



Papillion La Vista Community Schools
Foundation

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Enhancing Opportunities for PLCS Students

PLCS Foundation celebrates Fall 2022 Teacher Grant Recipients

The Papillion La Vista Community Schools Foundation is pleased to award \$20,000 in Teacher Grant Awards during the Fall 2022 Teacher Grant Program cycle. Because the funding level of the Spring 2022 Teacher Grant cycle was much higher than in years past, the fall grants were capped at \$2,000 each. Twenty teacher grant submissions were selected that will benefit students across the Papillion La Vista Community Schools at all grade levels:

- Kerri Homan, La Vista Middle School, "Scientific Calculators"
- Kelsey Peters, Young Adult Transition Program, "YATP School Store"
- Jessica Sturgeon, Papillion La Vista South, "Focus on Freshmen"
- Ashton Simon, Danielle Magrini, Lauren Ohlin, Rena Riemann; Rumsey Station, "Sunday Reading System: A Multi-Sensory Approach for Reading Instruction"
- Erin Seretta, G. Stanley Hall, "Engaging in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Through Children's Literature"
- Russ Wiederholt and Lisa Laviolette, IDEAL, "IDEAL School Library Update"
- Alaina Wilson, Anderson Grove/Ashbury, "Cardio/Bucket Drumming"
- Colleen Griffith, La Vista West, "Unlocking the Alphabetic Code: Using Decodable Readers to Increase Achievement"
- Kaitlin Lewis, Allie Elsasser, Kelley Bell; Parkview Heights, "Out with the Old, Our Kids Deserve Gold!"
- Alysia Augustus, Emily Van Vleet, Grace Guenther, Amy Stock, Carla Heumann; Ashbury, "Phonemic Awareness/Phonics Manipulatives Library"
- Rachael Brown, G. Stanley Hall, "Special Education Coping Skills"
- Olivia Thompson, G. Stanley Hall, "Structured Teach Task Boxes"
- Danielle Meier, Parkview Heights, "PVH PE Tumbling Mat Renewal"
- Michelle Poast, Prairie Queen, "Prairie Queen Makerspace Lab"
- Jordan Lee, Liberty Middle, "Recycling Expansion"
- Amanda Callahan, Bell, "Bell Reading Resource Library"
- Anne-Marie Hunter, Lisa Doble, Kelli Morrow, Kylie Wagner; Prairie Queen, "Kindergarten Decodable Library"
- Molly Grasso, Papillion La Vista HS, "Dance Classes"
- Jen Schneider, Papillion Middle, La Vista Middle, Liberty Middle; "Multiple Perspectives in American History"

- Krystal Richardson, Paula Devol, Lindsey von Dohren, Dawn Markus; Praire Queen, “Phonics is Fun!”

“Our teachers submitted outstanding grant requests that, when implemented in classrooms, will help students greatly,” said PLCS Foundation Executive Director Lee Denker. “We are thrilled to award more Teacher Grants this spring than ever before.”

The Teacher Grants enhance a wide variety of topics, such as instrumental music, physical education, literacy, social studies, STEM, special education, social emotional learning, and computer science. Grant recipients will be honored on Friday, November 5, 2022.

The mission of the Schools Foundation is to enhance educational opportunities for PLCS students that would not otherwise be possible. The Schools Foundation connects with generous donors to support students through programs like 6th grade Outdoor Education, Scholarships, Student Emergency Fund, Summer Reading, and Middle School Tutoring.

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