

2024-2025 Interschool Council Mini Grant Awards

Elementary Schools

BELMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Julia Cook's **Positive Steps** reinforces powerful sayings by applying custom sticker banners printed with positive affirmations. **\$588**

CYNWYD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Roberta Marcolino's **Health Office Comfort Zone** provides a restorative environment that offers relaxation tools during student's recovery time in the nurse's office. **\$130**

CYNWYD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Deborah Murphy's **Interactive STEM Coding Robot** utilizes Tale Bot Pro, an interactive technology that includes voice directions and instant voice feedback to expose students of all ability levels (including ELL and younger students) to coding language. **\$599**

GLADWYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Lauren Jones' **Binning More Books** provides more forward-facing bins for the school's library books, enabling students to identify what is available more easily than on the shelves. **\$195**

MERION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Lisa Pressley's **Merion STEM Grant - Multicultural coding** teaches students about some unsung faces behind coding technology during Native American Heritage Month, Black History Month, and Women's History. **\$700**

MERION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Gretchen Condon's **Blacktop Activity Stencils** make semi-permanent, life-size checkers/chess boards, tic-tac-toe boards, and a target game on the blacktop. **\$727**

PENN WYNNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Dave Clark' **Sensory Awards for Positive Behavior Support** provides 2 trampolines and 2 Hip Hoppers to help PBIS students learn self-regulation skills by calming their bodies when feeling frustrated. **\$225**

PENN WYNNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Camille Richardson's **Scrabble On** develops vocabulary, spelling, and strategic thinking skills among 4th grade students through the board game Scrabble. **\$240**

PENN WYNNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: David Clark's **Yard Games for Indoor Recess and Beyond** includes large Connect Four and Tower Games for recess, PBIS rewards, and special education social groups. **\$685**

Middle Schools

BALA CYNWYD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Beverly Rusoff's **Clay Meets Fabric—a multimedia approach to solving student hunger** creates unique ceramic bowls to be donated to the Empty Bowls Project. **\$600**

BALA CYNWYD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Beth Pavletich's **Mathematical Mosaic Tiles** enables 6th grade students to apply their math skills to a hands on project which involves covering a wood board with 1x1 cm squares of 4 colors using percentages and ratios to decide the amount of each color needed. **\$625**

BLACK ROCK MIDDLE SCHOOL: Rachel Nichols' **Read and Ride in the Library** provides 2 FitDesk bicycles to transform the act of reading from a sedentary activity to one that is physically engaging. **\$634**

BLACK ROCK MIDDLE SCHOOL: Dena Ayers' and Chris Vaccaro's **5th Grade Engineering Project-Based Lesson Plan: Reducing Classroom Noise Pollution** provides students with a hands-on engineering project that teaches them about sound through the construction of sound-reducing panels for their classrooms. **\$490**

BLACK ROCK MIDDLE SCHOOL: Rebecca Epting's **PA Trout in the Classroom** implements the established program "PA Trout in the Classroom (PA-TIC)" by partnering with the Lower Merion Conservancy to allow 7th-grade students to connect their science learning to our local streams and watersheds. **\$999**

BLACK ROCK MIDDLE SCHOOL: Ashley Craig's **BRMS NSBE Jr. Robotics** equips students to compete in the Vex Robotics competition at the National Society of Black Engineers National Conference. **\$605**

WELSH VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL: Rory McDermott's **Adapted Physical Education Bike** provides students with diverse physical abilities the opportunity to ride a three-wheeled recumbent bicycle. **\$951** (Note: this includes three helmets and is pending approval from Student Services)

WELSH VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL: Requested by Molly Arnold, the purchase of reusable **Paris-themed decorations and market materials for the school's 2nd annual Festival Français** will enhance this immersive experience for students. **\$500**

WELSH VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL: Kay Wallitsch's **Welsh Valley Screen Printers Guild (part 1)** creates a year-long screen-printing club to make and sell WV gear, as well as gear for other clubs and projects. **\$999**

High Schools

HARRITON HIGH SCHOOL: Patty Roessner's **Coding in Social Studies: The intersection of STEAM and History** allows 9th-grade Global Studies students and 11th-grade US History students to code the Spheros robot balls to recreate historical events around the world. **\$938**

LOWER MERION HIGH SCHOOL: Kerry Smith's **Unlocking Learning Potential: BreakoutEDU for the Library** consists of physical locked boxes, various locks, clue cards, and digital platforms to create interactive, challenging learning experiences that can be customized to support various content areas and objectives. **\$997**

LOWER MERION HIGH SCHOOL: Brian Mays' **Stories That Soar: Drone-Powered Storytelling in Film & Literature** provides Film & Literature students a drone to film aerial shots for short projects. **\$480**

LOWER MERION HIGH SCHOOL: Jen Sand's **Measuring Photosynthesis and Cell Respiration with CO2 Sensors** provides 3 CO2 sensors to enhance 9th grade and AP Biology students' understanding of cellular respiration and photosynthesis through direct experimentation and data analysis using state-of-the-art CO2 sensors. **\$914**