



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.

SPONSOR: THE ROTHENBERG FAMILY

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.

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IN HONOR OF KAREN REICHENBACH**

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.

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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.

SPONSOR: JAMIE & BEN SPIELMAN

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.

**EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: MARCIA LEVINE IN
HONOR OF THE ED. FOUNDATION & ROBIN
SIGMAN**



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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.

SPONSOR: THE FEINGOLD FAMILY

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.

SPONSOR: PAULA & ROB WHITMAN

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.

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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.

SPONSOR: JULIE & BEN KOZINN

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.

SPONSOR: JULIE COHEN & DAN GOLDMAN

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.



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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.

SPONSOR: THE HIRSCH FAMILY

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 Swerdloff

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.

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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 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.

FUNDED BY DOT & ED SLADE

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.

EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: PETER & JERI DEJANA FOUNDATION

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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