2025-2026, Edition 2

Watt's Going On?

An illuminating review from Interboro Education Foundation

Congratulations

2025-2026 Mini Grant Recipients

Jessica Vazquez
Travelling Exhibit: Salvador Dali
Interboro High School

Megan Fremont, Madison Iskenian, Edward Kloss, Lorraine Lonergan
Bucs Buddies Glenolden Initiatives Funding
Glenolden School

Brain VanWyk
STEM Classroom Materials: Circuit Kits & Robots
Glenolden School

Elizabeth Becker
Create & Connect
Norwood School

Anne Dampf
English Language Learners Classroom Library
Norwood School

Stephanie Eisenman
STEM Classroom Materials: Chomp Saw
Norwood School

Elizabeth Adams
Sensory Smart Classroom: Rhythm, Movement & Multi-Sensory Learning
Prospect Park School

Wendy King
Science Table
Prospect Park School

Christiana Laky
STEM Classroom Materials: Circuit Kits & Robots
Prospect Park School

Christine Spellacy
Real World Language Experiences
Prospect Park School

Judith McDevitt
Learning Support Interactive Tables
Tinicum School



SUPPORTING THE SOAPBOX SPEECH CONTEST

Social Studies teachers Jason Bowen, Brian Cleary, Ed Kloss, and Jack Power guided their students through preparations for the Sixth Annual Soapbox Speech Contest, which was held at Norwood School.

This public speaking competition gave the district's 8th grade students an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect them and their communities. Lessons taught throughout the process include equity, democracy, student advocacy, critical writing, and public speaking. Students also learn how the local, state, and federal government function through a variety of activities.

The topics of the top 5, prize-winning speeches were Underfunding Veterans' Healthcare, Colorism, Educational Inequity, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and Cultural Racism. Kudos to all participants!! The powerful speeches will have a lasting impact.

Interboro Education Foundation was proud to join the Interboro Education Association with donations for the contest winners, plus food and drinks for the participants, their families, and their friends following the event.

MINI GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Waders for Water Quality Assessment
Kristine Bomhoff, Interboro High School (2024-2025 Grant Recipient)







Mrs. Bomhoff's AP Environmental Science Studies class visited Ridley Creek State Park in October for a beautiful day of exploring with Park Ranger Gary. They went into the water at two locations searching for macroinvertebrates, and insect larvae, which are indicators of water quality. Based on their findings, RCSP's water quality is very healthy. Thanks to the IEF Mini Grant award the students had an adventurous day, tromping around in the water, exploring areas most had never experienced before.

A few reflections from Mrs. Bomhoff's AP Environmental Science students:

"During the Ridley Creek State Park trip, I enjoyed getting outside for the day. It was one of my favorite trips I have taken during my high school career. I loved exploring around the water and learning new things about the insects that live there. Learning the history behind this park was also very interesting and cool."

"I learned about specific types of insects and what their presence in the creek meant for the quality of the water. L and I also caught a fish, which was awesome (as well as rehoming many bugs to new families).

"I most enjoyed catching insects and macroinvertebrates in the water. I enjoyed learning about the biodiversity of trees and berries in the area."

"I really enjoyed exploring the stream with the wader boots and learning about the ecosystem firsthand. It was a fun and educational experience outdoors."







A Small Piece to the Big Puzzle
Michele Borcky, Glenolden School (2024-2025 Grant Recipient)

Ms. Borcky had the bright idea to use puzzles as tools to provide students with a variety of soft skills necessary to be successful in the classroom. She shared that many students benefit from doing puzzles by improving their problem-solving skills, enhancing visual-spatial reasoning, boosting concentration and memory, developing fine motor skills, fostering attention to detail, and providing a fun way to practice critical thinking, all while potentially reducing stress through engagement in the activity.

Ms. Borcky utilized Mini Grant funding to provide a variety of fun and educational puzzles that support hand-eye coordination, strengthen problem-solving skills, and build stamina, while connecting to curriculum concepts. She rounded out her Mini Grant initiative with puzzle tables–puzzle tables are lower to the ground for students to kneel or sit on cushions, supporting gross-motor development and alternative seating options for busy bodies.

MEET AN IEF BOARD MEMBER

Rosemary Krygowski, Board Member



Rosemary Krygowski first joined the Interboro community after she graduated from Temple University in 1971. She taught middle school science until she retired in 2011. She still feels a connection to Interboro today even after being retired for many years. Science has always been her passion and she was able to be involved in many exciting programs during her time at Interboro. In 1998, she was invited to participate in Project Labs where she had the opportunity to work with a scientist at ROHM and HAAS to design an original experiment for her classroom. This experiment was shared with other teachers through this program.

One of the most exciting opportunities she had was when she was selected by Boeing to be part of the Boeing Education Space Camp program in Huntsville, Alabama in 2004. She is forever grateful to have had this exciting opportunity. While attending the National Science Teacher's Convention she became acquainted with representatives of Adams Equipment and was able to secure electronic scales for her classroom by writing and editing experiments for their websites. Whenever there was an opportunity to learn more and acquire equipment for her classroom, Rosemary did it. She took classes at Swarthmore College and received a stipend to buy science equipment and also was part of Cabrini's CSI - Radnor where she not only became familiar with techniques used in crime scene investigating but also received a bin full of equipment to use in her classroom.

Probably the experience that had the biggest impact on Rosemary and in her classroom was when she decided to go to Whale Camp to work on her continuing education credits in 1995. She traveled over 700 miles to take this class and was so excited to see so many things she taught come to life. This environmental class touched her soul, so she then began Whale Camp for students. She did everything and anything to raise money to take students to this wonderful place. From school wide fundraisers to stocking the faculty room with water were just some of her fundraising experiences. Her potential whale campers went throughout the school helping teachers and staff to earn tickets to win a scholarship to go to camp. She had donors from New York City contribute to her scholarship fund, as well as community members who made considerable donations to it. Probably the most rewarding donor was a former student who was one of the first to go to Whale Camp. She contributed $1500 each year for the last 3 years of the program so that others would have the same chance she did. A recent contact by a former student who plans to go to Adult Whale Camp next year has really made the 14-year program the most rewarding experience in her career.

Rosemary is able to continue her connection to science and children by her involvement In Delta Kappa Gamma, an international Teacher society, where she is working with other educators to create a STEM program at the Coatesville Library. She also is a Site Supervisor for Prometrics and helps administer various exams to students throughout the area. When she had the opportunity to join Interboro Education Foundation she felt that this was perfect. She can now give back to the community that had given her so much.

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