



Inspiring Experiences at Kromrey!

The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Education Foundation was launched in the summer of 2011 to raise funds to augment programs and activities currently provided by the District, and to keep our local community informed on the strengths, challenges and needs of its schools. Our goal is to provide inspiring experiences for our students now, and for decades to come, through teacher innovation grants, student scholarships and a growing endowment. We seek to accelerate all MCPASD students as part of the District's next steps on its journey of excellence.



Since 2013, the Foundation has awarded Inspiration Grants at all District schools. Here are some of the grants funded right here at Kromrey. Find out how your contribution can fund many more inspiring experiences by visiting www.inspiringexperiences.org.

3D Printer (2017)
Mindfulness Carts (2017)
Makerspace (2017)
Mentoring Program (2015, 2016)
Environmental Education Center (2015)
iPads for Music Composition (2014)
Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) Transition Program (2013)
Youth Frontiers Courage Retreat (2013)

The Foundation wrote a grant to the Alliant Energy Foundation to obtain \$1,850 for the purchase of a 3D printer in the technology education area.

Counselor Kerry Burke received \$575 to purchase 24 yoga mats, a mindfulness chime, a singing owl and a large rolling cart for storage. Staff also have access to a binder with mindfulness practice scripts for lessons with students.

Kromrey received \$1,000 to purchase supplies and materials for its Makerspace. The Makerspace philosophy embraces process-oriented learning and open-ended activities.

Counselor Fred Bartman received \$1,500 to pay for end-of-year dinner celebrations for mentors, mentees and their families to discuss and celebrate what the students achieved during the school year.

The Foundation wrote grants for \$13,000 to provide materials and equipment for the Environmental Education Center. The Center utilizes the Pheasant Branch Conservancy, and provides nature and science exploration activities for students of all ages.

Band Directors Darlayne Coughlin and Kimberly Chapman received a grant of \$864 to purchase two iPads that are used by students to compose music, which allows them to learn and demonstrate knowledge of form, tonality and meter/rhythm.

Kromrey received a \$500 grant to launch the WEB transition program for students entering fifth grade. The year-long program trains eighth-graders to be WEB leaders. Every incoming fifth-grader is paired with a leader and attends a half-day program, and also stays in contact with the leader throughout their first year at Kromrey.

This project allowed all Kromrey 7th-graders to attend a one-day Courage Retreat through Youth Frontiers. The retreat helped children learn to accept others, resist following the crowd and act with courage. The Foundation provided a direct \$1,000 grant and secured grants of \$10,500 over 3 years from American Transmission Corporation.

