



Inspiring Experiences at West Middleton!

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, including right here at West Middleton. Find out how your contribution can fund more inspiring experiences by visiting www.inspiringexperiences.org.

Wolverine STEAM (2017)
Makerspace (2017)
Earobics Foundations (2016)
Traveling Library (2015)
Break Boxes (2015)
Battle of the Books (2015)
Sustainability Learning (2014)
An iPad to Bring in the World (2013)

Shannon Larson received \$2,000 to purchase books and other hands-on experiences for students related to science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

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

Erin Lettau received \$980 to purchase two Chromebooks and six licenses to help kindergarten students with phonemic awareness, comprehension, fluency, vocabulary and writing.

Reading Specialist Julie Tofte received \$947 for a traveling library of books designed for students reading below grade level in grades 2 through 4. The subject matter and characters of these books were appropriate for the age of these students in order to spark their interest in reading.

Counselor Lindsey Hellenbrand received \$500 to purchase supplies to assemble "break boxes" for each classroom at the school. The boxes contain sensory items to help students renew concentration, calm down or re-energize for better learning results.

West Middleton 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.

Diane Boles and Nicholas Smith received a \$1,500 grant for materials to help create a sustainable cycle of composting, gardening and nutrition.

Fifth-grade teacher Pernille Ripp received a grant of \$461 to purchase an iPad for use by students in her classroom. The students use the iPad to create podcasts, contribute to classroom's existing blog and use other applications designed to enhance learning.