

Ted. Grants Awarded in 2017

Escape Classroom

Amount: \$500.00

Teacher(s): Rachael Hager, Kristin Daley, Melissa Bergeron, Cassie Amadio, Braidy Miarecki, Shannon Beveridge and Kathy Troy, Tantasqua Regional Junior High School

Funds will be used to purchase 4 Breakout EDU kits that will turn the classroom into an "Escape Games" type of room. They will be doing something fun to teach science, math and ELA.

Math Game Lending Library

Amount: \$832.74

Teacher(s): Bethany Runnals, Burgess Elementary School

Funds will be used to purchase 55 board games and card games that can be signed out by families of 4th and 5th graders. Games like Yahtzee, UNO, Pay Day, Checkers and Life will teach math skills and 21st Century real world skills. This grant will eventually extend to 3rd through 6th graders.

Life Cycle Exploration

Amount: \$900.00

Teacher(s): Katherine Nicholas and Claire Johnson, Burgess Elementary School

Three preschool classrooms will purchase material for a life-cycle unit centered on chicks. This primary equipment will be reused every year. They will purchase 25-30 eggs in March, take care of them, maintain journals about the experience and in April the chicks will be returned to a farm.

Ceramic Garden Project

Amount: \$1200.00

Teacher(s): Ellen Canavan and Carol Willard, Tantasqua Regional Junior High School

Funds will be used to purchase a kiln for the art room. The kiln will be used to make clay pottery herb gardens. They will also design Herb coloring books to donate to Abby's House.

The Tantasqua Chestnut Project

Amount: \$5000

Teacher(s): Jesse J. Greene, Tantasqua Regional Junior High School

The funds will be used to plant and harvest chestnut trees. There will be a chestnut orchard on the school property to grow chestnut trees that can't propagate in the forest. It has been approved by the TACF that the trees will be named the "Tantasqua" line.

SMART Productions!

Amount: \$1,297.81

Teacher(s): Marion Reilly, Wales Elementary School

Funds will be used to purchase a Padcaster which is a technology that can turn iPads into a mobile media powerhouse to record videos. The students will record videos about the SMART acronym their school uses and will show videos to the entire school.

Intergenerational Learning

Amount: \$1711.00

Teacher(s): Bonnie Couming, Karen O'Neill and Elizabeth Dwyer, Brookfield Elementary School

Funds will be used to purchase 4 iPads. Two will be used by 1st grade students and Two will be used by members of the senior citizen center. The children will face time and read to them.

Using Technology to Bring Learning Centers into the 21st Century

Amount: \$4,348.10

Teacher(s): Kimberly Ferreira, Mary Casey, Jean Monahan, Janice Labuski and Melissa Murphy, Brookfield Elementary School

Funds will be used to purchase a 3 in 1 interactive easel that is a small "kid friendly" version of a smart board. This will be used in Preschool, Kindergarten and special education classes.

STEAM MakerSpace

Amount: \$4,434.91

Teacher(s): Polly Currier, Tantasqua Regional Junior High School

Funds will be used to purchase a MakerSpace Workshop for the Library. It is a hub for hands-on project based learning, creating and invention.

Learning in Action

Amount: \$2,464.91

Teacher(s): Lisa Benoit, Kathy Troy, Rachael Hager, Robin Potvin and Melissa Cote, Tantasqua Regional Junior High School

Funds will be used to purchase Shakespearean costumes and props. This will impact all the children in the school.

The Science of Chrome

Amount: \$4,984.15

Teacher(s): Shannon Beveridge, Kristin Daley, Braidy Mairecki, Cassie Amadio and Jesse Greene, Tantasqua Regional Junior High School

Funds will be used to purchase 28 additional Chromebooks for the Science classrooms. These will be used to aid in scientific research, view videos, access teacher websites and view digital issues of Science World Magazine.