



## Teacher Grants 2024-25

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 - \$148,988** (as of 09/03/24)

Grants awarded - 28

Students Impacted – 3,700+

Teachers Enabled — 55+

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

## Recipients 2024-25

### Warwick High School

- Start-up resources for brand new Biotechnology class.
  - Krista Roe
- A calorimeter for science classes to precisely measure heat/energy in substances such as food.
  - Doug Balmer, Diana Griffiths, Beth Lynch
- Hands-on technology experiences and engaging activities, including an augmented reality program to create virtual projects, and resources for reinforcing math concepts, creating and designing games, designing projects in electronics and coding, and empowering students and teachers to explore creative sound recordings for podcasts.
  - Jonathan Olshan and Shelly Chmil
- Models to give science students hands-on opportunities to see plate tectonics in action by creating simulations of faults and demonstrating formation of continental and ocean-floor features.
  - Sara Martens
- Simulators to visualize biological change: predator and prey cycles, and natural selection.
  - Kaitlyn Bryant, Caleb Hettinger, Ray Mount, Krista Roe
- Science Fair materials to help students create research projects.
  - Doug Balmer, Diana Griffiths, Beth Lynch
- Gas Tungsten Arc Welder to increase student access to and practice with complex welding techniques.
  - Brad McClain
- 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.
  - Maribeth Johnson
- Visit by Shakespeare expert and performer, Daniel Kostelec, to augment classroom learning.
  - Spencer Nissley, Christina Bracken, Joanna Lynch, Carolyn Bogner, Joan Bohan

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

- Science Olympiad lab supplies, building materials, and tournament fees for team-based competitions.
  - Lee Walter, Jeffrey Oberholtzer
- Expansion at middle school and start up at high school - robotics team to compete in head-to-head challenges to design, build, program, and operate robots.
  - Jenna Brower, Kevin Krause, Jeffrey Oberholtzer

### **Warwick Middle School and Elementary Schools**

- Fine motor resources to counteract the age of technology by building the hand-strengths of children in elementary and middle schools and help facilitate writing, typing, and life skills such as utilizing scissors, clothing fasteners and containers.
  - Megan MacNair, Allison Hausman
- Britannica Schools online resource for grades 6-8 to have access to safe researching, biography explorations, world atlases and country comparisons, and geography exploration.
  - Shelly Chmil, Amy Hubler-Schweigert

### **Warwick Elementary Schools**

- Schoolwide access to online motivating science explanations that engage students in discussing, building, and writing about the things they learn
  - Jessica Schieber
- Geodes decodable texts - specialized reading resources to give young readers more opportunities to learn and practice phonics and comprehension skills
  - Kristen Teaman, Malinda Stoner
- Flyleaf Publishing Decodable Texts to supplement reading resources for children in kindergarten through third grade.
  - Kylee Pastal
- Rock-climbing wall to provide lifestyle exercise, challenges, and problem-solving scenarios.
  - Steve Berkey
- Weaving and fiber materials to create weaving and fiber art projects by hand.
  - Melissa Reifsnnyder
- Writing apps to help kindergarteners develop foundational skills for handwriting including letter formation and learning letter names and sounds.
  - Amanda Miller, Cameron Avery, Bethany Getway, Mary Beth Bowser, Allison Hausman, Megan MacNair
- Listening stations for kindergarteners to hear stories being read aloud to them while they follow along in a print book (x2)
  - Joanna Sheckart, Mary Beth Bowser, Julia Barley
  - Stephanie Taylor, Amanda Miller, Hanna Dunnenberger, Lindsey Maysilles
- 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
- One Book, One School, One Community - our annual reading program to reach all 1800+ 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

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- Zearn, an online resource designed to reinforce math at elementary levels.
  - Jenna Louderback, Amy Balsbaugh, Steven Lin, Heriberto Codero
- 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
- Visit by true podcasters Alice Lacour & Brett Talley to discuss historical mysteries and research with 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - Alex Daecher
- Visit by Richard Hight, nationally recognized artist/speaker who uses storytelling, demonstrations, interactive opportunities and live-painting to help put good ideas into action.