



# The Ed. Foundation

## 2023 – 2024 Grants

### USHERING IN A NEW GENERATION OF ROBOTICS STUDENTS

Schreiber

*Bryan Beach*

Updated tools and machinery along with the addition of a training robot will allow the Robotics team to continue to grow and compete at a higher level.

**SPONSOR: THE FURSTENBERG FAMILY**

### VOICES OF FREEDOM

Schreiber

*Kevin Scully, Dr. Kathryn Behr*

In collaboration with the Louis Armstrong House Museum, students will collaborate with world-renowned performers to create new artistic works that reflect historical fights for freedom in the United States. The works will span five disciplines: writing, dance, voice, jazz and visual arts.

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### MEANING-MAKING THROUGH MUSEUM EDUCATION

Schreiber

*Nicole Thomas, Miranda Best, Kevin Scully*

Students in advanced art classes will participate in a museum learning series at the MET and MOMA through guided tours and workshops related to their classroom learning of art and history.

### SCENES OF PORT WASHINGTON: SOLARPLATE ETCHING MASTER CLASS WITH DAN WELDEN

Schreiber

*Nicole Thomas, Miranda Best, Kevin Scully*

Students in select art classes will participate in a Solarplate etching workshop with master printmaker Dan Welden to experiment with clean art-making alternatives and materials.

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### LIGHT PAINTING COMES TO PORT WASHINGTON

Schreiber

*Joy DiPasquale*

Visiting artist and light painter, Canette Manso will introduce photography students to the history and practices of light painting. Students will work with professional equipment to create original paintings which will be exhibited in the Schreiber Atrium.

### LEARNING AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) CORE EXTENSION

Weber

*Holly Gober, Ilissa Sternlicht, Stephanie Greenberg*

Eighth-Grade Blue House students will be introduced during Core Extension to American Sign Language as a language to be learned and spoken through a deaf-blind presenter in collaboration with the Helen Keller National Center.

**SPONSOR: THE SHANAHAN FAMILY**

### WEBER CHESS, SCRABBLE, BOGGLE CLUB

Weber

*Dena Bocchino*

This club will provide the opportunity for sixth through eighth-grade students to learn the art of chess, Scrabble and/or Boggle.

**SPONSOR: ILANA & MATT ENGEL**

### COOKING UP CULTURE

Weber

*Zachary Siegel*

Partnering with the local Cooking Lab, sixth-grade students in Blue House will have the opportunity to create dishes representative of the Eastern Hemisphere countries studied as part of the curriculum.

**SPONSOR: AMANDA & CHAD STONE**

### DANCE PARTY!

Weber

*Holly Gober, Tom Barbara*

During the immigration unit, Blue and Yellow House eighth-grade students will learn various dances from Russia, Italy, China and Greece.

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### DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

Weber

*Holly Gober, Tom Barbara*

Blue and Yellow House eighth-grade students will study the differences between pre-WWI society and the 1920s through dance by learning the Waltz and Charleston in historical context.

### WRITING WORKSHOP WITH AUTHOR MADDY LEDERMAN

Weber

*Stacey Portmore-Davis*

Eighth-grade Yellow House students will participate in a writers workshop with author Maddy Lederman. Students will create short stories that focus on setting, sensory imagery and character motivations.

**EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: MICHAEL SOBEL & ELIZABETH MILBANK SOBEL**

### VISIT TO ELLIS ISLAND/MUSEUM OF IMMIGRATION

Weber

*Thomas Barbara, Kathleen Hannick*

Students in eighth-grade Yellow House will gain a better understanding of the American immigrant experience by visiting the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration.

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### VISIT TO 9-11 MEMORIAL AND FREEDOM TOWER

Weber

*Thomas Barbara, Kathleen Hannick*

A visit to the 9-11 Memorial Museum and Freedom Tower for eighth-grade Yellow House students will provide the opportunity to observe the artifacts and remnants of Ground Zero to further realize the impact of the events of September 11, 2001.

**EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: THE EDELSON FAMILY**

### UNLOCK THE LOVE OF LEARNING!

Weber

*Zachary Siegel*

Students in sixth-grade Blue House will use Breakout EDU Kits to solve challenges and scenarios in any given subject area encouraging critical thinking and collaboration with peers.

