

Peoria Public Schools  
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Community Foundation  
of Central Illinois  
Classroom Grants

2023-2024 Project Pictures

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Denise Baker purchased books, fidgets and flexible seating for Whittier students.



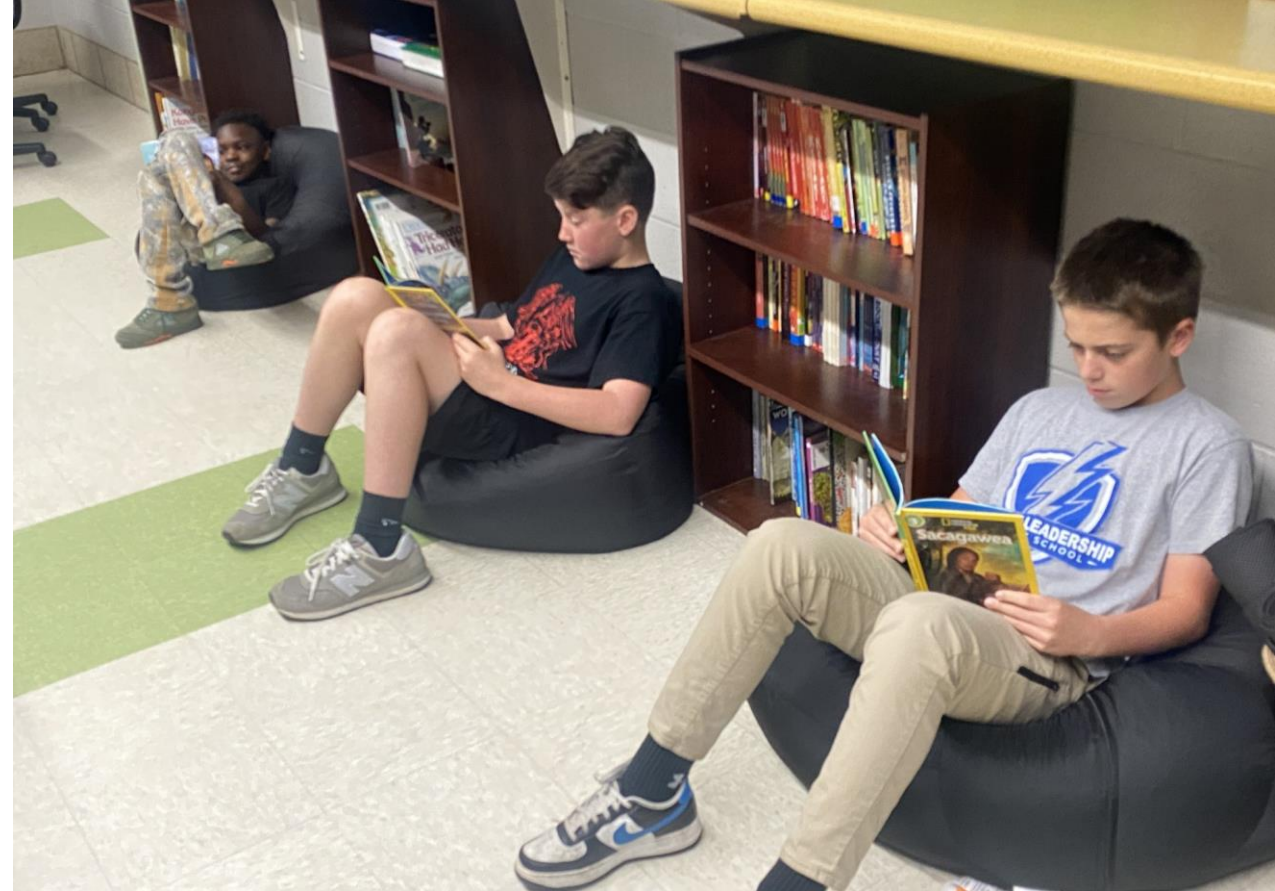


Willis Barber's grant allowed the Maude Sanders Drama Club students to perform *Disney's Frozen*

