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White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation

The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation Awards Four Ryan Family Art Grants for 2021

WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minnesota (October 21, 2021) – The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation (WBLAEF) recently awarded four Ryan Family Art grants to Elementary School teachers in the WBLA school district totaling \$1503.16.

The following Ryan Family Art grants were awarded:

“Rock Out” with Kindness and Joy at Lakeaires - Stacy Brodt (Lakeaires Elementary School)

During Covid, the teacher, while out for walks, had noticed inspirational sayings on painted rocks appearing in her neighborhood. She said seeing these special rocks gave her hope during a difficult year. She is proposing to integrate social/emotional lessons with learning and modeling skills to her students. Her mission would be to spread joy and kindness, centering round the best words, themes, and quotes to place on painted rocks. Her students would be called “Daymakers” and would be tasked with designing rocks, and ultimately spread them through the building and on the school grounds of Lakeaires Elementary School. Students would come up with a plan to let the school know about the project and let others know what to do when they find a special rock.

Art Supplies for the classroom - Beth Englund (Oneka Elementary School)

Prior to Covid, Oneka Elementary had an Artist in Residence each year. Now those lessons are online and quality materials/supplies are needed to teach and complete the lessons.

Forever Keepsakes of Love - Jennifer Elias (Lakeaires Elementary School)

Students will create and design a piece of art that speaks from the heart. It will be framed or created on a canvas board so that it will not be forgotten. Prior to the project, students will discuss the words value, worthy and powerful. Students will come up with ideas for each word and how they can put each word into a piece of art. This art will be a part of the social and emotional goals of the class curriculum this year. The project can be designed for a family member, a friend or for themselves and can be displayed in their bedrooms, living rooms, or a special place of their choosing.

I've Got Talent - Alison Davies, Shannon Sullivan, Kelly Coorough, Jen Reckinger (Matoska International IB World School)

People use the arts to express feelings, points of view, and to connect with the world around them. We teach literacy, math, visual arts, and engineering through the lens of design principles and elements. Each year we choose a few to work with such as: line, shape, form, color, balance, repetition, emphasis and movement. We design progressive mini-lessons for students to experiment with the elements and principles of art in a variety of visual mediums such as Artist Trading Cards, Color glass windows with contact paper, Tessellation, 3-D sculptures, Native American Shoulder Bags, and Canvas Painting.

About the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation:

The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation (WBLAEF) supports public education with the help of local businesses, alumni, and community members. The Foundation administers teaching grants, scholarships, fellowships for teachers, an Angel Fund for families with special economic needs and works closely with the White Bear Lake Area Alumni Association. For more information about the WBLAEF please visit www.wblaef.org

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