



# The Ed. Foundation\* 2015 – 2016 Grants

## COLLEGE TOURS

Schreiber

*Diana Rafferty, Jessica Ludwig*

Selected juniors will have the opportunity to tour three local campuses to expose them to possible choices for college.

## BAKE SHOP

Schreiber

*Margaret Rizzo, Robyn Block*

Enhancing the new Bake Shop course at the high school with baking and cake decorating supplies to enhance the learning experience.

## ACHIEVING MATH SUCCESS THROUGH CASTLE LEARNING

Schreiber

*Bryan Gorman, Sara Choit, Don Zuvich, Tina Gallagher, Andrea Basile, Robin Hashinsky*

Engaging students in mathematical practice through web-based review, testing, and assessment tools in all math courses.

## ILLUMINATING THE WHISPERS OF SPRING

Schreiber

*Kris Murphy*

Photography students will understand the science of infrared light and how to use it to create breathtaking photographs of the early signs of spring.

## MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE PAINTING

Schreiber

*Miranda Best, Alicia Edgar, Terri Hall*

Drawing and Painting students will learn about traditional medieval and renaissance painting techniques through the creation of an original egg tempera painting on a panel.

## SO THE STORY GOES

Schreiber

*Kris Murphy*

Photography students will learn how to utilize the cutting-edge Lytro Illum camera, putting them at the forefront of image-making technology as they experiment with depth of field.

## NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

Schreiber

*Peggy Maslow, Julia Brandt, Jessie Epstein, Susan Bagnini*

Environmental Science students will help preserve the balance and beauty of natural ecosystems by creating and maintaining a native garden at the high school.

## VIRTUAL ENTERPRISE INTERNATIONAL

Schreiber

*Stephanie Saraceni*

VEI is an international in-school entrepreneurship program and global business simulation that transforms students into business executives and classrooms into office settings.

## MUSIC TECHNOLOGY FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SKILLS

Schreiber

*Kevin Scully, John Meyer, Jr., Anthony Pinelli, Jr., Mark Brenner, John Spiezio III, Carol Garofalo*

The entire music department will utilize Macbook Pro technology to enhance instruction in music ensembles and non-performance music classes.

## LANDMARK ARTIST IN RESIDENCE: REGINA CARTER

Schreiber

*Laura Mogul, Kevin Scully*

Schreiber string students will have the opportunity to experience a live, interactive performance and workshop with renown jazz violinist Regina Carter.

## BLUES: AN 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EXPERIENCE

Weber

*Jeff Moss*

All 8th-grade students will have the opportunity to appreciate and experience the American folk art known as the blues. Students will read, listen to, discuss, and compose both poetry and music. The program culminates with an extended workshop and performance with internationally acclaimed Toby Walker.

## YOGA IN THE 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Weber

*Karen Mulqueen*

All 6th-grade students participate in an introductory yoga class in connection with their study of ancient India.

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Weber

*Chris Buchman*

The Weber Science Olympiad team will be better prepared for competition with robotics supplies and other essential equipment needed for events.

## 3D PRINTING TURNS GLOBAL INTO LOCAL

Weber

*Michael Shampanier*

Students engineer customizable real-world solutions to everyday problems using a 3D printer.

## BE.YOU.TIFICATION MURAL

Weber

*Sari Zelman, Jeff Moss*

7th and 8th grade students will work with two resident artists to design and paint a mural in the tunnel near the gymnasium.

## DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

Weber

*Holly Gober, Jeff Moss*

8th-grade students will study the differences between pre-WWI society and the 1920's through dance by learning the Waltz and Charleston.

## MUSIC TECHNOLOGY IN THE MODERN CHORUS CLASSROOM

Weber

*Matthew Gawronski, Allison Friedman*

Through the use of an iMac and audio interface, chorus students will engage with music technology as a tool for learning more about music, art and the voice.

## DO THE MATH: SECRETS, LIES, AND ALGEBRA

Weber

*Stacey Portmore-Davies, Kalliopi Sanicola*

8th-grade yellow house students will read the book *Do the Math: Secrets, Lies and Algebra* promoting discussions about literature and math.

## ROBOTICS FOR GRADES 4-8 Weber and All Elementary Schools

*Jeanne Zeh, Tom Stepanek*

Creating a Port Washington Robotics Club for grades 4 through 8. Teams will compete at various robotics competitions.

## DANCING WITH OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STARS All Elementary Schools

*Sheri Suzzan, Chris Shields, David Meoli, Barbara Giebel, Bonni Cohen, Kevin Scully*

All 5th-grade students will participate in a ten-week residency with Dancing Classrooms to help cultivate essential life skills through the practice of social dance.