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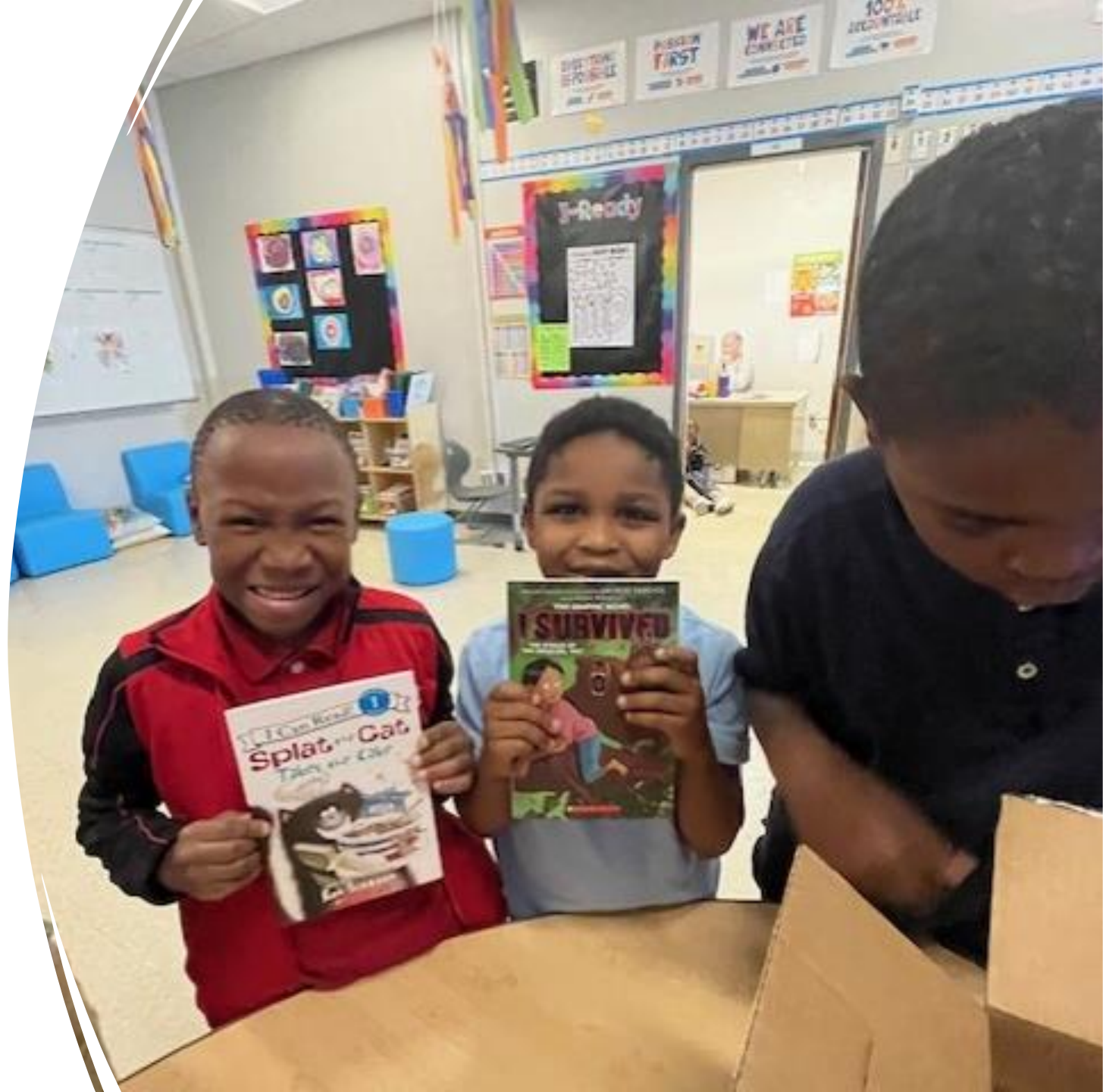
Joe Baumgardner used his grant money to fund the school's Science Club.



