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Dear Friends:

We hope this summer has given you and your family time to relax and reflect. These are difficult times for many and we are grateful for our healthcare workers and community leaders who continue to work through the challenges of this pandemic. We greatly appreciate our Town Manager, Mayor and first responders for keeping us safe and informed and the West Hartford Public School administrators for their ongoing efforts and commitment to develop and reimagine ever evolving plans for our town schools. Thank you!

To our community of donors, thank you for continuing to provide unwavering financial support for our grant program. To our teachers and administrators, thank you for taking the time and putting in the effort to develop and submit grants all while adjusting to the dramatic changes to your teaching schedules and lives. Thanks to all of you, students in our schools will be exposed to unique and creative learning opportunities during the 2020-2021 school year.

We recognize that the 2020-2021 school year will be different and plans for some grants will be interrupted or postponed. The Foundation is prepared to adapt to changes as they arise and will allow teachers and administrators to reschedule their programs, if necessary, into the following school year. Whether our schools are in a hybrid, in-person or distance learning setting, the Foundation is committed to support educational projects, programs and initiatives that enhance and enliven the classroom experience for all WHPS students. We hope you will continue to support our fundraising efforts for future grants.

With hope and gratitude,

 Carol C. Lorenzo

Lauren Fine and Carol Lorenzo
Board Co-Presidents

P.S. Images included in this newsletter were taken during the 2019-2020 school year. We look forward to that time when we can see our student's smiling faces once again!

TOTAL 2019-2020 GRANT AWARDS \$103,011

Aiken

Alexander M. and Catherine Maus Wright Grant - Drumming to Exercise Body and Mind! ~ Daniel Golden, Lead Teacher & Mary Dipaola

***In honor of Margot Goldstein's 90th Birthday Grant:** One Book, One School ~ Jessica Tamaccio, Lead Teacher

***Seritage Growth Properties Grant:** Diverse Author Visit ~ Jessica Tamaccio, Lead Teacher

Braeburn

Catherine and Martin Woods Family Grant: Building Cultural Appreciation for Indigenous Peoples through Storytelling ~ Lindsey Roberts, Lead Teacher (Charter Oak) & Nora Brown (Charter Oak), Mary Bohn (Braeburn)

Bristow Middle School

***Frank Webb Home Grant:** Witness Stones, West Hartford ~ Chad Ellis, Lead Teacher (Hall/King Philip) & Sally Nyhan (King Philip), Jennifer Omartian (Bristow), Stephen Camberis (Sedgwick), Bill Dewitt (King Philip)

Bugbee

Bridgewater Chocolate Grant: African Artist in Residence Won-Ldy Paye ~ Kristen Pildis, Lead Teacher & Patti Farquhar, Shirley Green

Crute & Barrel Grant: Freckle Education ~ Katie Feldman, Lead Teacher & Lisa Roland, Jen Garelick, Lynn Czernicki

***Dr. Scott and Cyndi Brown Family Grant:** Hip Hop, Health and Fun! ~ Mario Lopez, Lead Teacher

Jeffrey A. Palmer Memorial Grant: Reading From A to Z ~ Patti Farquhar, Lead Teacher & Lindsay Bougour, Shirley Green, Rachel Nelson, Heidi Doyle, Catherine Gagnon, Alison Gannon, Kristen Pildis, Valerie Hansen, and Suzanne Atwood

Charter Oak

Carson Family Foundation Grant: Experiencing Science ~ Kirsten Sanderson, Lead Teacher

Carson Family Foundation Grant: Going Local in the Cafeteria ~ Kirsten Sanderson, Lead Teacher

Catherine and Martin Woods Family Grant: Building Cultural Appreciation for Indigenous Peoples through Storytelling ~ Lindsey Roberts, Lead Teacher & Nora Brown, Mary Bohn (Braeburn)

