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Peoria Public Schools Foundation Awards \$19,233 in 2018 Classroom Grants

Peoria, IL- A joint effort between The Murray and Rena Yeomans Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois and Peoria Public Schools Foundation awarded 25 Peoria Public Schools District 150 teachers \$19,233 in grants.

Peoria Public Schools Classroom Grants are available to any Peoria Public Schools District 150 teacher interested in additional projects to enrich the classroom experience for the students. It is a competitive grant process that aligns with Peoria Public Schools District 150 strategic goals and the school improvement plan. Awards are made in amounts of \$1,000 or less. While most grants address classroom initiatives from teachers, the selection committee considers requests from other personnel such as counselors and other program staff.

2018 Classroom Grant Recipients include:

Calvin Coolidge Middle School- Julie Craghead, WINning with STEM **\$1,000**
Charles A Lindbergh Middle School- Beth Barksdale, Break Out Class Bundle **\$1,000**
Hines School- Katherine Zeiters, Two by Two education/Kindhearted Kids (Humane Society) **\$799**
Hines School- Jaclyn Manzi, Two by Two Education/KindHearted Kids (Humane Society) **\$799**
Kellar Primary School- Carol Foulk, Alternative Seating **\$982**
Lincoln K-8- Lindsay Parton, Building math and literacy skills through Hip Hop! **\$146**
Manual Academy- Kim Grimes, Community Based Instruction **\$1,000**
Manual Academy- Adam Stevens, Chess Club Tournament Play Items **\$350**
Richwoods High School- Maegan Skahill, TEDx Talk **\$1,000**
Richwoods High School- Haley Conger, Learning Spanish Through Novels **\$466**
Richwoods High School- Monica Hayes, Read, Acquire, Speak: Using Novels in Spanish Class **\$457**
Rolling Acres Middle School- Dawn Gersich, Problem Solving Team Building **\$1,000**
Roosevelt Magnet School- Amanda Brown, Math By the Book **\$961**
Sterling Middle School- Amy Ashbaker, World Music **\$1,000**
Sterling Middle School- Michelle Buscher, TACO about Reading **\$1,000**
Thomas Jefferson Primary School- Rita Waller, Buehler Buddies **\$400**
Thomas Jefferson Primary School- Lauren Wulf, Full STEAM Ahead **\$1,000**
Thomas Jefferson Primary School- Michelle Smith, Masterminds K, 1, and 2 **\$988**
Trewyn Primary School- Cami Williams, Reading and Writing Through Challenging Behaviors **\$1,000**
Trewyn Therapeutic Program- Cheryl Halm, Give Them Wings - Preparing Our Students for the Real World **\$401**
Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center- Mary Keltner, Soaring with STEAM **\$999**
Von Steuben Middle School & Washington Gifted Middle School- Madison Borop, Face Mugs: An Introduction to Ceramic Arts **\$885**
Von Steuben Middle School- Kimberly Keith, Mindful Vikings **\$1,000**
Whittier Primary- Carol Ingles, Kindhearted Kids **\$1,000**
Woodruff Career and Technical Center- Audurone Simmons, Runway Pathways **\$1,000**

About Peoria Public Schools Foundation

The Peoria Public Schools Foundation champions real and positive change in Peoria Public Schools. It successfully devotes its expertise and fundraising capabilities to serve as a catalyst to implement bold ideas that achieve remarkable outcomes for our children. Visit www.ppsfoundation.org to learn more.

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