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## **Milton Foundation for Education Awards Fall Teacher Grants**

On January 12, dozens of teachers and staff at the Milton public schools had a very welcome letter in their mail box informing them that their request for a grant from the Milton Foundation for Education had been approved. Twice a year, in the spring and fall, the MFE accepts grant proposals from anyone in the Milton public school system. A committee comprised of MFE volunteers and MPS teachers and staff review the proposals and determine whether the request falls within the foundation's granting guidelines. This cycle, the MFE approved 24 of the 39 requests, for a total of \$20,025.

Leslie Collins, the chair of the MFE Grants Committee, was delighted at the number of grant requests her committee received last fall, representing all six schools and all disciplines. The committee worked hard to balance the competing requests, and ultimately allocated the grants to the six schools as follows: Milton High School \$3,421; Pierce Middle School \$3,704; Collicott \$2,927; Cunningham \$2,290; Glover \$3,391; and Tucker \$4,290.

Sarah Rothenberg, a kindergarten teacher at Collicot, was thrilled to learn that her grant request had been approved. She asked for \$550 for ten musical plays for early elementary students at her school to study literacy and character development, as well as develop confidence and pride by putting on shows. She had put on one play last year and witnessed first-hand the amazing learning opportunities that arose from the experience. "As we dove deeper and deeper into the project, my students blew me away by how quickly and enthusiastically they took to the script and all the personalities that started to emerge," Rothenberg said. "On the day of the performance, several members in the audience cried. It was so touching to watch a group of kindergarteners truly come out of their shells and confidently stand in front of 50+ people as actors and actresses."

Some examples of other grants that were approved include: \$1,000 for Robotics kits for the newly formed competitive Robotics Team at Milton High School; \$955 for supplies and equipment at Pierce Middle School so that the science classes can study genetics, plant

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biology, and natural selection with Wisconsin Fast Plants; \$1,000 for books for Cunningham classroom libraries for the Reader's Workshop Initiative; \$1,000 for books for Glover classroom libraries for the Reader's Workshop Initiative; and \$1,000 for supplies for the occupational therapist at Tucker to create tools to allow "fidgety" kids to stay better focused during class.

The Milton Foundation for Education is a private, non-profit organization established in 1995 with a mission is to enhance the quality of education provided to students in the Milton public schools. The Foundation generates and distributes financial resources for enrichment programs that would not otherwise be available through the regular school budget. Their goal is to supplement, not supplant the regular school budget. For more information on Milton Foundation for Education or on the recent teacher grants, please visit [www.miltonfoundationforeducation.org](http://www.miltonfoundationforeducation.org).

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