



Millstone Township Foundation for Educational Excellence

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Millstone Township Foundation for Educational Excellence Awards \$13,080.47* in Grants to Millstone Township Schools

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP, NJ, June 15, 2020 – Millstone Township Foundation for Educational Excellence (MTFEE) awarded **four** grants, **\$13,080.47**, to Millstone Township Schools. All grants will be implemented in the fall. MTFEE is a non-profit organization devoted to funding grants for items that nurture extraordinary educational experiences for every student in the Millstone Township Public Schools and are beyond the scope of the general school budget.

Following is a listing of the grant awards and recipients:

Breakout Education Program (\$2,750.00) (*Bernadette Heine, middle school – 6th grade Language Arts*) - The grant consists of a Breakout Education program which will bring the Escape Room feel into the classroom, encouraging student collaboration and critical thinking skills in order to achieve a common goal. As a result of using the Breakout Education Program - Students will spend more time collaborating with peers, sharing ideas, and utilizing interpersonal skills supported by this type of program - Students will be able to incorporate movement with logic and higher order thinking skills to achieve interdisciplinary goals set forth by the curriculum standards (Domain 1: Value, Sequence, and Alignment in the Danielson Model) - Students will be able to create learning games utilizing this program to be shared with their peers, which fosters student centered learning.

Panariello's Planters (\$1,100.00) (*Amanda Panariello; primary school – 2nd grade Special Education/Resource Room*) – The grant consists of deepening students' knowledge on the importance of eating healthy, wellness, science, and mathematics. This Garden Club will teach students the importance of eating healthy, gardening, "farm to table" meals and will enhance their science and math knowledge by learning the life cycle of a plant. This will be a program for all qualifying Pre-K – 8th grade students.

Outdoor Classroom (\$9239.47) (*Karen Gurico & Cheryl Hoffman, primary school teachers*) - The grant consists of an outdoor classroom to enhance the educational experiences of all students. The space will consist of a wooden cabana shelter and sustainable outdoor classroom furniture and will provide hands-on outdoor education that will increase enthusiasm for learning and teaching.

Reading, Literacy & Learning Conference (\$TBD) (*Patricia Prevosti, Special Education Teacher for grades 6th, 7th & 8th grades*) - The grant consists of a literacy conferencing focusing on reading and dyslexia.

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For more information about donating to MTFEE, becoming a trustee or its fundraising programs and events, please e-mail info@mtfee.org, visit www.mtfee.org and like us on Facebook.

**Total does not reflect Reading, Literacy & Learning Conference*

About MTFEE

MTFEE operates independently from the school district and replenishes its grant fund exclusively through private donations and its fundraising efforts. Since 2002, MTFEE has awarded over \$650,000 to its schools. There are currently more than 65 MTFEE-funded grant programs running in the Millstone Township School district. Every child that matriculates through the school district will in some way benefit from an MTFEE-funded grant. MTFEE grants, which have been awarded at every grade level and in every discipline, have included STEAM enrichment programs, instruments, learning labs, 3D printers, virtual reality cart, book rooms, professional development, fitness equipment, vision screener, SMARTBoards®, out-door classrooms, mobile computer and iPad™ labs, and rock-climbing walls. MTFEE is a member of New Jersey Education Foundation Partnership and The National Consortium of State and Local Education Foundations (NCEFS).

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