Drum Tao Field Trip ~ Lead Teacher, Elizabeth Fay, Teacher of the Year Finalist

Goldbeck Family Grant: See, Feel, Hear, Taste and Smell... Making Sense of the Auerfarm ~ Randi Leopold, Lead Teacher (Webster Hill) & Elizabeth Cannone (Charter Oak), Nichola Dustin (Charter Oak), Martina Cravedi (Smith), Cindy Barron (Charter Oak)

Great by 8 Grant: Active Bodies Healthy Minds ~ Dawn Hyland, Lead Teacher & Alanna Goldberg

Langsner Family Grant: Wingmasters ~ Appreciating Native American Culture and Birds of Prey ~ Adrienne Giammatteo, Lead Teacher & Nora Brown

Mr. and Mrs. David Dupee Grant: Book Making ~ Nora Brown, Lead Teacher

O'Meara Real Estate Group Grant: That Happened in West Hartford? Local History in the Classroom ~ Chad Ellis, Lead Teacher (Hall/King Philip) & Steve Bassi (Conard), Patrick McManus (Hall), Lindsay Roberts (Charter Oak), Tracy Scutari (Duffy)

Papasavas Family Grant: A Trip to the United Nations ~ Montserrat Rich, Lead Teacher & Abigail Esposito (Conard)

Rob and Tiffany Grossman Grant: Roots of Government ~ Rebecca Behlman, Lead Teacher & Michelle Faenza

***Thomas Ford Memorial Grant:** On a Roll and Mystery Detectives ~ Kristen Cool, Lead Teacher & Emily Salerno, Kelly Hafib, Sandra Felicissimo

Waves: Sound & Light ~ Rebecca Behlman, Lead Teacher & Gina Navarra

Conard High School

***Cricket Press Grant:** Pathfinders: Increasing Independent Orientation for Students with Special Needs ~ Christina Foreman, Lead Teacher (King Philip) & Melinda Calhoun (Conard), Mary Beth Manzi (Wolcott)

J.P. Carroll Construction Grant: Bits and Bytes ~ Alison Foley, Lead Teacher (Smith) & Jackie Corricelli (Conard)

Hawkins Family Grant: Go Baby Go! Using Engineering and Adaptive Technology to Modify Ride-On Cars for Children with Limited Mobility ~ Michael Wilkosz, Lead Teacher (Hall) & Anthony Truss (Conard), Sebastian Fortuna (Hall), Nicholas Adler (Sedgwick), Nevin Picard (King Philip)

Hoffman Auto Group Grant: Farm-in-School: Bringing sustainably grown food into our school cafeteria ~ Timothy Kessler, Lead Teacher & Marcy Zacchea, Julio Duarte

O'Meara Real Estate Group Grant: That Happened in West Hartford? Local History in the Classroom ~ Chad Ellis, Lead Teacher (Hall/King Philip) & Steve Bassi (Conard), Patrick McManus (Hall), Lindsay Roberts (Charter Oak), Tracy Scutari (Duffy)

Optometric Specialty Group Grant: Voces8 Workshop ~ Samuel Zurich, Lead Teacher

Papasavas Family Grant: A Trip to the United Nations ~ Montserrat Rich, Lead Teacher (Charter Oak) & Abigail Esposito (Conard)

***State Farm Insurance Agent, Mario Russo Grant:** Alternative Energy with Algae Bio-reactors ~ Timothy Decker, Lead Teacher

***Steve and Kathryn Deane Family Grant:** Ocean Awareness ~ Virgil Handberry, Lead Teacher

***Tom & Carol Lorenzo Grant:** Leveling the Playing Field ~ Lori Foote, Lead Teacher & Jessica Blitzer

***West Hartford Chamber of Commerce Grant:** Rebel Girls Reading Project ~ Ramona Piretti, Lead Teacher

West Hartford SEPTO Grant: Employability Skills For All ~ Neil Cummings, Lead Teacher & Joanne Ruggiero, Carol Brusa

Duffy

Cantor Family Grant: Hip Hop for Mindfulness: Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds ~ Kim Jackson, Lead Teacher & Rob Deveau

Lexham West Hartford Grant: Full STEaM Ahead with STEM Bins ~ Science and Engineering in Our World ~ Kim Jackson, Lead Teacher