### THE MUSIC AND STORIES OF THE AMERICAN SHARECROPPER

Weber

*Thomas Barbara, Holly Gober*

All eighth-grade students will experience the American folk art known as The Blues. Students will read, listen to, discuss and compose poetry and music ending with a performance and extended workshop with renowned artist Toby Walker.

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### LANDMARK ON MAIN STREET'S ARTIST IN RESIDENCE SERIES

#### Weber, Schreiber

*Richard Mayer, Kevin Scully*

Landmark on Main Street will offer workshops, master classes, and/or multicultural, interactive performances with professional musicians for students at Weber and/or Schreiber. Co-funded by HEARTS PW.

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### ALL ELEMENTARY SCRABBLE CLUB

#### All Elementary

*Julie Katz, Lisa Cangialosi, Melissa Koulouris, Heather Hoffman, Kim Singh*

Fourth and fifth-grade students will be introduced to Scrabble and the strategies of the game, culminating with a tournament between all five elementary schools.

### ANTI-BIAS EDUCATION

#### All Elementary

*Dr. Ira Pernick*

All fourth and fifth-grade students will participate in workshops led by the Anti-Defamation League that will provide students with a broad understanding of bias language and how to recognize it and how to help stop its use. Discussions will be held on the negative impact of hate speech on a community.

**SPONSOR: TOMM & BARRY MILLER, JAIMEE & DAN LOEWY**

### MOSAIC PROJECT

#### All Elementary

*Kevin Scully, Dr. Pia Ferrante, Juanita Diaz, Meg Sheehan, Dr. Kimberly Licato, Lucia Laguarda*

All third-grade students will learn about the tradition of dance in four distinct cultures, Latin American, North Indian, Japanese, and West African, during this ten-week multicultural dance residency. Co-funded by HEARTS PW.

### FIRST LEGO LEAGUE (EXPLORE) ELEMENTARY ROBOTICS CLUB

#### Daly

*Kimberly Pinto*

Fourth-grade students will work as a team to identify a real world problem and create an innovative solution through the use of research, engineering and coding. Students will showcase their work at the First Lego League Festival.

### ART FRIENDS

#### Daly

*Susan Geffken Burton, Liz Weiss*

A collaboration between guidance and art will help teach identified second and third-grade students social skills through the use of art. Students will become more aware of themselves and others through individual and group work practices.

**EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: LEO MARINO & FAMILY**

### GREEN SCREEN PRODUCTIONS

#### Daly

*Kimberly Pinto*

In this club, fourth and fifth-grade students will be given the opportunity to research topics of interest and creatively share their expertise through the production of short green screen video projects.

### YOGA AND MINDFULNESS FOR THE RISE AND TLC CLASSES

#### Daly

*Casey Cheffo-McNulty, Jillian Manoff, Kayla Salerno, Loren Maroof, Nora Balber, Patrick Nash, Susan Cominski, Amy Branch*

Special education students will gain the tools necessary to relieve stress and anxiety, find internal balance and improve focus through yoga and mindfulness exercises.

**SPONSOR: THE KAMENSKY FAMILY**

### DEBATE/LEADERSHIP CLUB

#### Guggenheim

*Jillian Mott, Sara Kolb*

This club will empower fourth and fifth-graders to sharpen their reading, writing, research and speech skills while engaging in structured debate exercises.

### GUGGENHEIM ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB

#### Guggenheim

*Sara Kolb, Dr. Kimberly Licato*

Third through fifth-grade students will be taught the intellectually challenging game of chess by a chess master and engage in friendly competition.

### PUPPY READING PALS

#### Guggenheim

*Pamela Tirrito, Michelle Ambrosio, Jennifer Norton, Alyssa Cianciulli, Melissa Koulouris, Shannon Goldstein, Melissa Riordin, Claire Galanek*

The Guide Dog Foundation will introduce third-grade students to therapy dogs allowing children to build self awareness, self regulation and self confidence.

Reading, writing and literacy activities will also be incorporated.

### MANORHAVEN ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB

#### Manorhaven

*Juanita Diaz, Chantelle Persaud*

Third through fifth-grade students will be taught the intellectually challenging game of chess by a chess master and engage in friendly competition.

### PUPPY PAL-GUIDE DOGS

#### Manorhaven

*Amy Branch, Cassidy Comerford, Sue Cominski*

Students from the Transitional Learning Classroom (TLC) program will learn to identify emotions in dogs and to appropriately react to expected and unexpected dog behaviors. The students will also read to the dogs, gaining confidence in their abilities.