Stephanie Benne purchased books, bookshelves, bean bag chairs and reading mats for Liberty Leadership students.

Jennifer Bessler  
bought books  
for Trewyn Rise  
Academy  
students.

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Michael Bowen  
took Annie Jo  
Gordon students  
to the St. Louis  
Zoo.



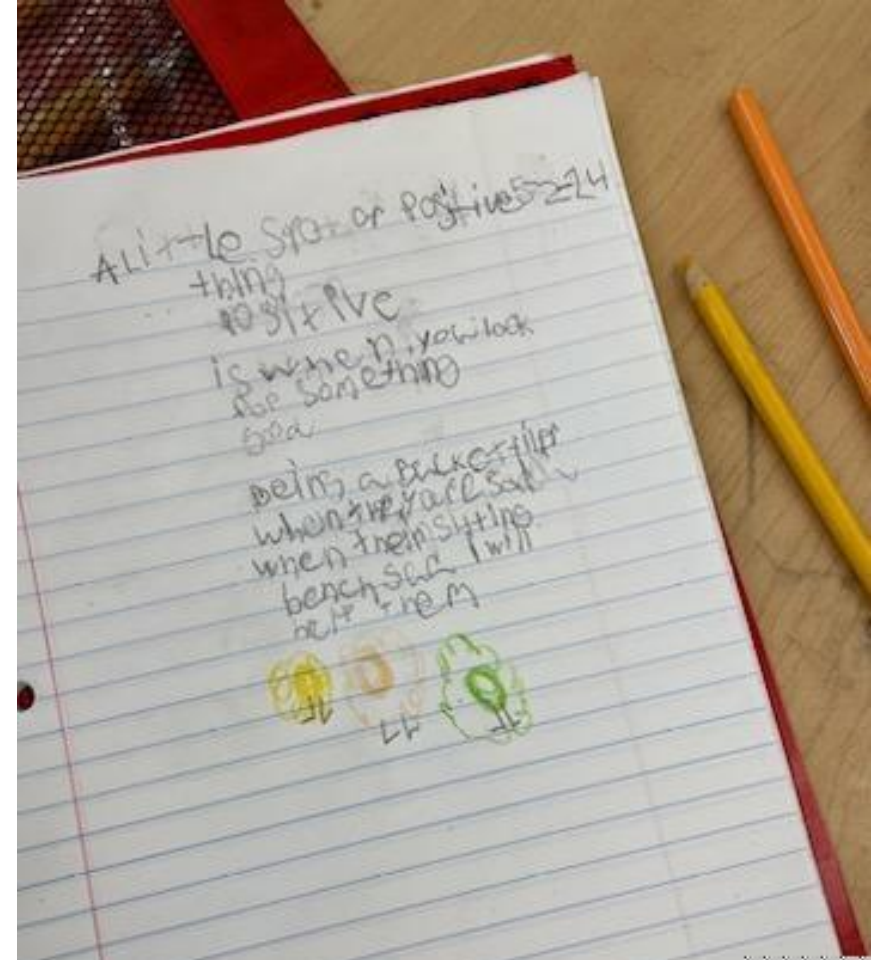
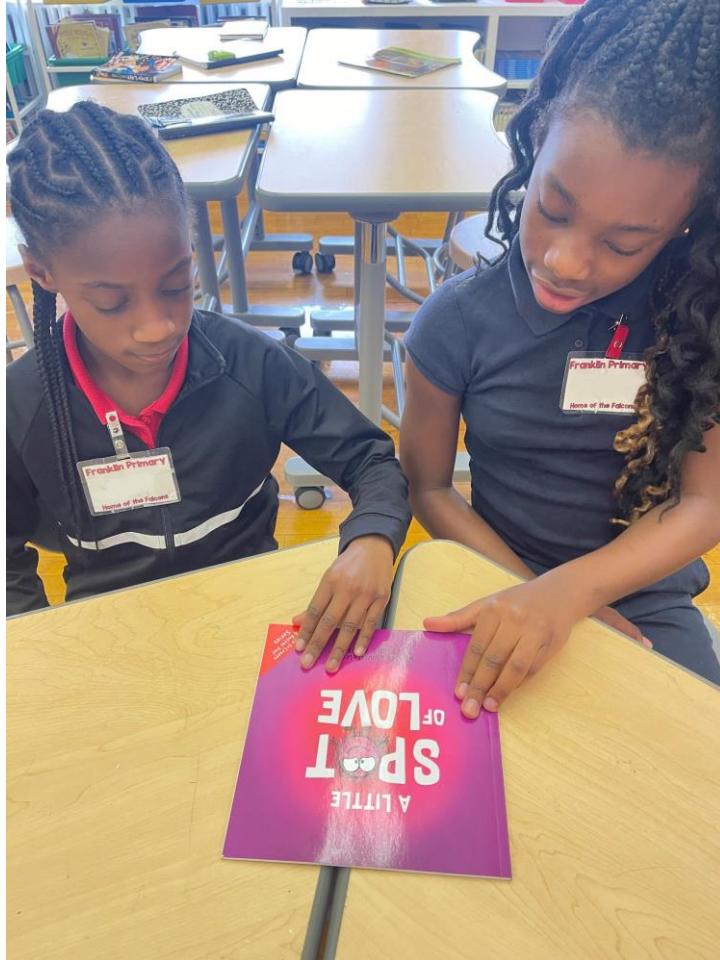
Teres Brawner took Jamieson students to various restaurants to help prepare for life in the work force.

