



**Warwick  
Education  
Foundation**



## Teacher Grants 2023-24

Working with individual teachers, small teams, or sometimes entire departments, each year we award targeted grants to put high-impact teaching tools in the classroom. They give Warwick students extra enrichment above and beyond what the district can budget.

### **Amount invested in Teacher Grants for this school year - \$310,857** (as of 11/28/23)

Grants awarded - 48

Students Impacted – 3,802

Teachers Enabled — 80+

Grade levels supported – Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade at all six schools

## Recipients 2023-24

### All Warwick Schools

- Virtual reality resources to create immersive learning experiences that spark connections with engaging visuals, meaningful content, and explanatory audio.
  - Jonathan Olshan, Shelly Chimil

### Warwick High School

- Twenty programmable drones for use indoors to teach fundamental processes, parts, and programming.
  - Ken Boland, Mary Meier, Sheldon Christner, Jeff DuBosq
- Cameras, temperature sensors, and plants for creation of an outdoor EcoLab in one of Warwick High School's courtyards.
  - Lisa Hochreiter
- Gas Tungsten Arc Welder to increase student access to and practice with complex welding techniques.
  - Brad McClain
- Twenty-one class sets of large foam models to manipulate and help with understanding of molecular biology concepts and processes.
  - Krista Roe, Kaitlyn Bryant, Ray Mount, Loren Dissmore
- Podcast studio construction and technology to enhance the broadcasting curriculum and give students tools to create professional-grade podcast shows.
  - Alina Rakiewicz
- Visit by Shakespeare expert and performer, Daniel Kostelec, to augment classroom learning.
  - Spencer Nissley, Christina Bracken, Joanna Lynch, Carolyn Bogner, Joan Bohan
- Two simulators (X2) to visualize biological change: predator and prey cycles, and natural selection.
  - Kaitlyn Bryant, Ray Mount, Krista Roe
- Live broadcasting equipment to allow students to create, produce, and promote professional looking live broadcasts.
  - Shawn Beamenderfer, Alina Rakiewicz
- Projector to provide high quality images and video, on and offstage in the district's auditorium.
  - Jonathan Shoff, Ann Ahlers, Matt Tenaglia

### **Warwick High School continued...**

- Support for student participation in the Attollo Recruit and Senior programs to develop leadership.
  - Kristy Szobocsan
- Grammar program offering students lessons, practice, quizzes, and writing assignments.
  - Taylor Cole, Alina Rakiewicz, Wendy Hoyer, Christina Bracken
- Router milling machine for hands-on experience with modern wood manufacturing and engineering.
  - Marty Meier
- Science Fair materials to help students create research projects.
  - Doug Balmer, Diana Griffiths, Beth Lynch
- Breaking the Silence presentation to all 9<sup>th</sup> graders by Byrnes Health Center – designed to help minimize the stigmas that surround the topic of mental health.
  - Kristy Szobocsan
- Twenty-eight drawing tablets and charging stations to teach digital art, graphic design, illustration, and animation.
  - Naomi Miller, Angie Hohenadel, Nate Nixdorf

### **Warwick Middle School**

- Battle of the Books – a reading based trivia contest that encourages students to read fiction and compete for prizes.
  - Amber Moschini, Samantha Wilson
- Start-up of a robotics team to compete in head-to-head challenges to design, build, program, and operate robots.
  - Jenna Brower, Kevin Krause, Jeffrey Oberholtzer
- 30 programmable robots (Spheros) with robust capabilities to boost STEM skills and problem solving.
  - Jessica Gehman, Lyle Ressler, Jenna Brower
- Science Olympiad lab supplies, building materials, and tournament fees for team-based competitions.
  - Lee Walter, Jeffrey Oberholtzer

### **Warwick Middle & High School**

- Full concert performance featuring Latin American music to introduce traditional dance and instruments to Spanish language classes.
  - Nikki Rivera
- eSports equipment for the eSports lab allows more students to participate in this growing program that promotes problem solving and critical thinking skills.
  - Kevin Krause, Brian Pearson

### **Warwick Middle & Elementary Schools**

- Gamification resources to develop video games and unique classroom escape-room inspired puzzles that enhance math, reading, and science.
  - Johnathan Olshan, Shelly Chmil

### **Warwick Elementary Schools**

- Family Math Night at all 4 elementary schools to engage children and families in math fun and skills.
  - Will Maza, Julie Meckley, Emily Trees, Melissa Volupas
- Specialized reading resources to give struggling readers more opportunities to practice reading skills.
  - Amy Evans, Madalyn Mognoni, Tyler Wentzel
  - Kylee Pastal
  - Emily Craig

### **Warwick Elementary Schools continued...**

- Cameras, microphones, tripods and additional equipment to expand student involvement and skills for production of the school's morning announcements show.
  - Gina Diaz-Perez, Stephen Englehart
- Morning STEM/Fine motor bins with materials for our youngest learners to develop fine motor skills.
  - Courtney Wolgemuth, Emily Korzon, Bethany Getway
  - Lisa Rothermel, Cameron Avery, Lois Class
  - Julia Barley, Mary Beth Bowser, Joanna Shekart
- Rock-climbing wall extension to provide more difficult challenges and problem-solving scenarios.
  - Rachel Post, Amy Balsbaugh
- Online stock market game for 6<sup>th</sup> graders to learn about the stock market and business.
  - Alex Daecher
- Take home learning backpacks to put supplies and manipulatives in the hands of families supporting our youngest learners in the district's pre-K program.
  - Stacey Yunginger
- First in Math hands-on, digital tool to engage students and improve understanding of math concepts.
  - Ashley Woolley, Dan Weidman
- Weaving and fiber materials to create weaving and fiber art projects by hand.
  - Dina Diaz-Perez
- Twelve adaptive recorders, one per school, to allow students with physical challenges to play
  - Michele Horton
- Resources for play-based learning in math, reading, word recognition, spelling, and numbers.
  - Emily Trees
- Tricycles and helmets providing new ways to obtain physical exercise.
  - Rachel Post
- A cart designed for student creativity development. The Nudel Kart has over 300 variable pieces that can fit together in countless ways.
  - Amy Balsbaugh
- Zearn, an online resource designed to reinforce math at elementary levels.
  - Lindsey Stock
- One Book, One School, One Community - our annual reading program to reach all 1900 elementary kids and their families. It also includes a visit by a famous author.
  - One Book, One School, One Community Teacher Committee
- STEM Career Fairs for 6th graders to see a world of STEM career possibilities.
  - Erika Breckenmaker, Alex Daecher
- Wonderbook Listening Station that reads books aloud to kindergarten students to enrich reading.
  - Emily Korzon, Bethany Getway, Courtney Wolgemuth
- Literacy games to reinforce reading skills at school and home.
  - Amy Evans
- Lego sets to give students opportunities to learn, practice, and independently apply social and emotional strategies in small groups.
  - Holly Klock
- 30 audio devices for listening to lessons while exercising – a unique learning project based on reports by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
  - Kassidy Ferranti