### MANORHAVEN STEM CLUB

#### Manorhaven

*Lourdes Perez, Jeanine Oleksiw*

This before-school club for third through fifth-grade will introduce and develop technology skills in computer programming, robotics, and 3D printing.

### MANORHAVEN EARLY BIRDS

#### Manorhaven

*Amanda Gargiulo*

This physical activity program for select students in third through fifth-grade aims to significantly improve academic performance for at-risk students through before school exercise.

### EXPRESSIVE ELOCUTION - VOCAL EMPOWERMENT THROUGH THEATER ARTS

#### Manorhaven

*Laurey Brevig, Armanda Berkery, Melanie Guarneri, Lisa Idol*

An Arts-in-Education program that will help vocally empower and prepare third-grade students to present speeches, reports, dramatic enactments, debates and themselves in interviews and performances.

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### UNITED WITH BOOKS

#### Manorhaven

*Marialina Corbo, Lucy Gable, Mary Bridget O'Keefe Green, Radha Roman Sprott, Felicia Mari*

In-person literacy workshops will provide additional support to the kindergarten through second-grade English as a New Language (ENL) students and their families. Multilingual books will be used in workshops to model reading and literacy skills.

**SPONSOR: JESSICA & ANISH MELWANI**

### LET'S GET MOVING: STEM IN AM

#### Salem

*Dr. Joanne Koukoulas, Dr. Pia Ferrante*

Students in third through fifth-grade will expand their scientific discovery skills through computer coding and active learning processes in this before-school program.

### STEP BY STEP: CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH DANCE

#### Salem

*Dr. Pia Ferrante, Kevin Scully, Jena Swerdlhoff*

A nine-week dance residency workshop will teach fifth-grade students Hip-Hop style dance with a focus on civic responsibility. Co-funded by HEARTS PW.

### SUBMERGE STORYTELLING

#### Salem/Sousa

*Lauren Singer, Erin Mastronardi, Salem HSA, Sousa HSA*

Fourth-graders will engage in an interactive, hands-on literary experience that immerses them into a story as their classrooms are transformed to become the story's setting.

### 5TH GRADE LEADERS

#### Sousa

*Karen Silver, Ashley Keen, Liz Molloy, Emily Baxter, Samantha Decicco, Justin Ryan, Sean Dooley, Mike Robilotto*

Fifth-grade students will participate in BOCES Outdoor Adventure Experience where they will learn communication, cooperation, trust, and problem-solving skills enabling them to become better mentors and leaders in the school community.

**SPONSOR: THE SWEENEY FAMILY**

### SIMPLE SEED JOURNALS/100 DAYS OF GRATITUDE PROJECT

#### Sousa

*Colleen Lucie, Suzy Potucek, Lisa Cangialosi, Phyllis Record, Tim Hynes*

Each morning fourth-grade students will start the day practicing gratitude and positive self-talk. At the end of 100 days, the students will have a finished journal showing their growth in gratitude and emotional learning.

### CELEBRATING CHILDREN! ROLLICKING FOLK TALES AND TRUE STORIES OF DELIGHTFUL AND INSPIRING "CAN-DO" KIDS

#### Sousa

*Joy Tamburino, Alexandra Cimino, Jennifer Loperfido, Ildiko Brancaccio*

Master storyteller LuAnn Adams will conduct a residency program for reading students that will enable them to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for the diversity that exists in both their own community and throughout the world.

### SOUSA ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB

#### Sousa

*Justin Ryan, Meg Sheehan, Lance Yoon*

Third through fifth-grade students will be taught the intellectually challenging game of chess by a chess master and engage in friendly competition.

### MULTICULTURAL COOKING PROGRAM

#### Sousa

*Janine Clark, Kathy Wengenosky, Diane Conway, Kristina Caratelli, Marisa Johnson*

Third-grade classes will be introduced to authentic cuisine from four different countries (Mexico, China, Brazil, Kenya) through cooking classes taught by a chef from the Cooking Lab.

### DISTRICT BAND SPECTACULAR

#### All District

*Kevin Scully, Shane Helfner, Jason Cherry, Elizabeth Andrew, Jenna Leen, Jessica Castaneda, Mark Viavatine, John Akios, Aaron Prindle*

Band students from all seven schools will perform at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts in Spring 2024 with a nationally renowned guest conductor.

