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# MCSEEF 2023 Newsletter

## Serving Our Mercer County Students

Founded in 2014, the Mercer County Schools Excellence in Education Foundation (MCSEEF) is a non-profit organization that serves to support the teachers of Mercer County School District #404. Specifically, the foundation funds educational grants to provide classroom equipment and materials to enhance classroom instruction and activities. The first grants were awarded in 2017 and since then, MCSEEF has funded 55 grants for a total of over \$22,000 in supplemental materials and equipment to benefit our students!

Last year, the foundation funded 16 grants to district teachers for a total of \$6,217.11. The 2022 grant recipients are listed below along with some pictures on the next page of students utilizing their new classroom resources.

The board of directors is currently accepting teacher grant applications for the 2023-24 school year and will be awarding those in September. In order to continue funding teacher grants each year, MCSEEF needs continued help from our community businesses, individuals and alumni. Please consider making a donation this year to assist MCSEEF in providing our teachers with even more excellent educational opportunities for their students.

## 2022 CLASSROOM GRANTS

### APOLLO ELEMENTARY

Kristen Reick (Music/K-5): 5 instruments to complete Full World Drumming Unit  
Amy Duncan (Math/4<sup>th</sup>): Math Games  
Bridget Wilkerson (K): toys to initiate play based learning  
Staci Sharp (K): Math Manipulatives  
Paula McGraw (2<sup>nd</sup>): Portable CD players, headphones, reading activities  
Hessman, Duncan, Hartman (4<sup>th</sup>): STEM challenge kits

### NEW BOSTON ELEMENTARY

Micheala Matlick (Math, Sci, SS/4<sup>th</sup>): Flex Seating, STEM toys and kits  
Trudi Shepard (Math, Sci/5<sup>th</sup>): iPad and Apple TV  
Cassandra Bieri (2<sup>nd</sup>): iPad and Apple TV  
Amy Molburg (Title 1 Reading/K-5): Apple pencil, wireless keyboard, writing tablets  
Ashley Stice (ELA/2<sup>nd</sup>): Smart keyboard and Apple pencil

### MCJH:

Shelly Reusch (Science/8<sup>th</sup>): iPad w/ case and stylus and Apple TV  
Taylor Gibbs (ELA/7<sup>th</sup>): 24 individual student whiteboards  
Staci Tharp (ELA/6<sup>th</sup>): iPad and Apple TV  
Michelle Aldinger (ELA/6<sup>th</sup>): iPad and Apple TV

### MCHS:

Dawn Noble (Spanish/9-12): 2 class sets of novels, books and magazines

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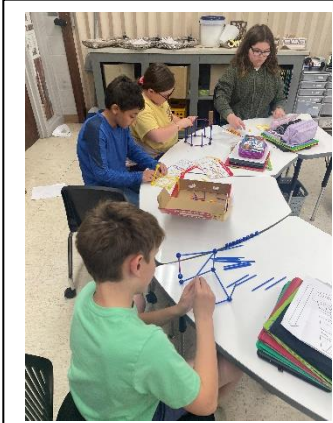
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Enhancing classroom activities for our district's teachers continues to be the primary goal of MCSEEF. Unless specified for one of the endowment funds, every dollar donated is used to fund classroom grants.



Amy Duncan's 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are reinforcing their math skills with new math games.



Bridget Wilkerson's Kindergarten students engaging in play-based learning.



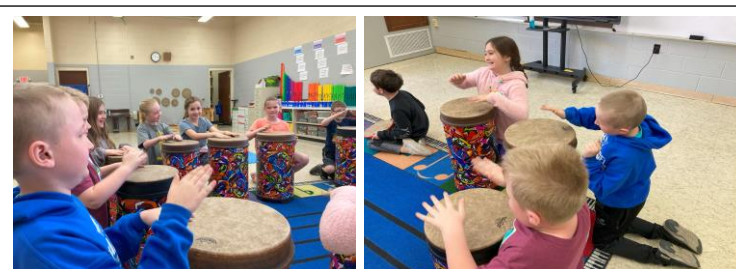
Apollo 4<sup>th</sup> grade students complete STEM kit challenges



Shelly Reusch using the iPad and Apple TV in her 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science class.



Paula McGraw's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students enjoy using portable CD players and headphones for reading activities.



Kristen Reick's music students learning to use their new drums.

## Thank You To Our 2022 Donors

A special thanks to all individuals and organizations who generously donated to MCSEEF in 2022. Because of the Looser-Flake Challenge, the Looser-Flake Charitable Foundation matched all donations with a generous deposit to MCSEEF's endowment fund. The MCSEEF Board of Directors sincerely appreciates the support of all donors and the Looser-Flake Charitable Foundation.

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