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The membership of MLB of Glenview, who are also Glenview residents, have collectively volunteered hundreds of hours and have made thousands of dollars in charitable donations since their incorporation in 2014 to worthwhile organizations such as the Chicago and Northfield Food Pantries, Feed Our Starving Children and the Glenview Education Foundation. The organization also participates in the District 34 Holiday Helper Program for families struggling during the holiday season.



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GEF IS STILL \$25,000 AWAY FROM FUNDING NEXT YEAR'S GRANTS: WE NEED YOUR HELP REACHING OUR \$150,000 GOAL!



THANK YOU to the families and businesses that have donated or pledged to the Glenview Education Foundation in 2018-19! So far, GEF has raised a little over \$125,000 of its \$150,000 goal in donations and pledges for this fiscal year.

If you have not donated and would like to ensure that as many deserving grant requests as possible are funded, it is not too late!

Just click [here](#) to make your donation via the GEF website, or mail your check, made payable to *Glenview Education Foundation*, to P.O. Box 373, Glenview, IL 60025.

If every District 34 family that has not yet donated made a contribution of just \$15, GEF would easily meet – and even surpass – its \$150,000 goal. So if you are able, and have not yet contributed, please give as generously as your circumstances allow. Thank you in advance for helping GEF enhance the education of all K-8th grade students in our District!

A GRANT IN ACTION: MAKER MODULES

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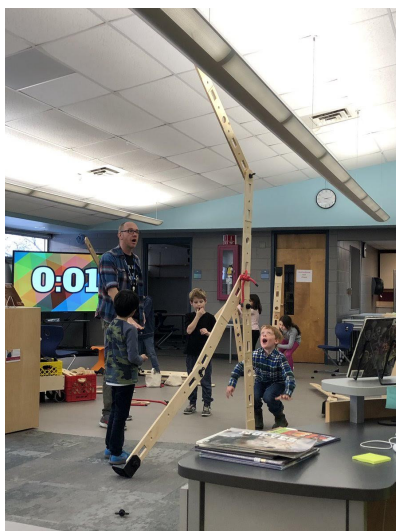
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Another 2017-18 GEF grant is underway--the Maker Module carts have been rolled out to District 34 K-5 schools! They contain over 100 different tools for hands-on lessons in 3 different categories: construction, circuitry, and robotics/coding. There are three carts of materials and related

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lessons for grades K-2 and three completely different materials/lessons for grades 3-5. These resources foster amazing new ways to explore, discover and learn while providing experiences where students can design a solution, solve a problem or answer a question. Each teacher initially has the opportunity to sign up for two sessions, focusing on inquiry and a literature component. The teachers are then able to sign up for additional times with the Modules and continue their exploration with the materials. The Maker Modules Grant, which was completely funded by GEF, will provide consistent access for ALL students in ALL grades from Kindergarten-5th grade.

"The D34 Maker Modules are WONDEROUS opportunities for students to be creative, resilient problem solvers in a collaborative environment to complete challenges in Construction, Coding and Robotics & Circuitry. How exciting to tinker, design, create and engineer with the Maker materials!" -Caryl Doetsch, Maker Module Grant Recipient

FALL GRANTS APPROVED

The Glenview Education Foundation is pleased to award the following educator grants from its Fall 2018-19 school year grant cycle.

Stylus Sets for Handwriting

This grant funds a set of styluses for kindergarteners, benefiting three teachers and about 100 students a year for several years. These low-tech styluses are caps that attach to any pencil. Many students entering kindergarten are not yet writing their letters and numbers. Students have been utilizing their iPads for increased engagement and reinforcement of writing skills. Unfortunately, when students use their fingers for iPad practice, it does not help their grasp development and ability to transfer over to using traditional writing tools. The OTs recommend the use of a stylus for this reason. Having a stylus for iPad writing practice helps students develop these fine motor skills.

Middle School Makers: After School STEAM

The Middle School Makers grant funds continuation of an after school club entitled STEAM at both Attea and Springman. This ties directly to our STAR initiatives and allows students an environment to create, problem solve, connect and innovate. The club directly supports science enrichment by actively engaging students in applying their scientific knowledge in a dynamic way. This is a grant that GEF has been funding for a few years, with hopes that the district will continue it in the future.

BOSS Boxes (Bucket of Student Supports)

The Bucket of Student Supports (BOSS Box) grant provides teachers with easily accessible, low-cost, easy to use items, tools and strategies to support the regulatory and sensory needs of all students. Having materials and activities available to students in each classroom and area of the school gives them the power to be self-directed learners. The goal is to give every child the individual sensory support needed to fully access the curriculum and educational environment.

Booked for Lunch

Booked for Lunch is a grant that supports struggling readers by providing additional opportunities for reading in a structured setting using highly-engaging texts. This group of students has been identified by the district as "at-risk" and in need of additional reading supports; the groups will meet over lunch approximately twice each month. (GEF funded a version of this grant under a different title for the past school year.)

Multicultural & Multilingual Texts for Henking Students, Teachers, & Families

Henking School has a lot of diversity to celebrate: cultural and linguistic, socio-economic, religious, and more. This grant will empower Henking students and families through the acquisition of texts that represent these multi-cultural identities and provide exposure to diversity for all Henking students; it will also fund purchasing and organizing of two types of picture books: 1) English language books featuring multi-cultural characters and experiences for use by students within the LRC and individual classrooms as independent reading books and mentor texts for minilessons, and 2) multilingual texts (English as well as another language) and monolingual (second language with an existing English version in the LRC collection) featuring languages such as Polish, Korean, Spanish, Mongolian, and

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Russian. These texts will be available through the ELL services to students as well as ELL families (for use at home).

Building Memories for ELL Students

This is a continuation of a grant that has been used with the Bilingual students at Henking school. This re-application of a successful grant program funds 30 take home book bags with 5 books in each for ELL students. Students check out a bag of books, read the books within the bag at home, and write a reading response to their favorite book in the bag. Upon returning the bag, students receive a small prize, and they then check out a new bag of 5 books. This allows students regular access to books without having to visit a library or bookstore. The books are those that the students can read without the help of a parent who may not be able to read in English with their child. In addition, this grant brings multilingual ELL families to school for a Reading Night, introducing them to the take home book bags. Interpreters are on-hand during the evening, and parents attend a workshop on how to read with their children, how to create a reading routine, and how to support literacy in English and a native language.



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