

2022/2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Public Schools Foundation of Tippecanoe County

Greetings from PSFTC!

As we enter a new year, I want to take a moment to share encouraging news about accomplishments the Public Schools Foundation of Tippecanoe County made in the 2022-2023 school year. We made a commitment to advance the mission & work that we do in the community to improve the awareness & presence of the PSFTC.

The impact we made was only possible because of our incredible executive director, passionate board members, loyal donors, & the progressive community partnerships we have developed & strengthened over the years. Thanks to each for intentionally dedicating their time & diligently helping to raise funds for public school teachers.

By coming together through giving we are creating lasting impact that allows our public schools in Tippecanoe County to flourish in creativity, diversity, & opportunity. Last year PSFTC awarded \$25,843 in grants. We also collaborated with over 120 teachers & more than 2,800 students during the school year.

On behalf of the board, we are grateful for your partnership & support for PSFTC. With your generosity, we continue to promote excellence in education and encourage classroom innovation. There is much to be thankful for & much to enthusiastically look towards!

With appreciation & gratitude,

EMILY DOWNEY
PSFTC President

OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN
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INNOVATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN
TIPPECANOE COUNTY THROUGH OUR SEEDS
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Congratulations

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

SHAE ZIMMERMAN

Reading Across the Ages
Battle Ground Elementary

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Energize!
Jefferson High School
Made possible with support from Primient

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German Club Is...
Harrison High School

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Librarian in the Huddle
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Diving Deep with Amazing Authors
Burnett Creek Elementary

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One School, One Book
Edgelea Elementary
Martha K. Shrader Award of Excellence winner

JULIE PAPINEAU

**Postcard for Pupils: Connecting Kids
Across the Country**
Murdock Elementary

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Guitars in the Classroom
Battle Ground Middle School

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Mathemagicians
All West Lafayette Community Schools
Made possible with support from Tate & Lyle

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We're All Works of Art
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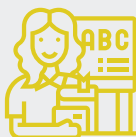
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OUR DONORS
ACCOMPLISHED
IN FALL 2022 AND
SPRING 2023



16
PROJECTS
FUNDED



\$25,843
DOLLARS
AWARDED



121
TEACHERS
COLLABORATING



2,817
STUDENTS
PARTICIPATING

Grant Spotlights

ANA AVE - EDGELEA ELEMENTARY

One School, One Book

One School, One Book is a multi-week, school-wide reading event, where students and their families, faculty, and staff read the same book together. Based on a staff survey, we chose the classic children's book *Stuart Little* by E. B. White, the story of friendship, family and adventure that still captures the hearts of the young and old alike.

Each student at our school received their own brand-new copy of *Stuart Little* along with a reading schedule to follow. They were able to take the book home and encouraged to read it as a family. By providing each child with a book, a schedule, and exciting learning activities, we can take advantage of this opportunity to share with parents the benefits of reading aloud to their children. At school, every classroom teacher read one chapter of the book aloud as students and staff celebrated and explored the novel with their classmates and others. Teachers integrated the content of the book into their lesson plans through literacy, math, science, skits, book-themed activities, writing, art projects, graphic organizers, and projects. Even our art, music, PE, and library teacher integrated *Stuart Little* into their curriculum. All staff members including the secretaries, lunch staff, custodians, administrators, and classroom teachers read the same chapters each day and shared in the joy of reading a book together.



HANNAH DUNBAR - BURNETT CREEK ELEMENTARY

Diving Deep with Amazing Authors

With this grant, I expanded my student's access to picture books written by specific authors including Aaron Blabey, Jory John, Patricia Polacco, Carolyn Crimi, Tomie de Paola, Fann Brothers, Tara Lazar, Dawn McMillan, Lucille Colandro, and Vanessa Brantely-Newton. These authors have amazing bodies of work and represent all of my students' diversity.



We will study each author for one week as a class. Students will work in groups to research, analyze, and create an exhibit about their author for a class "museum." This exhibit will include a biographical component about the author and an original story inspired by their author. For the presentation, students will interact with each of the exhibits, get a deeper look at the authors that they already love and strengthen their love of reading.

AMANDA BECK - HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL

German Club Is...

I sponsor a German Club that meets twice per month for one hour after school. Year after year, it has become increasingly popular and has begun to draw in students who aren't even enrolled in German courses. I seek to keep the meetings free for students so that cost does not prohibit anyone from attending. My goal with this particular project was to enhance the experience for students through the purchase of items that we need to run the meetings efficiently.



With this funding, I purchased German board games that allow students to experience new and culturally authentic activities. After I introduced Scherenschnitte last year (a paper cutting hobby popular in Switzerland), I quickly realized that we needed scissors specifically designed for this task and that a book of patterns would help students get more out of the experience. Another experience, blowing out eggs in the German-style, is much easier and more sanitary with the Pysanky tools that I purchased. With 30 or more students per meeting, having these tools and resources makes our meetings much more efficient and engaging.

Cupcakes Community Classrooms



Our 7th annual Cupcake Run for Public Education was held on September 18, 2022 at Cumberland Park in West Lafayette. We had a blast showcasing the community's support for public education. Thank you to the more than 750 walkers, runners and volunteers that participated. Your support resulted in more than \$26,500 in direct support of our teacher grant program.

**Congratulations to
Jefferson High School,
2022 school participation
champions!**



\$26,500

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Cupcake Bake Off



In January and February 2023 culinary students at Greater Lafayette Career Academy, Harrison High School, Jefferson High School and McCutcheon High School spent time in the kitchen, developing and testing original cupcake recipes for entry in the Cupcake Bake Off competition.

Representatives from Primient, a local producer of food and industrial ingredients made from plant-based, renewable sources, visited classrooms to share information about careers in food manufacturing. They also left students with several varieties of liquid sweetener, and classes were tasked with using one of the sweeteners in their cupcake recipe. Students also learned of local entrepreneurship stories and received cupcake decorating advice with classroom visits from two local bakeries: Beery Bakes and Sierra's Sweet Shoppe.

Cupcake entries were presented at the Cupcake Bake Off & Tasting Party on February 16. The community was invited to taste all entries and help select the People's Choice winner.

Congratulations to team Harrison High School.

Not only did they win People's Choice, they were also crowned Best in Show by an expert panel of judges and received a \$1,000 prize. The winning recipe was titled "Orange Cupcake with Passion Fruit Curd and Rum Buttercream Frosting."



Want to support additional programs and grants like this? Make a donation, and we'll include the recipe card with your receipt.

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