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### EXPRESSIVE ELOCUTION-VOCAL EMPOWERMENT

All Elementary Schools

*Elise May*

A standards-based program to help vocally empower and prepare students to present speeches, reports, dramatic enactments, debates, and themselves in interviews and performances.

### MULTICULTURAL MENTORS

Manorhaven and Schreiber

*Susan Goldstein, Lucy Gable, Elise May*

A literacy-based mentorship program for English Language Learners to enrich cultural awareness and self-esteem.

### MINDFULNESS AND YOGA FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD

Daly, Guggenheim, Manorhaven

*Michelle Lublin, Sheri Suzzan, Barbara Giebel, Bonni Cohen, Rachel Bresnick, Casey Cheffo, Nick Stavrinis, Amy Branch, Patrick Nash, Nora Hickey, Loren Maroof, Sue Cominsky*

Teachers and special education students will learn yoga techniques to assist with stress management, behavioral control, communication skills, focus and concentration.

### SUBMERGE STORYTELLING

Guggenheim

*Jennifer Schupak, Dr. Irene Virgilio*

4th-grade students will have an interactive, hands-on storytelling experience that immerses them directly into a story as they transform their classroom to become the setting.

### PAL-O-MINE EQUESTRIAN

Guggenheim

*Jen Norton, Loren Maroof, Amy Branch, Nora Hickey*

A field trip to Pal-O-Mine, a therapeutic equestrian center. Self-contained classroom students will participate in horse-based activities involving non-verbal communication, assertiveness, creative thinking and problem solving.

### MONOTYPE PRINTING PRESS

Guggenheim

*Daphne Harkins*

A tabletop Monotype Printing Press will introduce students to the history of printing while allowing them to create original artwork.

### BACKYARD BIRD SCIENCE

Guggenheim, Salem, Manorhaven

*Cassidy Wolfert, Kristen Silecchia, Christine Piserchia, Erica Albin, Pat Charles, Lucy Gable*

Bird cameras will be used by ELL students to conduct science experiments and analyze and classify birds. Students will read and write about their experiences.

### AUDIO BOOKS FOR ELL STUDENTS

Salem

*Joanne Koukoulas, Kristen Silecchia*

ELL students will have the opportunity to listen to audio books while reading along with the print version to increase fluency in reading.

### MAD SCIENCE

Salem

*Joanne Strianese, Liz Greilsheimer, Elisa Triffleman, Ali Marshall, Denise Benun, Jennifer Anicito, Julie Katz, Elyssa Kanterman, Chris Shields*

All 2nd-grade students will participate in four interactive Mad Science workshops.

### HELPING PARENTS OF ELL'S TO BECOME LITERACY MODELS AND READING PARTNERS

Sousa

*Jo Ann Miles, Debra Calluzzo*

Parents of ELL's will be assisted in developing literacy skills and reading concepts during three evening workshops. Literacy kits will be provided for home use.

### THE 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOM

Sousa

*Justin Ryan*

The purchase of 30 Chromebooks and a charging cart creates a digital classroom in which learning is enhanced through technology and collaboration.

### WAKE UP WITH MATH

Manorhaven

*Lisa Cooper, Bonni Cohen*

Struggling math students in 1st and 2nd grade participate in a before-school math program with interactive tutorials and games available in both English and Spanish.

### MOVING AND LEARNING WITH GONOODLE PLUS

Manorhaven

*Megaera Regan*

An online tool that integrates movement with academic learning through fun brain breaks throughout the school day.

### TUNE INTO READING: THE POWER OF MELODIC LEARNING

Manorhaven

*Elena Gnezda, Dawn Angelin, Bonni Cohen*

Participating 2nd through 5th-grade students will engage in this before-school program to help build fluency, improve comprehension and gain self-confidence through singing.

### MANORHAVEN MENTORS

Manorhaven

*Barbara O'Donnell, Bonni Cohen, Pat Charles, Kim Singh, Diane Haut*

Identified 4th and 5th grade students will be matched with community volunteers in a school-based mentoring program.

### MANORHAVEN EARLY BIRDS

Manorhaven

*Megaera Regan, Christine Vasilev, Lucy Gable, Marialina Corbo, Pat Charles, Bridge O'Keefe Green*

A before-school physical activity program for struggling students in grades 3-5 which has proven to significantly improve academic performance.

### FIRE UP READING!

Manorhaven

*Virginia Block, Stacey Drucker, Lourdes Perez, Kim Singh*

Struggling 5th-grade and Resource Room readers will use Kindles, eBooks, and their corresponding audio books to promote access to literature, making reading more enjoyable.

### STEPPING STONES CLASS PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

*Leila Noor*

This program prepares at-risk, immigrant children with limited English proficiency for our district's Pre-K program.



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