



PSFTC



Public Schools Foundation of Tippecanoe County

2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT

GREETINGS FROM PSFTC!

We're very pleased to present this year's Annual Report. The Foundation continues to grow in awareness, contributions, and grants for our local educators. Within this report, you'll find many of this year's success stories.

This year marks the end of my fourth year as board president. What an exciting time to be involved in PSFTC! We never slowed down, even as the pandemic lingered. We continued to not only provide the same level of grant funding to educators, but we also provided rapid assistance to help with COVID-related needs. In September 2021 we welcomed everyone back for an in-person Cupcake Run/Walk for Public Education, and it was wonderful to see smiles and experience the comradery. We're grateful to Gigi's Cupcakes for their loyal support. Our Cupcake Bake Off is back and bigger than ever! Details are included in this report.

I want to publicly thank the PSFTC Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Executive Director. Working with this excellent team of people is an absolute joy. Thanks to each for sharing their passion for education and working to raise funds for public school teachers in Tippecanoe County.

In closing, thank you for YOUR interest in and support for PSFTC. With your help, we continue to promote excellence in education and encourage classroom innovation. We greatly value educators and students in our community, and we're glad you do too!

PAM SMITH
PSFTC Board President

OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGE CLASSROOM INNOVATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN TIPPECANOE COUNTY THROUGH OUR SEEDS FOR EXCELLENCE GRANT PROGRAM.

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CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS FOR WRITING AWARD-WINNING GRANT PROPOSALS!

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Orff in the Classroom

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Using Our Natural Resources and Community Partners to Inspire the Next Generation of Ecologists

McCutcheon High School

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A Game of Clue: Using Forensics to Teach and Assess Integral Biology Concepts

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It's All About the Senses

Mayflower Mill Elementary

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LOOK WHAT
OUR DONORS
ACCOMPLISHED
IN FALL 2021 AND
SPRING 2022



17
PROJECTS
FUNDED



\$27,352
DOLLARS
AWARDED



69
TEACHERS
COLLABORATING



4,013
STUDENTS
PARTICIPATING

GRANT SPOTLIGHTS

MICHELLE MENGLER - WEA RIDGE ELEMENTARY We Can Be Biologists

The grant I received allowed me to purchase supplies and specimens to provide a unit on human body systems and animal dissection. We began with a study of human skeletal, respiratory, muscular, circulatory, digestive, excretory and nervous systems. The second part of the unit took all that we learned about the human body and applied it to dissection of animal specimens. We began with earthworms, then crayfish, and finally frogs.

I know my students gained an immeasurable amount of life experiences and educational value through this project. Several of them shared that they learned more about their own bodies and that they were motivated to eat healthier food and to try and get more exercise due to the information gained about body function. I believe all of the students became more interested in biology and science overall, and some of them mentioned that they are now considering careers in science.



CLAIRE BROWN - MAYFLOWER MILL ELEMENTARY

It's All About the Senses



Squooshy. Scratchy. Slimy. Slippery. When you hear these words, years of sensory experiences bring specific feelings and sensations to mind in adults. But many of today's kindergarteners don't get the sensory experiences they need. Children first learn through a variety of senses. My goal with this grant is to give students the opportunity to learn and practice a variety of skills through their senses at a sensory table with materials that will change monthly.

The yearly plan has a set of nine complete sensory bins stocked and ready to be switched out each month. These bins will include a variety of textures, tools and toys. I worked with a local

art teacher turned business owner to create the rotations and items inside each monthly bin. My plan is to allow the students to create, explore and learn through their senses multiple times throughout the day. There will be structured times of the day where specific students have the table for their group, as well as other times of the day it might be used for a sensory break, additional learning connections, rewards and more. Truthfully, you just might find me there exploring, getting messy and having a blast as well!

JOY CEDARQUIST & ALYCE MYERS - JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

A Game of Clue: Using Forensics to Teach and Assess Integral Biology Concepts

Few students like tests. Few tests are an accurate barometer of the knowledge students have gained during the learning portion of a unit. From that perspective, we have gone in search of other ways to assess the growth of students throughout a unit. We have found several low- or no-cost labs and other activities that we have already implemented into the classroom, but we did not have the funds for the equipment needed to do a forensics lab at the end of our unit on cells and DNA. This grant provides the necessary equipment.



Students will use multiple activities throughout the fall semester to help them identify the person responsible for a "who did it" forensics case. The gel electrophoresis equipment provided by the grant will allow students to visualize the entire process of DNA banding in one class period, including seeing DNA separation in real time. This will help them to literally visualize how molecules separate based on how large and small the segments are. Not only will they be able to visualize DNA, but they will see a real-world application in terms of how forensic scientists solve crimes and how multiple clues are needed to solve cases.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CUPCAKES!



Our 6th Annual Cupcake Run for Public Education was held on September 19, 2021 at Cumberland Park in West Lafayette. We had a blast showcasing the community's support of public education. Thank you to all those that walked, ran and volunteered – all 700 of you! Your participation resulted in \$15,000 in direct support of our teacher grant program.

Kudos to Harrison High School, 2021 school participation champions!



CUPCAKE BAKE OFF

IS BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!



January and February were packed full of baking and cupcakes. Culinary students from Greater Lafayette Career Academy, Jefferson High School, Harrison High School and McCutcheon High School participated in sessions led by local Tate & Lyle employees. Not only did students learn about careers in food manufacturing, engineering and safety, but they also received an ingredient kit and were tasked with creating a cupcake recipe.

Cupcake entries were presented at the Cupcake Bake Off on February 16, 2022. The community was invited to taste all the cupcakes and help choose the People's Choice winner. Congrats to Team McCutcheon on collecting the most money in their tip jar.

The top prize, Best of Show, was awarded by an expert panel of judges representing Bistro 501, Sweet Revolution Bakery and Tate & Lyle. Congratulations to Team Harrison, the 2022 Best of Show winner.

The winning recipe was titled "Lemon Cupcake with Raspberry Filling and Buttercream Frosting." Copies of the recipe will be included in the 2022 Cupcake Run "swag bags" and provided to donors during our 2022 fall fundraising campaign.



Want the recipe? Want to support additional grant projects in the community?

Make a donation, and we'll include the recipe card with your receipt.

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