Step Teen Conference	Zumba Girls Mentoring Program
Green Screen Project	
Harrison High School Young Men's Leadership Academy	

"The Education Foundation is honored to allocate funds to so many worthy programs," said David Roggenkamp, board chair and grant committee member. "Foundation funds are helping our students get interesting and innovative educational opportunities that might not otherwise be available. It is vitally important for the Education Foundation to continue to offer innovation grants to our teachers, staff and community members so those opportunities can continue to be created."



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