

Middlebrook PTA Gifts and Grants

Spring 2023

'23-24



Guidelines for Gift Process

Proposals that bring learning to life and create inspirational and impactful student experiences

These are for items to be initiated and executed in the 23-24 school year

7th Grade Pod Library Books

- ? Brief description: This grant will be used to purchase Pod library books for 7th grade students. The money would be used to purchase three copies of new and popular independent reading titles for students. These titles will be published in the past three years and will be featured on a podcast, Books in the Middle, which is used by 7th grade teachers to promote independent reading.
- ? Grant applicants: Terry Ellis and Katie Durkin, 7th Grade Reading Workshop
- ? Total amount: \$300

Make it Last Laminator!

- ? Brief description: Grant will be used to buy a classroom sized laminator in order to create reusable materials as well as create vertical learning boards.
- ? Grant applicant: Jayanti Seshan, 8th Grade Math Teacher
- ? Total amount: \$600

Electronic Keyboard

- ? Brief description: A portable piano keyboard would allow students to perform at off-campus venues. It does not require tuning, so it is ideal for an authentic sound in whatever space we are in. We wheel a full piano in and out but it causes wear and tear on the instrument. The keyboard can be amplified to be heard in a variety of venues, both inside and out. It also allows for a piano ON stage, as opposed to in front of the stage. This will allow ensembles to include a keyboard player in performances.
- ? Grant applicant: Janet Nobles, Choral Teacher
- ? Total amount: \$650

7th Grade Birds of Prey Assemblies

- ? Brief description: Mr. Eyring has a collection of rare raptors (kestrels, falcons, owls) which he brings to MB and flies at each assembly. He discusses environmental issues throughout his presentation.
- ? Grant applicant: Nancy Wakeham, Paige Randall, and Kendra Norman, 7th Grade Science teachers
- ? Total amount: \$1,650

7th Grade - Shakesperience

- ? Brief description: Shakesperience provides an introduction to Shakespeare and his language while it allows for students to participate in Shakespearean skits
- ? Grant applicant: Terry Ellis and Katie Durkin, 7th Grade Reading Workshop
- ? Total amount: \$3,300

2024 Visiting Author

- ? Brief description: A visiting author serves to both inspire and encourage our students to understand the process of writing while also sharing the joy of reading. Thanks to the support of the Middlebrook PTA we have been lucky to have visiting authors such as: Jennifer Roy, Margaret Peterson Haddix, Gordon Korman, Jordan Sonnenblick and Kwame Alexander. More recently we have embedded the visiting author as a pinnacle event to our “Wilton Reads” programming efforts.
- ? Grant applicant: Andrew Cloutier and Lori Ellis- MB Library Media Specialists
- ? Total amount: \$3,000
- ? Note: Request was for \$3-5,000. If more is needed after identifying opportunities, the PTA is open to voting to fund up to the higher end of the range \$5,000 at a later date.

Smart TV's for all Pods

- ? Smart TV's for all Pods - There will be three pods with smart TV's (if voted yes) and believe it will be beneficial if all pods have a smart tv's. Smart TV's will display information pertaining to the team such as due dates, birthdays, other important information, upcoming events, and reminders.
- ? Total program amount: \$3,600 (including \$400 for 8 Yellow and \$400 for 7 Red)

8 Yellow Smart TV in Pod

- ? Brief description: Grant will be used to purchase a TV in the 8 Yellow pod. It will display information pertaining to the team such as due dates, birthdays, other important information, upcoming events, and reminders.
- ? Grant applicant: Beth Robbins, Alison Rubin, Kim Rotundo, Debbie Mallozzi, and Steven Dore, 8 Yellow Team
- ? *Total amount: \$400 (see total for all pods)*

7 Red Smart TV in Pod

- ? Brief description: The 7 Red Information Center would provide students with daily and weekly updates for what's happening on team and in the school. It would be a smart TV hanging in the pod that would serve a number of functions - updates, student work, student birthdays, and start new initiatives (Book of the Months, etc). Could also be used for fun trivia questions about courses/teachers. It will help students stay organized, especially those with executive functioning issues.
- ? Grant applicant: Katie Durkin - 7 Red Team Leader
- ? *Total amount: \$400 (see total for all pods)*