


GRANT A WISH
 2019-2020 EPSF Classroom Grant Program- ERMS Wishes

School	Grant Name	Description	Requestor	Grade	Amount
Elkhorn Ridge 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.	Kim Jones	6th-8th	\$2,000
Elkhorn Ridge Middle School	<u>Teaching Through the Arts</u>	The Teaching Through the Arts Grant would greatly facilitate a working theatrical production in a middle school setting. At Elkhorn Ridge Middle School, the monetary funds would go towards a variety of products used to make a successful production. Scripts, costumes, props, set materials (woods, nails and paint), and stage makeup would be some of the uses of these funds. These materials would provide close to 500 students with materials and resources to create a theatrical production comparable to other theaters and have hands on experience with a variety of real theatre components.	Hayley Berglund	6th-8th	\$1,500
TOTAL WISHES					\$3,500