



In the Classroom NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED OR PLEDGED SUPPORT TO GEF IN THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

We have surpassed our 2020-2021 fundraising goal! Thank you District 34 families for your support and for helping us to succeed in our mission to advance excellence across all District 34 schools.

And as always, we would also like to thank our generous Glenview community business sponsors listed below. Please support them as well as our local community by shopping or donating whenever possible.

GEF is also grateful to the District 34 teachers and administrators for keeping our kids engaged and learning during tough e-learning, hybrid and full days of school. We hope everyone has a wonderful, safe end of the school year and summer vacation.



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GEF'S 1ST ANNUAL FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT WAS A SUCCESS!

On Saturday, May 15th, District 34 families raced around downtown Glenview in our first-ever, socially distanced scavenger hunt. Sixty families completed fun activities to win prizes and tasty treats. As you can tell by the pictures above, a good time was had by all!

Please consider supporting our wonderful local business sponsors: MacPherson Westhoff Compass, Twelve Tone Music School and Wintrust! And the fun wouldn't have been possible without the additional scavenger hunt locations of The Laughing Academy, Blended Health & Smoothie Bar and Forza Meats.

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GEF GRANT IN ACTION

COMPUTER ACCESS GRANT ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDENTS

The Glenview Education Foundation awarded a Computer Access Grant in the fall of 2019 to Erin Ross, the Assistive Technology Facilitator for District 34. This grant benefits District 34 students with physical challenges that require alternative access methods for using



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physical challenges that require alternative access methods for using a computer or tablet. GEF provided the funds for a head mouse, eye gaze, an iPad Pro, and supporting software to be used in assistive technology evaluations.

Using the purchased tools, our students are evaluated and matched to the most beneficial technology for their needs. Using specialized games, the students begin to learn to use the assistive technology tool. It takes a lot of practice and time to develop the skills and endurance to become a proficient user of these tools.

Eventually, our students can apply their skills using assistive technology to academic tasks assigned by their teachers. Learning and using these specialized tools will allow district 34 students with physical disabilities to access to computers without needing assistance. For some, using assistive technology has enabled them to produce digital art and type independently for the first time. The technology allows our students to advance their independence and give them more inclusive opportunities with their classmates.

"The technology granted by the GEF to conduct alternative access assessments for computers and tablets has leveled the playing field for students with physical disabilities to be able to access the curriculum independently without a scribe. For students with physical disabilities to be able to access a computer and/or tablet improves their quality of life now more than ever; for the following reasons: to be able to stay connected in our virtual world, it allows them to have computer skills to have a job one day and have the chance to attend higher education independently." - Erin Ross, Assistive Technology Facilitator for District 34

The Computer Access Grant has been a great success and the district will be purchasing additional eye trackers, software, and other high-tech tools to support assistive technology evaluations. The Computer Access Grant is an example of how GEF's incremental private funding of grants will allow to allow our schools to remain on the cutting edge of education. Please consider giving GEF your financial support so we may continue our mission to fund successful grant-based initiatives.

Evi Karones, the Springman student pictured below, has worked so hard and has become so proficient using her eye gaze tracker over the last year that she will be given a special assistive technology award! Congratulations Evi!



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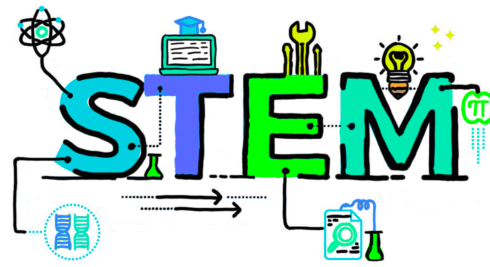
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING GRANT RECIPIENTS!

Thank you to all District 34 educators for their participation in the spring grant application process. GEF is proud to announce the approval of the Middle School Maker Modules grant submitted by David Ristow, Jeremy Fischer, Laura NeKola, and Mary Alonzi.

The Maker Modules grant will fund the completion of five Middle School Maker Modules for Attea and Springman to teach engineering skills, design thinking, and inquiry dispositions for students through the 8th grade. These 6-8 Maker Modules directly build upon the foundational learning of the K-2 and 3-5 Maker Modules, generously funded by the GEF in 2017, and strengthen the transition to STEM opportunities provided by Glenbrook South High School.

To expand on the success of the Maker Modules at the primary and intermediate schools in D34, this middle school update uses the same core module topics - Construction, Circuitry, and Robotics & Coding - and adds two new modules that focus on real-world application and impact: Digital Design & Production and Entrepreneurship.

GEF is proud to support the funding of these additional STEM materials for our District 34 schools. Our middle schoolers will use the new supplies to help tackle question such as:

- How do we apply the laws of physics to the construction of structures and objects?
- How do we apply our knowledge of circuits to solve authentic everyday problems?
- How do we use coding and robotics to create problem-solving machines?
- How can design principles and quality production enhance communication?
- How can the D34 inquiry process intersect with an entrepreneur mindset?

Your financial support to GEF helps our schools to embrace flexible learning models and remain on the cutting edge of education. Thank you!



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We are currently recruiting new members to the board starting in Fall 2021. We could not succeed without the involvement of District 34 parents like you!

If you are interested in additional information, please feel free to reach out to Julie Moon at chair@gef34.org.

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