PTA Gifts and Grants

Winter 2022

Guidelines for Grant Process

- Preference given for new, innovative initiatives that support Middlebrook students and/or staff
- For items to be initiated and executed in the remainder of the 21-22 school year
- The Gifts application process will open in February for proposals that bring learning to life and create inspirational and impactful student experiences. These are for items will be executed in the 22-23 school year.

Classroom/Team Composting Initiative

- Brief description: This grant is to support school-wide composting initiatives for all students and staff at Middlebrook.
- Grant applicants: Jennifer Kaminski, Grade 7 Social Studies Teacher & Middlebrook Green Team Leader
- Total amount: $380

Flexible Seating

- Brief description: Flexible seating to accommodate students who are active and fidget
- Grant applicant: Avery Starr, Special Education Teacher
- Total amount: $200

Middlebrook Farm School

- Brief description: Funding requested to re-establish Middlebrook's greenhouse and garden spaces
- Grant applicants: Avery Starr, Special Education Teacher/Garden and Greenhouse Organizer & Frank Proto, Family Consumer Science Teacher
- Total amount: $3,250

Wilton Youth Council Speaker on Social Media

- Brief description: Wilton Youth Council is currently planning to sponsor an event targeted for parents of middle and high school students to discuss social media.
- Grant applicants: Ginna Yerrall, Wilton Youth Council Chair & Kerianne Fanelli, Program Director
- Total amount: $1,000

7th Grade Free Reading Shelves and Books for the pod area

- Brief description: To help increase students reading for pleasure, and to also increase the topics they have recommended to them, a bookshelf in a highly visual area (the pod) will display books relevant to the topics being discussed in the subject classes.
- Grant applicants: Terry Ellis, Katie Durkin & Danielle Bottinger, 7th Grade Reading Teachers
- Total amount: $1,100

Re-Design & Decorating of the School Counseling Office

- Brief description: A "zen den" design is a place where students go when they are feeling anxious or scared. It is designed to help students learn to self regulate by building skills to identify when they or someone around them is feeling anxious, to understand or empathize and a way to reduce the anxiety to make it more manageable.
- Grant applicants: Bonnie OBrien, Anne McManus, and Bill Gerundo, School Counselors
- Total amount: $2000

Mobile Production for MB MAVEn and MB Production Clubs

- Brief description: We have an increasing need to stream, record, and produce events, at a high quality, at safe distances from locations throughout the building and throughout the community. This grant will be used for the purchase of equipment.
- Grant applicant: Michael Gordon, club advisor
- Total amount: $4,700

AR/VR

- Brief description: We are aware that there is a drive for AR/VR equipment to be used in conjunction with department curriculum and within the STEM/Innovation area. At present time, AR/VR equipment is beyond the scope of department budgets. These AR/VR headsets would be able to circulate from the LLC to all departments as needed. Twelve headsets would allow all members of a classroom an opportunity to share the experience during a class period.
- Grant applicant: Lori Ellis (LMS), Andy Cloutier (LMS), Fran Kompar (WPS Director of Digital Learning), Jory Higgins (Middlebrook School Principal)
- Total amount: $11,047.89

Referred to Spring 2022

- 7th Grade Birds of Prey Assemblies
- World Language Week Assembly ('22-'23)