

GRANT A WISH

2019-2020 EPSF Classroom Grant Program- EGMS Wishes

School	Grant Name	Description	Requestor	Grade	Amount
Elkhorn Grand View Middle School	<u>EGMS Literacy</u>	Obtaining the Classroom Grant from the EPS Foundation will help continue the piloted Book Mobile program that the Special Education students at Grandview Middle school have benefited from the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. The Special Education department would like to expand the range of access of literacy material at students grade level to enhance their progress towards our school literacy goal. This grant will help us to provide additional resources and literacy support for all identified grade level students including those students in the Life Skills Program. In addition, our department can use these funds to purchase additional literacy materials which will allow our students to continue to make progress towards our building level literacy goals and progress their reading levels with high interest books at a more appropriate reading level to enhance their desire to pursue independent reading. This grant will also allow for the purchase of headphones to help support our Read 180 program, our auditory learners and their individualized needs. Lastly, this grant will allow for the opportunity to purchase a bigger book cart in order to provide a greater selection of books for our students.	Keri Simonich	6th-8th	\$1,000
Elkhorn Grand View Middle School	<u>Elkhorn Grandview Middle School Play Production</u>	This is an extracurricular activity for students who want to excel in the performing arts, and it will give students the opportunity to participate in a group performance. Playing, practicing, and performing help students develop communication skills, cooperation, and commitment. This will also help students discover new talents, such as performance skills or set design. This is an opportunity for parents, schools, and students to come together as a community.	Rachel Jussel	6th-8th	\$1,500
Elkhorn Grand View Middle School	<u>Middle School Author Visit</u>	The four Elkhorn middle schools would like to have the best-selling young adult author, Alan Gratz, visit our schools. Alan Gratz is the author of several novels including Prisoner B-3087, Projekt 1065, Refugee, and, most recently, Grenade, that have cross-curricular ties to the language arts, reading, and history curriculums. Prior to Gratz's arrival, one of his novels would be selected as a school-wide or grade-level read. Additionally, curricular activities would be embedded into both the classrooms and the library before and after the event. Meeting authors creates meaningful connections between the students, literature, and the writing process. The biggest benefit of an author event is that students find themselves in a community of readers, sharing the experience of reading with their peers, and helping to build excitement to meet the person who created a particular piece of work. Author visits help students to gain an understanding of what happens in the mind of the author while he or she writes and allows students to examine the choices the author makes during the writing process. This, in turn, helps students to develop the ability to make predictions, inferences, and associations. For this experience, the middle schools are asking that Gratz attend each of our buildings for a school day, presenting to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade levels in the morning, creating time for a writer's workshop for students in the afternoon. This invaluable experience would not only be memorable, but an important educational experience for the middle school students in Elkhorn.	Jill Annis	6th-8th	\$2,000
TOTAL WISHES					\$4,500