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# Stephanie Churchill bought books that support Social Emotional Learning for Franklin students.





Juli Cranwill brought instructors from the Art Bodega in Washington to Jamieson so students can get experience in painting.





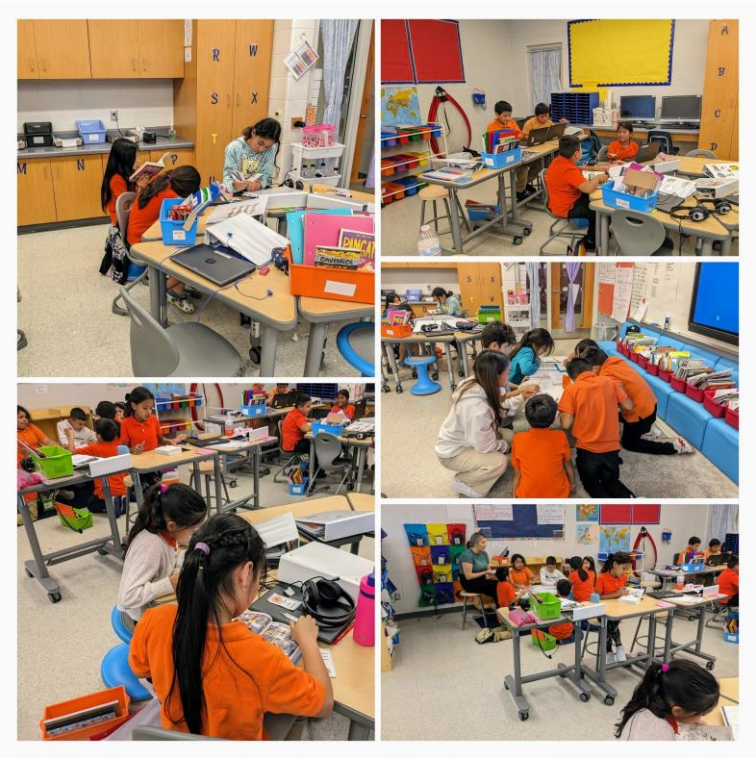
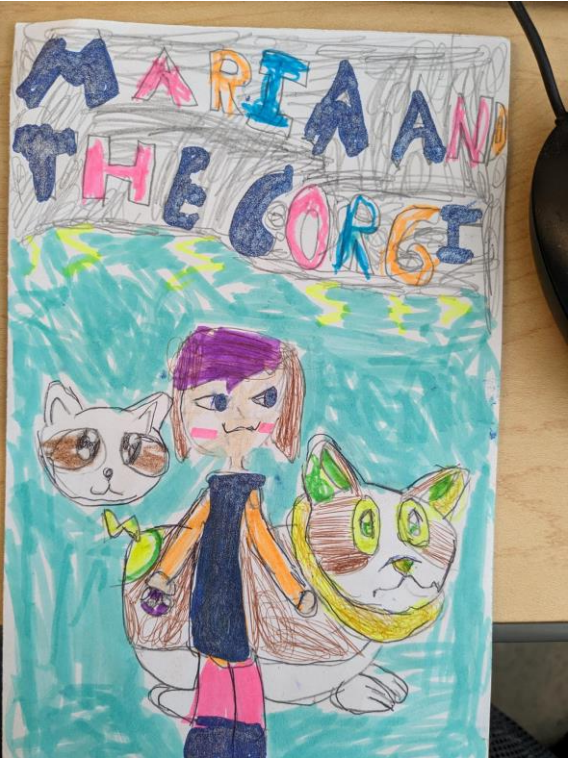
Heather Cunningham's grant allowed her to incorporate yoga into the classroom at Elise Ford Allen.

