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Congratulations to our 2015-2016 Grant Recipients

WEEF funded \$22,797.74 to 14 different initiatives for the 2015-2016 school year. Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

Sensory Items Promoting Student Success - Sensory and motor development equipment to maximize students' learning opportunities and homework support at the Tower Street Before and After School Enrichment (BASE) program grades K-6.
Leslie Dunn & Angela Nobile - Tower Street School Community Center

Business Department Grant - iPad point of sale system to aide in re-branding the WHS school store and support the business program.
Ed Hathaway - Westerly High School

Generator & Tent for Culinary Arts - Generator and tent to enhance opportunities and improve self-sufficiency for the award-winning WHS Culinary Arts Program.
Chef Finkelstein - Westerly High School

Science Education Initiative - Scientific tools to enhance learning for K-6 students and other participants in chemistry, weather, ecosystems, physics and biology at Tower Street School Community Center (TSSCC).
Jennifer Gautam & Donna Nabb - Tower Street School Community Center

Grow & Go Seek Bench Swing - A bench swing for the TSSCC outdoor classroom to serve as a sensory piece for caregivers to share children's enjoyment of the outdoors while providing rhythmic movement to develop coordination, balance, core strength, and body awareness.
Laura Elson - Tower Street School Community Center

Meeting English Language Arts Common Core Standards Through Social Studies - A large set of books at various levels to enhance the Native American social studies curriculum and integrate critical reading skills for 3rd graders at Dunn's Corners Elementary School. Instructional materials will include non-fiction texts, read aloud and narratives.
Theresa Watson - Dunn's Corners Elementary School

WHS Construction Proposal - Construction equipment to provide a more efficient way of manufacturing items. Among many other projects, the manufacturing technologies program at WHS builds sets for theater productions, town beach lifeguard stands, and picnic tables for the town of Westerly. Funds will also help build a shed behind the WHS shop for equipment/materials storage and opening up more classroom space for the manufacturing technologies program.
Dan McKenna - Westerly High School

Leveled Books for Reading Workshop - A 3 year subscription to "Reading A to Z," an online leveled reading program, for all kindergarten classes at Springbrook Elementary School. Teachers can enhance existing classroom libraries by printing out leveled books for reading workshops and at-home practice. An online component provides student access to reading skills programs.
Maria Raimondo - Springbrook Elementary School

Stability Balls - 5 stability balls to be used in place of chairs for 2nd grade classroom at Bradford Elementary School. Research shows students provided the opportunity to use stability balls have increased focus, attention, posture, handwriting and stamina inside the classroom.
Brooke Arnold - Bradford Elementary School

Hands On Electronics - Support for a new electronics technology program at WHS, developed in response to the current "make" movement, where individuals build and create their own products. Students will use different platforms to learn about technology supporting iPhones, iPads, and other current electronic devices.
Susan Wood - Westerly High School

Home Literacy Connection - The Next Step - Support materials for parent literacy workshops at Springbrook Elementary School. Due to its success, the program will expand to address the needs of general education students and English as a Second Language (ESL)

students. The program will invite parents and their children to training sessions where they will receive tools and strategies to support their child's learning at home.

Christine Byrne & Beth Gunning - Springbrook Elementary School

WHS Physical Education Grant - The WHS gym will be enhanced with the purchase of TRX training equipment. All students can use the gym after school with supervision by Physical Education teachers. The TRX training system will provide innovative fitness activities to WHS students during and after school.
Steve Scott - Westerly High School

Hands On Robotics - KIBO robotics blocks to engage Westerly preK-2 students in developmentally appropriate, hands-on robotics activities, which promote problem-solving, computational skills and the language of technology.
Sharon Ficarra - District STEM Coordinator

Camp Invention - Funds for materials to help offset tuition costs and allow economically disadvantaged elementary school children to attend Camp Invention, a national enrichment program with an immersive curriculum encouraging curiosity, creativity, innovation, problem solving, communication and collaboration. State Street School was selected to host the summer program - the first in RI.

Mary Kay Patten - State Street Elementary School



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