

## Mini Grant Recipients 2021-2022

*Awarded monthly: At the elementary level - up to \$500 awarded for a classroom and up to \$2,100 awarded for a grade level, at the secondary level - up to \$2,500 awarded for programs that include all students in a grade level or an entire department.*

### **Hammarskjöld Middle School**

#### **Brain Pop Science**

**Kristen Dery**

Access to BrainPOP Science will allow teachers to extend and support student learning with investigations, embedded interactive tools, and actionable diagnostics that will allow three dimensional learning, drive student mastery, and inspire the next generation of scientific thinkers. BrainPOP Science embeds formative and summative assessments designed to provide actionable diagnostics to drive instruction, assessment success, and differentiation for all learners.

### **Churchill Junior High School**

#### **WeVideo: Video Editing Collaboration for the New Educational Environment**

**Lynne Elson**

Grant funds will allow for the purchase of a year-long subscription for *WeVideo*. WeVideo for Education makes it easy to share media with students. The teacher is able to choose if she wants the students to work individually or collaborate in groups. Students are able to create sound effects, character voices, and other audio elements to add more to their creations.

### **Churchill Junior High School**

#### **Music Composition in a Transformed Educational Environment**

**Sarah Franchino and Mary O'Mara**

Grant funds will allow for the acquisition of a one year subscription for CJHS orchestra students and teachers to *Flat.io* music notation software. Flat.io allows students to compose for a wide range of instruments and listen to what they created instantly.

### **Central Elementary School**

#### **Subscribing to Great Speech**

**Sherry Miller**

Grant funds will allow for the purchase of two software programs, *Everyday Speech* and *Hearbuilder*. These two research based tools will help students practice a variety of skills in engaging ways. These subscriptions will become part of the teacher's therapy sessions with students with Autism and those with other social language goals.

### **Churchill Junior High School**

#### **Reading for Cultural Understanding**

**Rubiela Diaz Villamizar**

Grant funds will allow for the purchase of books that tell about the legends, traditions, and celebrations that are specific to Hispanic countries.

### **Warnsdorfer Elementary School**

#### **Creating a New Classroom**

**Julie Brain**

Grant funds will provide for the purchase of a Tap and Play Color Changing Light Center for this new special education classroom.

### **Central Elementary School**

## **Yoga for Students**

**Sara Enis and Jenna Klein**

Over the course of the past three years, a goal within the Central School community has been to allow students to take the lead on its mindfulness initiative, “to have every student at Central feel safe, calm, and mindful in their classrooms.” The Safety Patrol has acted as a group of leaders amongst their peers while teaching mindfulness strategies and techniques to the rest of the student body. Grant funds will make it possible for a professional yoga teacher to come and teach the students during five Safety Patrol meetings. The members of Central’s Safety Patrol will then turnkey what they learn to their peers in order to continue to meet the school’s mindfulness initiative.

*Note: The East Brunswick Education Foundation Student Association (EBEF SA) contributed to this grant. The EBEF SA fundraises for and awards grants to extracurricular organizations. While the student association's focus is on supporting extracurricular activities at the secondary level, they will also review and award amounts up to \$100 for elementary projects that they deem worthy. In order to receive funding from the EBEF SA the grants should be written by students (with the help of their advisors, of course).*