

FOUNDATION FOCUS

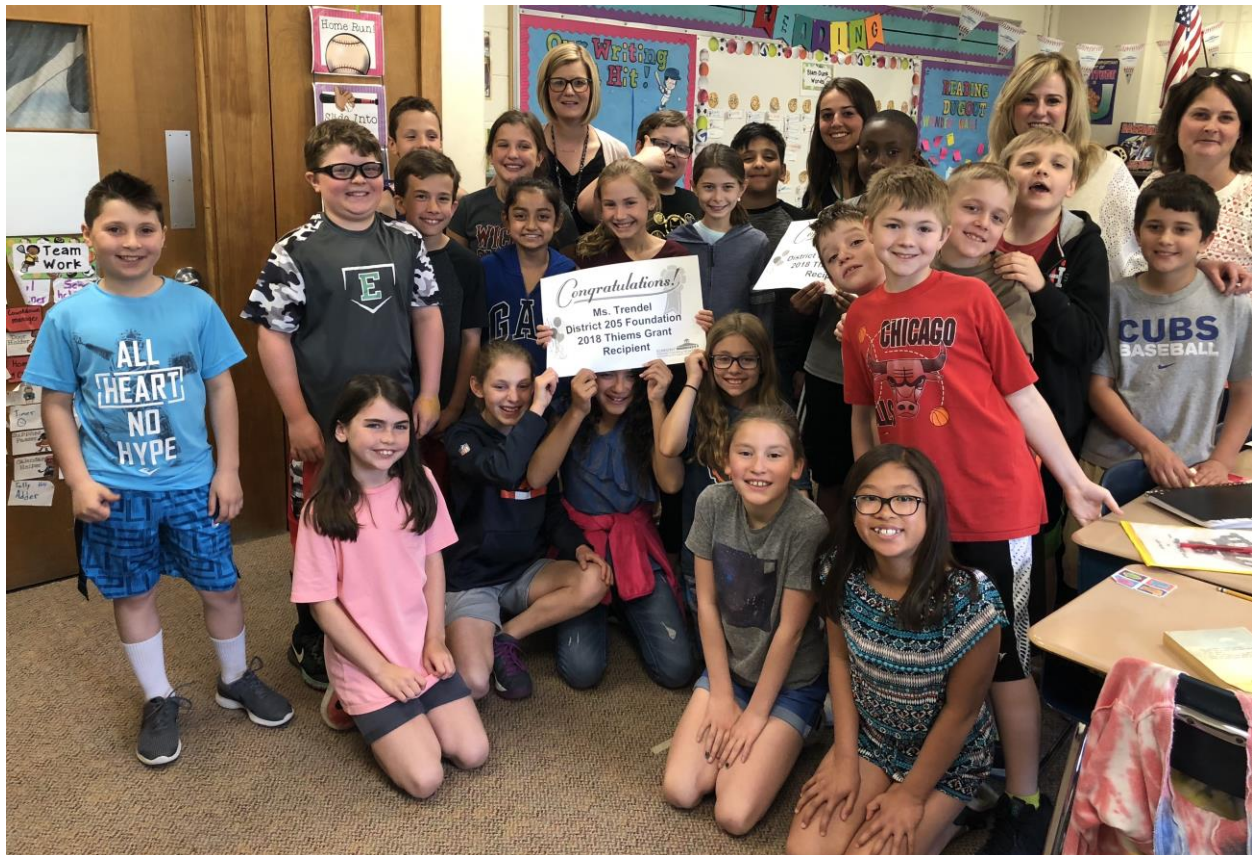


Spring 2018

Foundation Awards \$96,957 Thiems Grant in April

- awarded to 68 principals and teachers
- 8 grants impact students across multiple buildings
- \$17,000 awarded to staff from 5 buildings to research and pilot innovative instruction using virtual reality
- \$15,316 funded for model classroom enhancements in elementary and middle school
- 5 grant applications generated ideas or programs that will be funded by district budget for approximately \$25,000

for photos and a complete list of grants visit www.elmhurst205.org/foundation_grants



Mrs. Trendel & Mrs. Kuziel from Jackson Elementary receive a grant to pilot MyON Digital Book Library that could become a district wide resource in the future.

2018 Foundation Gala Raises Over \$200,000

Just over 200 supporters of education attended the February Gala-*Empowering Futures* held at The Lodge on Oakbrook's McDonald's Campus.

In addition to a plated dinner, guests were entertained with fundraising games, a mini and live auction, and a deejay with after dinner dancing.

The funds raised will be used to support Thiems Educational Grants, enhanced resources, STEAM related curriculum at the elementary levels and support for a new manufacturing lab at York High School where students take a project from design to production.

[View photos of the gala](#)



Jill Riecker, center, was honored with the 2018 Friend of the Foundation Award at this year's Gala. Pictured here with Foundation Executive Director, Lisa Fanelli, & Foundation Chair, Brian Bresnahan. [click here](#) to learn more about Jill's inspiring volunteerism.



Record Breaking Numbers for the 2017 Holiday Tree Fundraiser!

1,328 total trees sold

1,265 neighborhood trees delivered by volunteers

over \$9,800 raised

2018 Top Pizza Taste of Elmhurst another Yummy Success

Approximately 500 attendees enjoyed time with friends and family on April 26th while sampling the area's best pizza and selecting their favorites in multiple categories. Thank you to our participating vendors for donating their time, energy and pies!

*Aurelio's Bacci DiLeo's Fratello's Gulliver's
Lou Malnati's Mama Maria's Roberto's Rosati's*

All of them are winners for helping us raise over \$5,000 for Foundation programs that benefit Elmhurst Public School students! [Click here](#) for results

2017 Grant in Action

This academic year, all three middle schools implemented a 2017 Thiems Grant that enables students to create and program a computer using Kano Kits.

"Students can take coding to a higher level with more advanced language (Java and Python) instead of block coding. By digging deeper, they can tie software back to the computers they program and take their learning to the next level." Debra Segiet-Churchville teacher & grant recipient



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