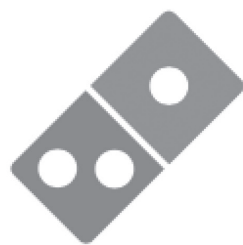


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## The Fruitport Education Foundation (FEF) Makes an Impact on Student Learning

The FEF is an endowment fund of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. They manage and invest our fund's balance to earn the income we use to carry out our mission. A portion of our fund each year is funneled back into classrooms and school enrichment programs at Fruitport Community Schools that inspire creativity, learning and improved performance. In addition, scholarship funds are awarded to graduating seniors to help launch their future learning at trade schools, junior colleges and universities.

The FEF has made an impact on student learning over the years thanks to the generosity of our donors ~ alumni, parents, staff, students, residents, businesses and corporations. A few examples of our most recent gifts to FCS include: **\$6,000 for K-12 Music program for the purchase of:**

- Video recorder for high quality recordings of performances
- New percussion instruments for FMS band
- New music
- Hand drums for the elementary level
- 2nd grade field trip to see Grand Rapids Symphony & Grand Rapids Ballet perform Hansel and Gretel

**\$10,000 for K-12 STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) program for the purchase of:**

- Curriculum supports and materials for elementary STEM classrooms
- Power tools, router, table saws for middle and high school STEM classrooms
- Epson Plotter printer, twin monitors for drafting desks
- Materials and supplies for 3D printers in STEM classrooms

**Educational Enhancement Mini Grants awarded to support innovative classroom instruction for students.**

- \$3,900 in grant funds awarded to 21 staff members during 2018-19 school year
- \$3,600 in grant funds awarded to 19 staff members during 2019-20 school year
- \$3,845 in grant funds awarded to 21 staff members during 2020-21 school year

**Multiple scholarships awarded each year to graduating Fruitport seniors.**

- \$4,000 in scholarship funds awarded to 6 graduating seniors in 2019
- \$6,000 in scholarship funds awarded to 8 graduating seniors in 2020
- \$7,000 in scholarship funds will be awarded to 8 graduating seniors in 2021

**Additional gifts that have been given to various programs include:**

- \$700 for the purchase of classroom novels for the Alternative Education High School Program from the Gene Young Memorial Fund
- \$3,560 for the purchase of books for the Beach Elementary School library from the Stibitz Memorial Fund
- \$2,500 gift match of proceeds from Doug Yonkers Memorial Golf Outing given to K-12 STEM program in 2018 and 2019
- Plastic totes purchased for all kindergarten students to store manipulatives
- Foam squares purchased for all K-2nd grade students to sit on in class and outdoors to help with social distancing
- Breakout EDU kits purchased for all three elementary buildings. These kits combine games with learning, engaging students to collaborate to solve problems.
- Ongoing maintenance of the 'Little Libraries' located in and around the district providing free books for children to borrow and read
- Two-time sponsor of Edgewood's PTO Trojan Trek fundraiser

Anyone can help build our students' future with a gift to the **Fruitport Education Foundation**. Gifts you give to the FEF are invested for long-term growth, providing grants back to Fruitport Schools for program support and scholarships. You become part of the effort that positively impacts student learning. If you would like to make a gift, visit us on line at [www.fruitporteducationfoundation.com/give-now](http://www.fruitporteducationfoundation.com/give-now) or mail a check, payable to FEF, to the following address:

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