

# Garden City PTA Grant Request

## General Membership Vote Overview

*Vote Scheduled for March 7, 2024*

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### **GRANT REQUEST 1: DECODABLE BOOKS FOR PRIMARY CLASSROOMS**

**Enhance Classroom Libraries:** Acquire decodable texts for K-1 classrooms to support decoding skills taught explicitly through Foundations and Heggerty.

**Support Home Practice:** Provide students access to decodable texts to reinforce decoding skills at home, fostering application outside the classroom.

**Engaging Reading Resources:** Acquire high-interest, Foundations-aligned decodable books to engage young readers and promote literacy development.

**Organized Resources:** Enable teachers to categorize decodable libraries by specific decoding skills, facilitating targeted instruction.

**Diverse Reading Experiences:** Maintain a diverse collection of books and genres and varied genres to encourage comprehensive reading skills aligned with the 5 pillars of reading, specifically application of phonological awareness skills.

**Cultivate Love for Reading:** Offer a range of texts, including decodable ones, to promote enjoyment and enthusiasm for reading while practicing multiple reading skills. The grant funds will be used to procure a comprehensive collection of decodable texts aligned with the Foundations program for K-1 classrooms. These resources will be incorporated into individual classroom libraries, ensuring students have access to high-interest, engaging books that support the application of decoding skills taught through Foundations and Heggerty. Additionally, the funds will enable the acquisition of diverse reading materials and various genres, fostering a comprehensive approach to literacy development grounded in the five pillars of reading. Teachers will have the opportunity to organize these decodable texts based on specific decoding skills, enhancing targeted instruction and facilitating students' practice of a range of reading skills while cultivating a joy for reading.

***Grant submitted by: Lauren Kaufman***  
***Cost: \$6,495.00***

## **GRANT REQUEST 2: MATH AND MOVEMENT GRADES K-5**

The objective of the grant is to strengthen our students' mathematics fact fluency through whole body movement-based learning while simultaneously improving students' confidence in and enjoyment of math.

The use of these large interactive mats combines various learning styles to enhance students' mathematical understanding. Teachers will lead this whole-body approach to learning engaging students mathematical, kinesthetic, visual, and auditory learning styles. These materials will get students active, boost their confidence, and ignite enthusiasm for learning by engaging them both mentally and physically.

***Grant Submitted By: Christina Cardella***

***Cost: \$4,484.70 (Total with estimated 10% shipping, may be able to get shipping for free \$4,933.00)***

## **GRANT REQUEST 3: ART DISPLAY BOARDS FOR NEW ART SHOW AT STRATFORD SCHOOL**

The primary goal of this grant proposal is to enhance and enrich the educational experience of 5th-grade students through the organization of an art show. The objectives include providing students with a platform to showcase their artistic talents and creativity, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment in their work. Additionally, the art show aims to create a positive and supportive environment for the students to express themselves visually. This initiative aligns with the broader goal of promoting arts education within the school community.

The grant funds will be utilized for the purchase of art display boards that will serve as a crucial element in the successful execution of the 5th-grade art show. These display boards will provide a professional and organized way to showcase the diverse artwork created by the students. Similar to Stewart School's 4th-grade art show, the display boards will be strategically placed to highlight each student's chosen piece of art. This investment will not only contribute to the aesthetics of the art show but also allow community members to comfortably and conveniently view and appreciate the students' artistic achievements. The use of grant funds for this purpose directly supports the educational and creative objectives of the art show, making it a worthwhile investment in the students' overall development.

***Grant Submitted by: Amanda Hauser***

***Cost: \$3,389.10***