Co-funded by HEARTS PW.

### PARENT RESOURCE CENTER STEPPING STONES CLASSES

#### Preschool, Pre-K

*Leila Noor, Nicole Asselta, Hope Pecullan, Karla Panameno*

This program prepares at-risk pre-schoolers with limited English proficiency for the District's Pre-K program.

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## Previously Funded Signature Grants

### WDOT RADIO

#### Schreiber

This began as a donation to establish a high school radio station and has quickly become a part of the fabric and culture of Schreiber High School. The radio station is a vibrant club where students learn programming and development. There are currently two broadcasting classes that utilize the facility. Students can often be found at the soundboard recording and creating shows for entertainment and promoting events. Tune in to [www.portradio.org](http://www.portradio.org) to hear some of the latest programming.

**FUNDED BY DOT & ED SLADE**

### DOTv

#### Schreiber

The Schreiber TV studio began as a club and has now been incorporated into the high school curriculum. Students can enroll in classes like Sound Production, Film and Television Production and Digital Video Production. This state-of-the-art facility has the technology which allows students to benefit from learning all aspects of writing, recording and reporting in front of and behind the camera. DOTv has become an integral part of the Port Washington community as many organizations count on these talented students to create video and report on local events.

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### THE SCHREIBER HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY & ART LAB

#### Schreiber

The upgrade of technology with state-of-the-art interactivity, new workstations, and updated software will enhance capabilities and foster inactive instruction for Ed. Tech and Art students.

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### THE DIGITAL LEARNING CENTER

#### Schreiber

The Digital Learning Center is a dynamic workspace and resource for students and faculty to use the most current equipment and technology including various laptops, desktops, interactive whiteboards and new modular furniture that creates collaborative and moveable work spaces. The DLC is home to the Writing Center and the Girls Who Code club. Students, classes, and staff utilize the room for online learning, virtual field trips, telecommunication, collaborative projects, and a host of other educational experiences.

**FUNDED BY JAIMEE & DAN LOEWEY**

### SCHREIBER HIGH SCHOOL RECORDING STUDIO

#### Schreiber

This state-of-the-art soundproof recording studio integrates with the existing television studio, digital video course, sound engineering course and music ensembles. Students now have a place to create high-quality recordings that can be used for auditions, competitions, or integrated into other school programs.

**FUNDED BY THE CORNELIA T. BAILY FOUNDATION**

### COLLEGE PIONEERS

#### Weber/Schreiber

This program increases awareness of post-secondary educational opportunities and provides college readiness skills in the first-generation and disadvantaged populations in the Port Washington School District, beginning in seventh-grade and continuing through senior year. The program includes college visits, guest speakers, parent workshops, test prep and college application support.

**FUNDED BY THE LUCERNE FOUNDATION/ THE RIMSKY FAMILY**

### NAO ROBOTS

#### Weber

All middle school students are exposed to the growing field of robotics in a deep and meaningful way. This program integrates two robots, software for 20 user stations, and curriculum, along with staff development, into the technology classes for grades sixth through eight. The robots enable teachers to increase their ability to expose students to a variety of problem-solving skills, along with basic programming, making them better prepared to continue their studies through high school to college and beyond.

**FUNDED BY THE MILDRED AND SIDNEY EDELSTEIN FOUNDATION**

### NEXTGEN MANUFACTURING AND DESIGN

#### Weber

The "NextGen Manufacturing and Design" equipment will be used in a variety of Technology Education units, where students will be introduced to three state-of-the-art machines. New units will have students engaged in automated cloud-based mass production, laser cutting, and vinyl cutting while learning about the modern economy. Students will develop confidence and familiarity with high-tech machines and engineering principles with real-world applications for careers in tech industries, manufacturing, design, and more.

**FUNDED BY THE MILDRED AND SIDNEY EDELSTEIN FOUNDATION**

### THE ED. FOUNDATION SUPPORT CENTER

#### All Elementary

The establishment of the support center that focuses on improving literacy and math skills for third-graders in need of academic support through individualized attention, homework help, and writing exercises. The Center is led by a Director, along with an intergenerational volunteer staff, and features distinguished guests who provide a variety of creative programming including music, art, yoga, dance and other enrichment experiences.

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