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## **UPCOMING CEF DATES**

11/16/2019 - Trivia Night

Feb. 2020 - Evening of Recognition

04/24/2020 - Casino Royale

May 2020 - TEDxYouth@Chatham

# **Chatham Education Foundation**

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Dear Chatham Friends and Neighbors,

In its 24th year serving the students of the School District of the Chathams, the Chatham Education Foundation continues to be instrumental in helping the District achieve educational excellence through grants for innovative programs that are unable to be funded within the regular school budget.

While we are proud of the accolades that the School District receives, students are more than a school ranking. Success is measured in many ways, and to be successful, students need support academically, emotionally, physically, and socially. The Chatham Education Foundation wants to ensure that students are given the tools and support needed to enjoy their time during and after school, engage with their community, and take pride in their schoolwork and academic success.

Our current focus is to award grants to support four District-wide initiatives: Fostering Student Well-Being, Creating Innovative Learning Spaces, Enhancing Student Learning and Supporting Educator Growth. We encourage you to take a look around your children's schools to see the impact that CEF grants make every day. CEF grants benefit every school and every grade level and our goal is to have a blue ribbon on every classroom across the District. To achieve that goal we need your support.

Please consider making a tax-deductible gift by returning the form within this letter with your donation. We thank all our supporters without whom we could not award grants that meaningfully impact our students.

Sincerely, Chatham Education Foundation Board of Trustees Sally Allen, President

Donate today at www.chathamedfoundation.org or mail a check (payable to: Chatham Education Foundation, P.O. Box 81, Chatham, NJ 07928)

Donations of \$1,000 or more, made by December 31, 2019, will receive an invitation to our *Donor Evening of Recognition*, an opportunity to see the impact of our grants and highlight the partnership between Chatham Education Foundation, the School District and our donors.

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# **GRANTS 2018-2019**

Congratulations to our grant recipients, whose innovative ideas drove over \$100,000 in grants



# **FOSTERING STUDENT WELL BEING**

**Books to Bloom - Social Emotional Learning** SBS - Katie Jackameit, Holly Izsa, Kelly Medvin

**DON'T Walk the Halls: A PATH to SUCCESS** 

SBS - Holly Izsa, Laura Noonan, Mollie Seiferas, Megan Militello

The Calm Workspace

SBS - Kelly Medvin. Jen Furev



# **INNOVATIVE LEARNING SPACES**

The Thinking Classroom - Algebra II Pilot

CHS - Stacy Winters

**Stools for Safety - Science Labs** 

CMS - Kristen Crawford, Rachel Goldberg

**Library Furniture** 

MAS - Nicholas Andreazza, Jill Mills

This Space is the Place - English Skills

CHS - Kristi Froisland, Bridget Zima

Flexible Furniture

WAS - Kristine Dudlo

Flexible Seating for Success: A Reading and Writing Workspace

CMS - Marisa Sgroi Palma

**Learning Takes Flexibility** 

MAS - Jaime Trauger, LeeAnn Wertheim, Beth Zimmer, Jessica Vega, Amy Kerr, Hannah Ferrell

Twelve teachers attended a Building Voices training session with Assistant Superintendent Karen Chase and CHS Teacher Christina McCabe. This professional development experience leveraged the TED Ed curriculum to enhance public speaking and presentation skills. Participants found that the training was transformative, improved their teaching methods and their approach to student learning. View the talks at www.chathamedfoundation.org.

Kelly Medvin, Southern Boulevard School, was excited to share that since its completion, the Calm Down Room has helped over twenty student visitors. The grant encourages students to "move, work, and then breathe". After shooting hoops, rolling in the barrel or using putty or fidgets, students are then encouraged to breathe and return to class refocused, re-centered and open to learning.



# **SUPPORTING EDUCATOR GROWTH**

**TEDxChatham** 

District - Michael LaSusa

**Building Voices: A Summer Experience for Chatham** 

**Educators** 

District - Karen Chase



# **ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING**

Digital Pen Tablets for Graphic Design & Visual Art

CHS - Danielle Dagounis, Eric Hreha, Kiera Spadaro

Paula Va de Vacaciones - Spanish readers

CMS - Jessica Weston

See the World with Virtual Reality

CHS - Tamar Spitzer, Ines Wishart

We Both Read Student/Parent Project

WAS - Kristine Dudlo

**Diversifying the Classroom Library** 

CMS - Gina Bakai

**Boogie Boards in School** 

MAS - Jessica Vega, Jaime Trauger, Beth Zimmer

**Differentiated Mini Math Activities** 

WAS - Lisa Kressler, Annemarie Steigerwald

Let's Read Books Together! Book club sets for 12th grade reading workshop

CHS - Oona Abrams

**Enhancing our Classroom Libraries with Nonfiction Text** 

WAS - Nancy Volker, Megan Calveley, Joyce Luongo, Kelli Finn, Megan Tompkins

**Non-Fiction How To Books** 

WAS - Megan Calveley, Lisa Kressler, Annemarie Steigerwald

The Thinking Classrooms Pilot at Chatham High School is an innovative spaces grant that changes how teachers and students approach math. Students solve mathematical problems on vertical spaces, giving them continuous collaboration, increased problem solving skills, and enhanced math confidence. Students are so excited about the new learning style that they are ending their complex problem solving exercises with #ilovemyself.

Gina Bakaj at Chatham Middle School utilized her diverse books grant to introduce a First Chapter Friday into the weekly routine. Gina reads the first chapter of a book as another way to recommend books to her student population. "Two of the most popular (independently read) titles of the spring came from this 'diverse' section. Opening my students' eyes to these books is an honor and one of the best parts of my job."