O'Meara Real Estate Group Grant: That Happened in West Hartford? Local History in the Classroom ~ Chad Ellis, Lead Teacher (Hall/King Philip) & Steve Bassi (Conard), Patrick McManus (Hall), Lindsay Roberts (Charter Oak), Tracy Scutari (Duffy)

Hall High School

***An Inside Look at the Criminal Justice System:** Visiting Cheshire Correctional & Meeting with Inmates Serving Life Sentences ~ Jessica Palliardi, Lead Teacher

Bouvier Insurance Grant: Micro Businesses in the 21st Century ~ Ellen Matos, Lead Teacher & Anna Matthews, Noreen Branley

Dr. Robert and Gladys Dunn Memorial Grant: Life in West Hartford: Getting Local History into the schools ~ Chad Ellis, Lead Teacher (Hall/King Philip)

Enhancing Robotics Education with the VEX V5 System ~ Lead Teacher, Michael Wilkosz, Teacher of the Year Finalist

***Hawkins Family Grant:** Go Baby Go! Using Engineering and Adaptive Technology to Modify Ride-On Cars for Children with Limited Mobility ~ Michael Wilkosz, Lead Teacher (Hall) & Anthony Truss (Conard), Sebastian Fortuna (Hall), Nicholas Adler (Sedgwick), Nevin Picard (King Philip)

***Heather Congdon Memorial Grant:** Understanding Indigenous People, Genocide, and Resilience in New England and Beyond ~ Jessica Palliardi, Lead Teacher

O'Meara Real Estate Group Grant: That Happened in West Hartford? Local History in the Classroom ~ Chad Ellis, Lead Teacher (Hall/King Philip) & Steve Bassi (Conard), Patrick McManus (Hall), Lindsay Roberts (Charter Oak), Tracy Scutari (Duffy)

Optometric Specialty Group Grant: Biotechnology and the Genome Generation ~ Benjamin Norland, Lead Teacher

***Webersen Family Grant:** Genocide Today ~ A Voice from the Congo ~ Carolyn Shea, Lead Teacher & Monica Ahern

West Hartford Education Association Grant: Enhancing Student Learning with Coral Reef

King Philip Middle School

***Cricket Press Grant: Pathfinders:** Increasing Independent Orientation for Students with Special Needs ~ Christina Foreman, Lead Teacher & Melinda Calhoun (Conard), Mary Beth Manzi (Wolcott)

FLOW (Future Leaders of West Hartford) Grant: Move, Breathe, Smile~Connect, Relax and Feel Better ~ Robert Felekey, Lead Teacher & Erin Rauseo, Dave Masters, Laura Wilson

***Frank Webb Home Grant:** Witness Stones, West Hartford ~ Chad Ellis, Lead Teacher (Hall/King Philip) & Sally Nyhan (King Philip), Jennifer Omartian (Bristow), Stephen Camberis (Sedgwick), Bill Dewitt (King Philip)

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James M. Ellis Memorial Grant: Student Leadership Development towards Cultural Competency ~ Rebecca Lewis, Lead Teacher & Justin Gusy

Morley School

Smith Brothers Insurance Grant: Mythology Lives! ~ Suzy Sinatro, Lead Teacher (Whiting Lane) & Laurie Perry (Morley)

Stop & Shop Grant: She Blinded Me With Science ~ Heather Alerte, Lead Teacher

West Hartford Administrators Association Grant: London Calling ~ Heather Alerte, Lead Teacher

Norfeldt School

Frank Webb Home Grant: Sail Away with STEM! ~ Ali Capagna, Lead Teacher & Kathy Hardesty

***Frankie and Bob Goldfarb Grant:** Engaging in Cultural Competence-Exploring and Engaging in Hip Hop Dance ~ Jessica Johnson, Lead Teacher

***GYL Financial Synergies LLC Grant:** Super Scintillating Science-Building excitement for Science in First Grade ~ Jessica Johnson, Lead Teacher

