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**WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (WBLAEF)
AWARDS 2021 BROSIOUS GRANTS**

WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minnesota (December 13, 2021) The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation (WBLAEF) awarded \$22,967.30 total to 11 Brosious Grant recipients listed here below.

Ann Zettel (Normandy Park Early Childhood) “Partnering Families to create Multilingual Counting Books” This grant will provide funding to design and make picture counting books with students.

Trevor Putnam (Hugo Elementary) “Conscious Discipline Calendars for Leadership” This grant will provide funding to help implement the Conscious Discipline method within the district this year.

Deb Thibault (Oneka Elementary) “High-Impact Vocabulary Instruction Using Picture Books” High quality picture books will be purchased for grades 2-5 to be used as an authentic and effective way to incorporate vocabulary instruction.

Karen Voss, Cheryl Hagen, Jillian Fagerness, Maria Schultz (Oneka Elementary) “Sensory Integration/Achievement and Social Emotional Learning” This team will be purchasing additional sensory equipment to support their students’ sensory stimulation and integration by taking in information through their 5 senses.

Jessie Prissel (Transition Plus) “Cam+ 4 T+” Ten quality cameras will be purchased to use in a variety of classes and clubs that focus on students’ interests and visual media reporting events while providing photography skills and images of student achievements.

Maggie Skatrud, Shannon Walsh (Otter Lake Elementary) “Point and Play A Mounted Communication Board for the Otter Lake Playground” This communication board is a visual grid containing symbols paired with words so students with verbal communication difficulties can use it to communicate while on the playground.

Rebecca Butters-LeVahn (Lincoln Elementary) “This Teaching Horse” Students in the setting 3 cluster program will be provided with a once a month riding experience pairing each student with a miniature horse at Phoenix Farms, with a trained horse expert, to help provide social and emotional learning. Supplemental text materials will also be purchased to use in the classroom.

Kimberly Jeske-Waldorf (Matoska International) “Come Build with Me!” Kindergartners will be able to be engineers to create, build, and test structures they build with the materials purchased from this grant.

John Forestell, Michelle Norcross (Area Learning Center) “Critical Analysis of Systemic Racism Through Interdisciplinary Curriculum and the Theater Arts” Using the texts “Fences” and “A Raisin in the Sun” students will first study the literature and then will have the opportunity to view the plays through Live Streaming and their attendance at the Guthrie Theater.

Jenny Moore, Erica Largent (South Campus) “HOSA is HERE!” HOSA stands for *Health Occupations Students of America*. This grant will allow future health professional students to participate in the Metro Mid-Winter Conference and The State Leadership Conference.

Paige Pinnow (District): “Assistive Technology AAC Library”

This grant will provide funding for two Apple iPads to add to the lending library that has been started.

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