



May 8, 2024

Caledonia Community Schools Community,

Please see the letter and attachment below being sent on behalf of the Caledonia Education Foundation (CEF).

CCS Administration

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Dear Caledonia Community,

Exciting news! The Caledonia Education Foundation (CEF) prize patrol surprised teachers on Monday with a big check presentation. Seven remarkable staff members were awarded grants for their outstanding proposals this spring, enabling them to enhance their classrooms and programs. CEF is proud to provide these essential resources across the district.

The awarded grants, totaling \$16,357, support diverse needs—from math manipulatives for our preschoolers to advanced microphone technology for performing arts in middle and high school. Congratulations to all recipients for their successful grant applications!

- **Katie Dorband and Mike Cornell** - CHS for Snap cameras to help capture student life for the yearbook - \$1800
- **Jeff Jenkins** - CHS Fine Arts Center for upgraded microphones/headsets for communication - \$6500
- **Emily Young** - Cal Elementary gym classes for new physical education equipment - \$2400
- **Deb Gaffner** - Dutton Elementary for a new music therapy program to the CI classrooms - \$1550
- **Melanie Heffner** - Paris Ridge Elementary bringing the "Zoo to You" program to two classrooms - \$2232
- **Robin Trocinski** - Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center introducing STEM hands-on resources to the preschoolers - \$1625
- **Madeline Langell** - CHS English class for upgraded, relevant books for the classroom library - \$250

On behalf of the CEF, we want to wish everyone a great end of the school year and express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported us, making these achievements possible. Thank you, Caledonia!

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