***Judy and John Bierly Grant:** Cultural Diversity in the World of Writing- Won Ldy Paye- An African Author and Story-teller ~ Jessica Johnson, Lead Teacher

***Racial Justice Student Training** ~ Aimee Heaton, Lead Teacher & Jill Larson, Rick Bassett

Post-Secondary

Rogo Distributors Grant: Enhancing Vocational Skills ~ Anna Elfenbaum, Lead Teacher

School Engagement Program

***Falvey Linen and Uniform Supply Grant:** Project Adventure ~ Anna Swierczynski, Lead Teacher

Sedgwick Middle School

***Frank Webb Home Grant:** Witness Stones, West Hartford ~ Chad Ellis, Lead Teacher (Hall/King Philip) & Sally Nyhan (King Philip), Jennifer Omartian (Bristow), Stephen Camberis (Sedgwick), Bill Dewitt (King Philip)

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J.P. Carroll Construction Grant: Books are Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Doors: Diversifying Classroom Libraries. 2018 Teacher of the Year, Sonya Stemmer Lead Teacher, Shannon McNeice

Smith

Cigna Foundation Matching Gifts Program Grant: Cuddle up to a Good Book - Building Literacy Skills and Relationships at Home ~ Sara Novak, Lead Teacher & Kelly Frenette, Michelle Deegan

***Goldbeck Family Grant:** Newcomer Adventures: Exploring My New Community ~ Amy Little, Lead Teacher, Chalise Ross & Ann Graboski

Goldbeck Family Grant: See, Feel, Hear, Taste and Smell... Making Sense of the Auerfarm ~ Randi Leopold, Lead Teacher (Webster Hill) & Elizabeth Cannone (Charter Oak), Nichola Dustin (Charter Oak), Martina Cravedi (Smith), Cindy Barron (Charter Oak)

***J.P. Carroll Construction Grant:** Bits and Bytes ~ Alison Foley, Lead Teacher & Jackie Corricelli (Conard)

***Macca Plumbing & Heating Grant:** Mythology Comes Alive! ~ Ruth Luipold, Lead Teacher

STRIVE

***Anne and Jim Carroll Grant:** Cooking used as a way for students to collaborate and socialize ~ Corinne Harrington, Lead Teacher & Datwan Bryant

Dougie and Tom Trumble Grant: Empowering Students for a "Budding" Future ~ Anna Elfenbaum, Lead Teacher & Elisabeth Peterson, Mike Davis

Webster Hill

Frankie and Bob Goldfarb Grant: Reading and Writing aROUND the Music Room ~ Jessica Nix, Lead Teacher

Goldbeck Family Grant: See, Feel, Hear, Taste and Smell... Making Sense of the Auerfarm ~ Randi Leopold, Lead Teacher & Elizabeth Cannone (Charter Oak), Nichola Dustin (Charter Oak), Martina Cravedi (Smith), Cindy Barron (Charter Oak)

Whiting Lane

Pauluk Family Grant: Developing a Deeper Understanding of Connecticut History ~ Suzy Sinatro, Lead Teacher

***Smith Brothers Insurance Grant:** Mythology Lives! ~ Suzy Sinatro, Lead Teacher & Laurie Perry (Morley)

Wolcott

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***Nolin Selby Fund of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation Grant:** Vision of the Future ~ Matthew Dicks, Lead Teacher

***Rob and Tiffany Grossman Grant:** Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls 2 ~ Matthew Dicks, Lead Teacher

***Speaking Their Truth:** Enhancing Student Voices and Their Enthusiasm for Writing and Public Speaking ~ Lead Teacher, Jennifer Stanish, Teacher of the Year Finalist Grant

West Hartford Chamber of Commerce Grant: Field Trip to Chapter 126 Sports and Fitness Center ~ Eric Feeney, Lead Teacher

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about these grants

* will be carried over to 2020-2021 school year

F A S T F A C T S



Proud students excited to test their sail car during the Frank Webb Home Grant: Sail Away with STEM!

What is The Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools (The Foundation)?