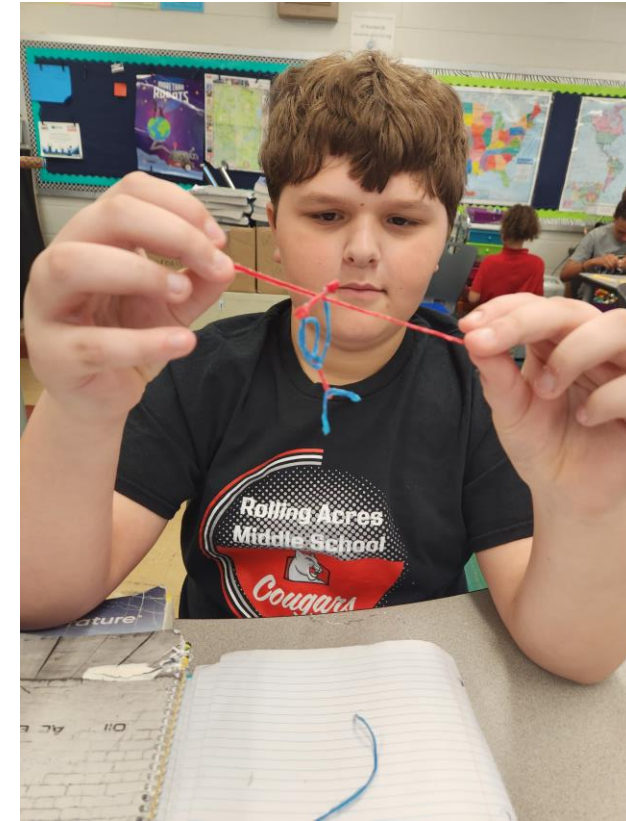
Trenton DeSantis  
and his team  
brought 4<sup>th</sup> graders  
from Hines to the  
Children's Discovery  
Museum in Normal.



# Kirianna Dryden's students at Lincoln got the opportunity to publish a novel.

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Dawn Gersich's grant project allowed Rolling Acres students to integrate art with technology.

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Orianna Gilson used her grant money to hold the Young Alumni-Student Engagement Conference at Woodruff.

