

## CONGRATULATIONS March Grant Recipients

At the March 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting, CEF awarded over \$10,000 in new grants to schools across the School District of the Chathams. Thus far, CEF has given over \$41,000 in grants for the 2018/19 academic year, with more to come!

There's still time to sign up for our premiere fundraising event, Casino Royale, on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>! There will be casino games and prizes, food and drink, and a silent auction. All monies go to directly to fund educational grants and special projects throughout all Chatham schools. [Casino Royale Tickets](#)



### **SOUTHERN BLVD SCHOOL - *Books to Bloom Social/Emotional Learning***

“Our elementary students are so connected to literature and the characters in the books that we read. We believe that it makes perfect sense to utilize picture books to help them connect to social-emotional skills. Having the books read at all grade levels will give students a common experience and shared language for the entire school!” -

Principal Robert Gardella with Kelly Medvin, School Counselor & Holly Izsa, 3rd Grade Teacher



**CHATHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL - *Diversifying the Classroom Library***

"The goal of this grant, *Diversifying the Classroom Library*, is to put more books featuring diverse characters and written by diverse authors, into the hands of my students."

Gina Bakaj, 8th Grade English teacher and Lead English Teacher



**SOUTHERN BLVD SCHOOL - *The Calm Workspace***

“The Calm Workspace is inspired by the variety of learners that we have at SBS. Children are learning to cope with stressful situations in all facets of their development, and they need support to identify the strategies and outlets that work best for them. Whether the need is to work out some energy, engage in a soothing activity or just to process some thoughts, TCW will be an excellent resource for our school!” - Principal Robert Gardella with Kelly Medvin, School Counselor & Jen Furey, Special Ed Teacher

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**WASHINGTON AVENUE SCHOOL - *Enhancing our Classroom Libraries with Nonfiction Text***

“We are excited to enrich our students with nonfiction texts across the curriculum!” - Megan Tomkins, 1st Grade Teacher; Nancy Volker, 1st Grade Teacher; Joyce Luongo, 1st Grade Teacher; Kelli Finn, 1st Grade Teacher; and Megan Calveley, 1st Grade Teacher



**MILTON AVE SCHOOL - *Learning Takes Flexibility***

“Flexible seating and student centered design will be used to increase student motivation and engagement in the classroom environment. The resulting learning environment will be flexible and comfortable for all of our students’ learning needs. The flexible seating options will help to provide our students with opportunities to engage in learning while “actively sitting” in various places around the classroom.” by 1st Grade Teacher Jaime Trauger with Beth Zimmer, 1st Grade Teacher; LeeAnn Wertheim, Kindergarten Teacher; Hannah Farrell, Kindergarten Teacher; Amy Kerr, 1st Grade/Kindergarten Teacher; and Jessica Vega, 1st Grade Teacher

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