The Foundation is an independent non-profit organization founded in 1997 to support educational excellence in the West Hartford Public Schools.

What is The Foundation's mission?

To provide financial support for educational projects, programs and initiatives that enhance and enliven the classroom experience, and promote excellence in West Hartford Public Schools.

How does the mission of the Foundation help WHPS students?

The Foundation invests in programs designed and conceived by our teachers, principals, and

schools to make possible experiences that would not otherwise be funded by the public schools. These projects include technology initiatives, field trips, special workshops, artist visits, and theater programs. Our goal is to fund programs that will make a significant difference in the quality of West Hartford educational programs.

How much money has the organization awarded to the schools?

Since 1997, The Foundation has awarded more than \$1.8 million in grants to finance more than 1,000 projects initiated and organized by principals, teachers, and staff.

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Bridgewater Chocolate Grant: African Artist in Residence Won-Ldy Paye Kristen Pildis, Lead Teacher & Patti Farquhar, Shirley Green

"Children worked to develop collaborative skills through musical teachings and were very enthusiastic about their hands-on learning. They also identified story elements and answered questions related to stories told and read aloud by the artist in residence. We continued to connect components of his teachings within specific

Social Studies and Language Arts units after his visit. This program enabled students to have a cultural experience that may have been different from their own which assists children in becoming more culturally competent citizens."

"...The enthusiasm for science went through the roof! They wanted to have science every day and waited, impatiently, for their turn to have their hands on the "chemicals".

"My students were incredibly excited about doing hands on experiments. They were actually begging to do science every day and we had to pull names from a hat to select the science leader order. The enthusiasm and questioning was palpable. The real-life experience of using the scientific process, rather than exclusively reading about it was incredibly exciting for every single child in the class. It was an experience open to ALL students..."



Stop & Shop Grant: She Blinded Me With Science Heather Alerte, Lead Teacher

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Unfortunately, we were unable to gather at West Hartford's Cookin' in 2020 and despite the cancellation, our sponsors, advertisers and ticket holders continued to support us. We are deeply grateful for their unwavering support, which will allow us to carry on our mission and fund grants for the 2020-2021 school year.

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THE WITNESS STONES PROJECT



Thank you to our honorary chairs **Elizabeth Devine**, retired history teacher, **Tracey Wilson**, town historian and retired history teacher, and **Denise deMello** retired Library Media Specialist. We applaud their work with the Witness Stones Project, a community-based partnership between the Noah Webster House and the West Hartford Public School system. The Foundation for WHPS will continue to support the participation in this project for all WHPS 8th grade students. Through examination of actual local historical records and artifacts, students will develop interpretations in an effort to tell the stories of real persons that had been enslaved within the area of what is now West Hartford. In addition to examining local historical records and artifacts in the classroom, the project will include an installation of a "witness stone" for each of the individuals studied. These stones will become permanent markers within the West Hartford community to commemorate the individuals remembered and to represent the work done by students to bring their stories back to us.




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Frankie and Bob Goldbarb Grant: Social Emotional Learning Through Music ~ Mary DiPaola, Lead Teacher & Jill Linker, Patty Burkhard

Braeburn

Anne and Jim Carroll Grant: The National Circus Project ~ Bonnie Arcari, Lead Teacher

Bristow Middle School

Hawkins Family Grant: Virtual Author Visits Series ~ Shannon McNeice, Lead Teacher (Sedgwick) & Melissa Thom (Bristow), Dave St. Germain (King Philip), Aiyah Moustafa (Bristow), Mackenzie Fitzgerald (Bristow)

Bugbee

Frank Webb Home Grant: Six Word Memoir Portrait ~ Beth Mazur, Lead Teacher & Elizabeth Bianco

Langsner Family Grant: Reading From A to Z ~ Patti Farquhar, Lead Teacher & Heidi Doyle, Lindsay Bougor, Kristen Pildis, Rachel Nelson, Catherine Gagnon, Alison Gannon, Shirley Green, Valerie Hansen, Suzanne Atwood