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Heather Gratzke brought in a music therapist and purchased some instruments for the students at Trewyn Day Treatment.



Cheryl Halm  
purchased supplies  
to set up a  
comparative  
anatomy class for  
Trewyn Day  
Treatment students.

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Thomas Hayes' grant allowed Richwoods students to paint murals around their school.





To encourage her Northmoor students to do well on the IAR test, Michelle Henderson used her grant money to reserve a day at the Morton Roller Rink.

# Teri Hinrichsen took Manual students to Great Oaks Camp in Lacon.



# Julie Jenkins brought CT Vivian students to the Peoria Playhouse.

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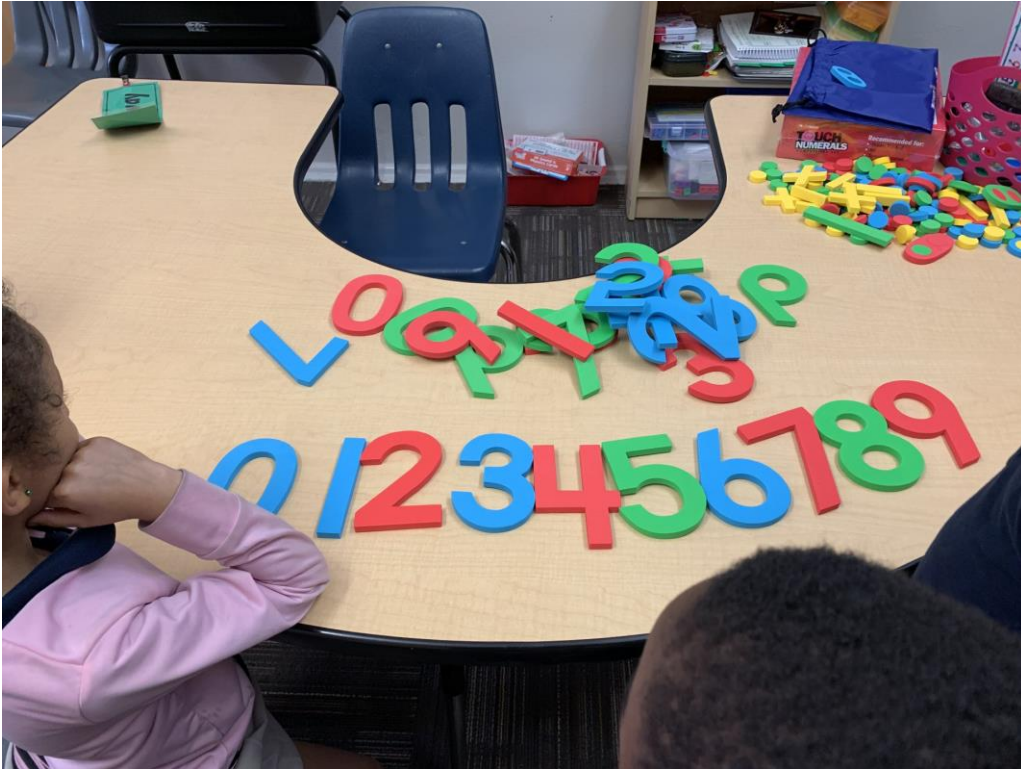
Mary Keltner purchased special bikes for Valeska Hinton students.



Carrie Kinsella of Trewyn Day Treatment took students to The Hong Kong Buffet so they can experience different cultures.



Mary LaKemper bought certain learning tools to help Franklin students learn math.







Sara Martinez took 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Northmoor to Pioneer Days at Sommer Park in Edwards.

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Kelly Nehls brought Richwoods students to the WMBD news station in Peoria.



Megan Nugen  
bought a 3D  
printer for Valeska  
Hinton students  
and faculty.



Kathy Phillips used her grant money to maintain and expand the Elise Ford Allen Academy Garden Club.

