



Inspiring Experiences at Sauk Trail!

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 Sauk Trail. Find out how your contribution can fund many more inspiring experiences by visiting www.inspiringexperiences.org.

Learning Through Leadership (2017)
Makerspace (2016, 2017)
Learn & Move With A Hip Hop Groove (2016)
Battle of the Books (2015)
3rd Grade Book Club (2015)
Monarch Garden (2015)
Literacy Scrapbooking (2014)
Map-Flag Mission (2014)
Making Jazz Music Child's Play (2013)
Environment-In-Art (2013)

Amy Galassi and Kirsten Haag received \$610 for the Ambassador Club to pay for and promote projects, including a Buddy Bench, new student welcome kits, law enforcement appreciation gifts, neighborhood clean-up day, flower crafts for a local retirement home and more.

In 2016, Ann O'Rourke and Amy Galassi received \$1,303 to purchase materials for a Makerspace available to all students during lunch recess. In 2017, the program was expanded to all schools in the District, with Sauk Trail receiving an additional \$1,000.

John Becker received a \$500 grant to pay for two instructors to work with students in developing the choreography and a vocabulary of dance movements appropriate to hip hop music.

Sauk Trail received a \$500 grant to support this reading program, which is designed to encourage third- and fourth-grade students to read great books and have fun while competing with peers.

A grant of \$452 was awarded to Andrea Lindberg and Ann O'Rourke to support an after-school book club for third-graders. The grant paid for books and supplies for the club.

Kari Buer, Jacki Greene and Chris Dahlk received a \$2,000 grant to convert Sauk Trail's garden area into a Monarch Garden. The garden is also incorporated into the curriculum across all grades and subject areas.

Paige Bessick and Jeanette Wiederhoeft received a grant of \$300 to purchase cameras for students to document life experiences through written and visual representations in scrapbooks.

Paige Bessick and Stephanie Spence received a grant of \$250 to create a mural at the school with flags on a map representing the diverse population of students and staff at Sauk Trail. Two classroom lessons were also created for all teachers to use in discussions about the mural.

John Becker received a \$400 grant to hire four professional jazz musicians to work with students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Students learned about the musical, cultural and dance traditions in jazz that are global, with strong African, Caribbean and South American influences.

Anne Gustafson received a \$300 grant for a project for students to create photos, drawings, paintings or poems based on their exploration of the environment around their school. The grant supported the purchase of digital camera equipment, photo printing and materials for display.