Charter Oak

Duncaster Retirement Community Grant: No Limits Balloon Adventure! ~ Katherine Hardesty, Lead Teacher & Molly Dubois, Michelle Hadlock

Goldbeck Family Grant: Pick and Flow... Here We Go to Auer Farm ~ Randi Leopold, Lead Teacher (Webster Hill) & Elizabeth Cannone

(Charter Oak), Nichola Dustin (Charter Oak), Martina Cravedi (Smith)

Heather Congdon Memorial Grant: Gaga Pit ~ Molly Dubois, Lead Teacher & Dr. Kris Plasse, Glenn Horowitz

Lexham West Hartford Grant: Code, Create and Explore with Spheros! ~ Katherine Hardesty

Papasavas Family Grant: A Trip to the United Nations ~ Montserrat Rich, Lead Teacher & Abigail Esposito (Conard)

Paul H. Eddy & Elizabeth Normen Grant: Appreciating Native American Culture and Birds of Prey ~ Adrienne Giammatteo, Lead Teacher & Nora Brown

Pauluk Family Grant: Only One You in this Great Big World ~ Adrienne Giammatteo, Lead Teacher

West Hartford Education Association Grant: Experiencing Science ~ Kirsten Sanderson, Lead Teacher & Kate Jerram

Conard High School

In memory of Thomas F. Delaney Grant: Unified Business Club ~ Darlene Borre, Lead Teacher & Joanne Ruggiero (Conard), Gayle Levine (Hall)

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Steve and Kathryn Deane Family Grant:

Mathematician Blast Off! ~ Ellen Eickenhorst, Lead Teacher & Joanne Ruggiero

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Hall High Class of 1959 - in Memory of Bob & Gladys Dunn Grant: Micro Businesses in the 21st Century ~ Ellen Matos, Lead Teacher & Anna Matthews, Noreen Branley

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Michelle & Paul Sullivan Grant: Aquaponics Learning Laboratory ~ Benjamin Norland, Lead Teacher & Anthony Wasley

Webersen Family Grant: Biotechnology and the Genome Generation ~ Benjamin Norland, Lead Teacher

King Philip Middle School

Enriching the Middle School Science Classroom ~ Teacher of the Year Finalist, Marnie Paulus

Hawkins Family Grant: Virtual Author Visits Series ~ Shannon McNeice, Lead Teacher & Melissa Thom (Bristow), Dave St. Germain (King Philip), Aiyah Moustafa (Bristow), Mackenzie Fitzgerald (Bristow)

In memory of Robert Felekey Grant: My New Home Town ~ Johannah Kosienki, Lead Teacher & Laura Wilson

James M. Ellis Memorial Grant: Restorative Tools for Students: Enhancing Learning with Proactive Tools ~ William Bannish, Lead Teacher & Emily Daigle

West Hartford Chamber of Commerce Grant: A Book for Me ~ Jennifer Sansoucy, Lead Teacher

Morley School

Crate & Barrel Grant: Soft Starts My Heart ~ Jennifer Hall, Lead Teacher

Norfeldt School

Thomas Ford Memorial Grant: Planting the Seeds of Change ~ Teacher of the Year Finalist, Lori Durocher

Dougie and Tom Trumble Grant: A Peek into the World of Author Grace Lin ~ Lori Andrada, Lead Teacher

Greenspan Family Grant: Winding Trails ~ Aimee Heaton, Lead Teacher & Jill Larson, Rick Bassett

Post-Secondary

Carson Family Foundation Grant: Increasing Student Independence through the use of Technology ~ Beth Pettinelli, Lead Teacher & Danielle Vaivoda, Carla Deluca

School Engagement Program

Mr. and Mrs. Dupee Grant: Project Adventure II ~ Anna Swierczynski, Lead Teacher

Sedgwick Middle School

Hawkins Family Grant: Virtual Author Visits Series ~ Shannon McNeice, Lead Teacher & Melissa Thom (Bristow), Dave St. Germain (King Philip), Aiyah Moustafa (Bristow), Mackenzie Fitzgerald (Bristow)

