USD 113 Foundation Board announces grant awards

(MSC NEWS)--The USD 113 Foundation Board, Sabetha, Wetmore, and Axtell Schools, is pleased to announce the recipients of the Fall 2017 Appleseed Innovation Grants.

The Appleseed Innovation Grants are open to any teacher or staff member. The primary purpose is to fund new, or innovative projects that directly impact student engagement. The grant can also be requested to expand existing innovations. Approximately \$12,500 will be awarded to different projects, district-wide. The Appleseed Grants are sponsored and underwritten by Kent and Donna Saylor.

USD 113 District-Wide

New Food Fridays: All five buildings in the district will be visited, in turn, with information and taste offering of a new fruit or vegetable, on specified Fridays. Requested by Ms. Brook Brubeck, District Food Services Director. Amount awarded: \$450.00

Robotics and Coding: After-school and summer coding academies in Axtell, Wetmore, and Sabetha, expanding and utilizing Dot and Dash robots. Requested by Ms. Lisa Suhr, Technology Integration Specialist. Amount awarded: \$3,000.00 Prairie Hills Green Screen Productions: Purchase of green screen movie production equipment for each of the five buildings in the district. Requested by Ms. Lisa Suhr, Technology Integration Specialist. Amount awarded: \$3,185.00

Axtell Public Schools

Creative Displays: A Cricut machine and software, first to be used for library reading promotional displays, but also for use by other staff members and by students. Requested by Ms. Cindy Kaster, Paraprofessional. \$665.00

Sabetha Elementary School

Standing Desks: Six (6) Standing desks, which will allow for alternative student posturing in the classroom. Requested by Ms. Lorinda Strahm and Ms. Jennifer Herrmann, 3rd and 4th Grade Classrooms. \$1,272.00

Hands-On Sound Manipulation for Interventive Reading Groups: Tactile letters that can be handled and manipulated by students. Requested by Ms. Shari Frey, Special Education Teacher. Amount Awarded: \$200.00

Nature Soundscape: A six-foot musical fence, with roof, to be added to the SES Nature Area. Requested by Ms. Holly Meyer, Pre-K Teacher, and Ms. Donna Elder, Co-Teacher. \$1,115.00

Sabetha High School

Flight and Motion: Mini-drones (12) for use in the Physical Science and Physics curriculums. Requested by Mr. Brian Cole, Sabetha High School Physical Sciences Teacher. \$2,530.00

The Appleseed Innovation Grants are one of many funds and/or scholarships administered by the USD 113 Foundation Board. The Board is made up of volunteer representatives from the entire district.

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