

Port Edwards Education Foundation Awards 2022 Grants

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Since 1996 the Port Edwards Education Foundation has been an integral part of our educational community making a difference for Port Edwards students. The Foundation's Board of Directors is comprised of community members, the district's superintendent, and two teacher reps. Through our fundraising efforts, we provide money to enhance and enrich the educational experiences of students in the Port Edwards School District. Most of the funds we raise come from our annual fund drive in the fall and our annual golf outing.

Every year the Port Edwards Education Foundation is honored to offer the opportunity for staff members of the district to apply for grants to be used in the classroom to benefit our students. All of the funds raised this year were available for these grants.

Since our first grant was given, we have awarded over **\$321,316**. The Foundation deeply appreciates the staff members who have put in the time and effort to write the grant proposals and provide these wonderful opportunities for our students. We are most thankful for the generosity of our donors and encourage everyone to help us continue our support of these extended learning activities for the students in the Port Edwards School District. This year, because of the generous support from our donors and our Golf Scramble, the Foundation was able to award grants to the following recipients:

Creative Life-Writing Project/Collaborative Children's Book: Carla Leonhardt

This grant will be used to purchase hardcover books of two different sizes for the Life-Writing and Children's book projects. Students in the Creative Writing Course will write a series of personal narrative essays. At the end of the trimester, students will receive a published hard-cover book of their course writing to keep with them for years to come. The collaborative children's book project will have HS students collaborate with students at the elementary school to create their very own children's books.

Woodcarving Wonders: Kristen Winters and Natasha Grawey

This grant will be used to purchase polyurethane foam blocks for the entire K-5 student body, popsicle sticks to use as a carving knife, and safety goggles. The project will be integrated into Ms. Grawey's art program during each grade-level regular scheduled art class. Each student will choose a predetermined animal to carve during their art class. Community member and local carver, Dave King, will guide this activity with Ms. Grawey's assistance.

Yoga/Recovery Package: Riley Thomas

This grant would be used to purchase a yoga recovery package which includes Deluxe Yoga Mats, Foam Rollers, and Yoga/Stretching Straps. The package will guide 24 students through a safe, effective, and challenging workout with yoga poses, stretches, and foam rolling. The project will be used for 6th-12th grade PE students, extracurricular activities, and summer school.

Beginning to Intermediate Strings: Jeffrey Erdman

This grant will be used to continue the strings program that was started this year at the Elementary. It will allow the program to obtain more instruments to help student musicians regardless of their ability or inability to rent an instrument upon beginning instruction. This would also help to purchase cleaning cloths (for instrument cleanliness) and books for current students as they enter their second year of study.

Ironworker Machine and Tooling: Steve Birno

This grant will be used to purchase a piece of metalworking machinery called an ironworker and several tools that attach to the machine. The ironworker is a "Jack-of-All-Trades" in that it is capable of doing many different processes such as cutting, bending, and punching holes. This helps the metalworking shop immensely because the machine has a compact design and does multiple operations.