Smith

Goldbeck Family Grant: Pick and Flow... Here We Go to Auer Farm ~ Randi Leopold, Lead Teacher & Elizabeth Cannone (Charter Oak), Nichola Dustin (Charter Oak), Martina Cravedi (Smith)

J.P. Carroll Construction Grant: Kindergartners Code ~ Sharon Zajack, Lead Teacher & Alison Foley, Michelle Deegan, Kelly Frenette, Sara Novak

Jeffrey A. Palmer Memorial Grant: Learning Floats Our Boat ~ Sharon Zajack, Lead Teacher & Sabrina Nyerick, Bethany Carbone, Jennifer Russell, Katie Fournier

Macca Plumbing and Heating Grant: Teacher of the Year Finalist Grant ~ Teacher of the Year, Ann Graboski

O'Meara Real Estate Group Grant: Bits and Bytes ~ Alison Foley, Lead Teacher & Michael McCarthy (Conard), Sharon Zajack (Smith)

STRIVE

Cantor Family Grant: Cooking as an education tool for executive skills, collaboration, socialization, motivation and career options ~ Corinne Harrington, Lead Teacher & Datwan Bryant

Cigna Foundation Matching Gifts Program Grant: Dress for Success ~ Lauren Maisch, Lead Teacher & Mike Davis

Nolin Selby Fund of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation Grant: Students Project their Futures in Film ~ Lauren Maisch, Lead Teacher

Webster Hill

Goldbeck Family Grant: Pick and Flow... Here We Go to Auer Farm ~ Randi Leopold, Lead Teacher & Elizabeth Cannone (Charter Oak), Nichola Dustin (Charter Oak), Martina Cravedi (Smith)

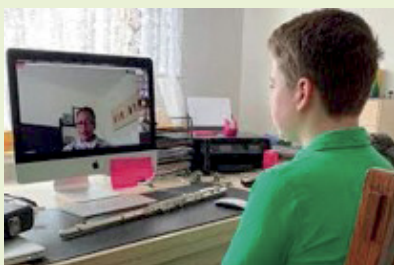
Whiting Lane

West Hartford Administrative Association Grant: Social Express and Cool Schools- Engaging and Effective Programs for Social Skill Development ~ Lynnette Kaschke, Lead Teacher & Luis Ramirez

Wolcott

Rocktaschel Family Grant: Art for all! ~ Amy Fisher, Lead Teacher & Kathleen Kennan

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Technology Assistance with Distance Learning and Emergency Fund support:

The Foundation responded to a request from the WHPS administration for support with technology needs when distance learning became necessary due to the closing of schools by providing \$1,500 for MiFi (portable internet connection devices) for families struggling with connectivity issues. Also through the #GivingTuesdayNow campaign, the Foundation raised funds exclusively for the **West Hartford Public Schools Emergency Fund** and matched the \$1,500 raised during the campaign for a total contribution of \$3,000.

\$20,000 GIFT TO THE WHPS EQUITY ADVANCEMENT DEPARTMENT

TO FUND CURRICULA THAT BEST SUPPORTS EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM EDUCATION IN WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

The Foundation stands in solidarity with, and holds immeasurable admiration for students and educators who have marched, led protests, given speeches and vocalized the pain felt by many. Although there have been many past grants that supported diverse library collections and provided programs focused on teaching racial diversity, justice, and cultural competency, the Foundation has been inspired to do more, starting with this \$20,000 gift.

In addition, an annual commendation will be given to a graduating Conard student and a graduating Hall student who have exemplified work for racial justice, inclusion, and anti-discrimination.



Students and staff at King Philip Middle School participated in the **James M. Ellis Memorial Grant: Student Leadership Development towards Cultural Competency** led by teacher Rebecca Lewis and administrator, Justin Gusy.



Through the **J.P. Carroll Construction Grant: Books are Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Doors: Diversifying Classroom Libraries**, media specialist Shannon McNeice diversified classroom libraries with a collection of dynamic and relevant stories.