



**2022-2023 EPSF Classroom Grant Program- Elkhorn Middle School Grants**

School	Grant Name	Description	Requestor	Grade	Amount
Elkhorn Middle School	Respect Scrap presentations for all middle schools	RESPECT is a local organization that focuses on helping students navigate important topics such as bullying. RESPECT has been a continuous part of our anti-bullying message to our middle school students in Elkhorn. RESPECT comes out (this year virtual) to our schools they perform a 30 minute play on bullying. The program we would like RESPECT to perform is called "Scraps" and focuses on social bullying, the bullying that can occur within friendships or when relationships are used to hurt other people. Students learn how to identify these bullying behaviors and how to respond as the target or bystander. During the talk-back session, students have the opportunity to practice techniques to stop and prevent bullying during a fun and safe role-play. Understanding how to respond in these situations is very beneficial for students as they navigate middle school and peer relationships which can be complex and difficult for some. Students being able to role-play and practice these techniques is helpful so they have the tools to deescalate situations at school so the focus can remain on student learning. We would love the opportunity to bring RESPECT back into our buildings so students can hear this message. Thank you for considering.	Amy Wynn	6th	\$ 395
Elkhorn Middle School	Middle School Public Speaker	Public Speakers are an effective way to motivate and inform our student body. The five middle schools are requesting a grant to help pay for an annual public speaker. The public speaker would cover important topics for our middle schoolers such as social media, bullying, career readiness, anti-drugs, etc. We believe this will make a positive and long-lasting impact on our students.	Rachel Peterson	6th-8th	\$ 1,000
Elkhorn Middle School	<u>Playscripts, Performance Rights, Costumes, Props, Set Pieces, Supplies for Annual School Play</u>	Middle school is an opportunity to find interests and learn through experience. Many children need an activity that makes them feel connected to their school. Any 6th, 7th or 8th grader can be involved in the technical productions of the EMS play production and have been able to participate with support from the Foundation through this grant. It is not just an acting experience for students but an opportunity to build leadership and communication skills by interviewing for crew chiefs, stage managing and assistant directing. Student actors also build communication skills that promote higher order thinking, abstract processing and problem solving skills. Research demonstrates that students involved in performing arts have better attendance and perform better academically and socially. We believe the play production is needed in the Elkhorn district at the middle school level and have been so thankful of the Foundation for their continued support of our students. Not only does the play serve the 30-50 students involved directly in the production each year, but the 100s of parents and students who are able to watch the play for free due to the generosity of this grant. This in turn also helps promote the great work our high schools are doing in their own programs due to this foundation grant.	Brenda Honliasso	6th-8th	\$ 1,500
Elkhorn Middle School	<u>Author Visit for MS (Author TBD)</u>	In the past, we have had an author visit our middle schools every three years. Typically this involves having a popular young adult author come spend a day at each of our EPS middle schools. In the past they have spoken to students in an assembly in the morning, and done a writers workshop in the afternoon. This has been such an amazing experience for our avid readers and aspiring authors! But it also has an impact on students we don't expect. We have done a school read aloud with a book from the author who comes to visit as well which gets our students engaged and excited about reading. Due to COVID19, we have been unable to book an author for the next school year, but we are hoping that authors will start scheduling in person visits again soon. If need be, there are some authors who do virtual visits which we are also willing to consider if COVID19 continues to be an obstacle in getting an author to visit in person. Due to us not having an author scheduled, we do not yet know the exact cost this will be. However, our last author visit was 2000 per school. (please note that attached purchase order is estimated amount only as we do not have exact author)	Amy Williams	6th-8th	\$ 2,000
<b>TOTAL ELKHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSROOM GRANTS</b>					<b>\$ 4,895</b>