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Jamie Quinn took Northmoor students to the Peoria Civic Center to see *The Nutcracker* performed by the Peoria Ballet.

Sara Ratliff purchased various treats and goodies as an incentive for Lincoln students to do well in school.



Morgan Riggs  
bought new  
Spanish  
language books  
for students at  
Whittier.

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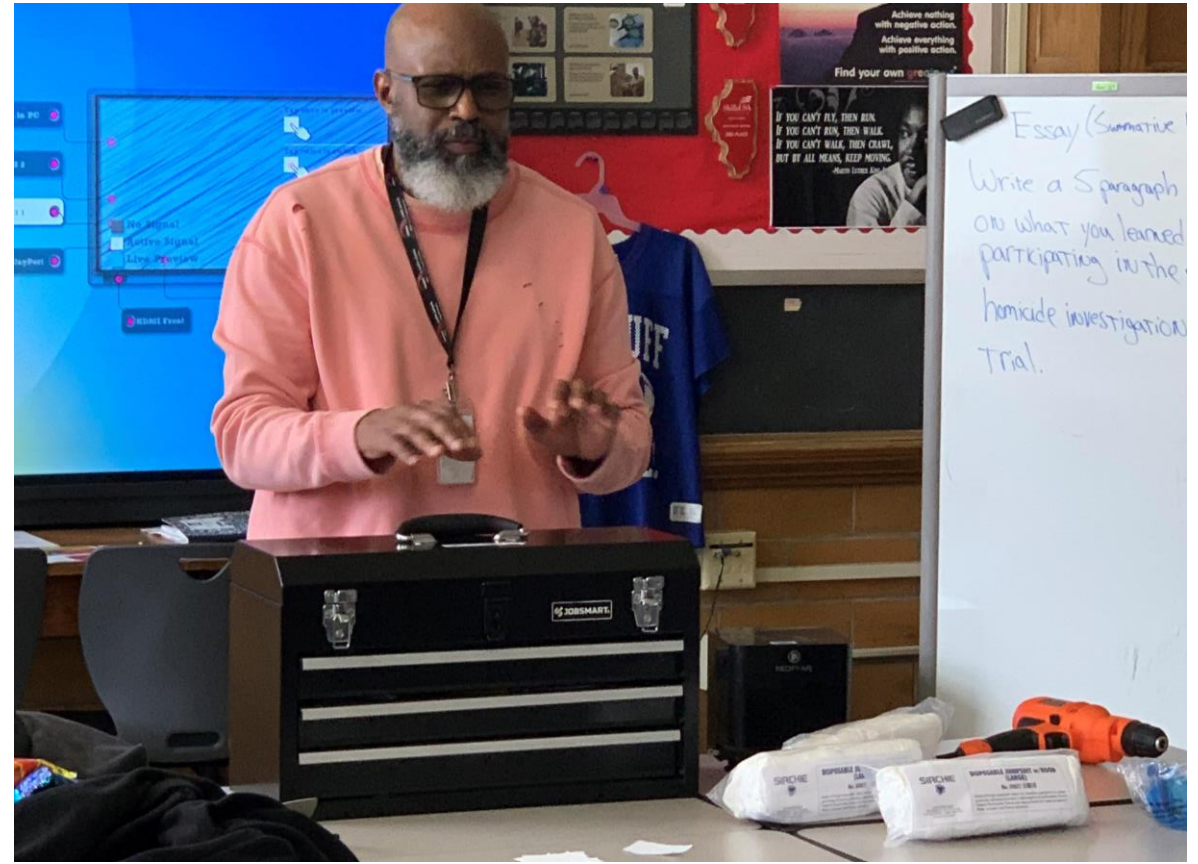
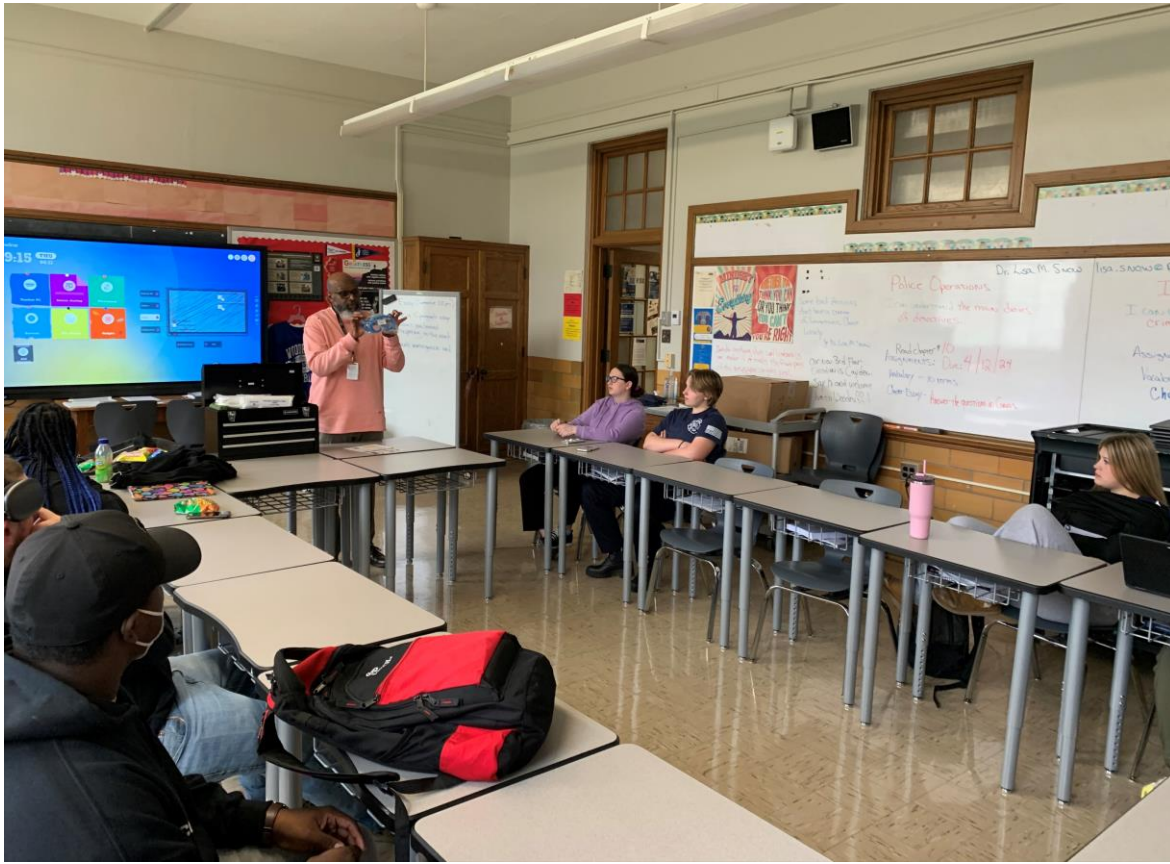
Kathryn Rodolfi took Peoria High students on a trip to New Orleans.

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Jennie Smith brought students from Annie Jo Gordon to the Chicago Field Museum.





Lisa Snow partnered with the City of Peoria Fire Department and used the grant money to create an arson investigation scenario for Woodruff students.



Adam Stevens brought in Peoria author DeMarcus Hamilton for eight sessions to discuss college and career readiness with Manual seniors.

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Alivia Taylor purchased tools to help Northmoor students keep track of how long they walked to encourage physical activity.





Kimberly Thomas purchased materials that allowed Glen Oak students to build houses using graham crackers, frosting, candy and the math skills they learned in class.

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Jeff Venegas took 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Reservoir Gifted to the Lorado Taft Campus in Oregon, Illinois.

**Thank you to all the grant recipients who submitted photos of their projects this year**

