



ROCK ISLAND – MILAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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PRIME Grant Program Awards \$92,521

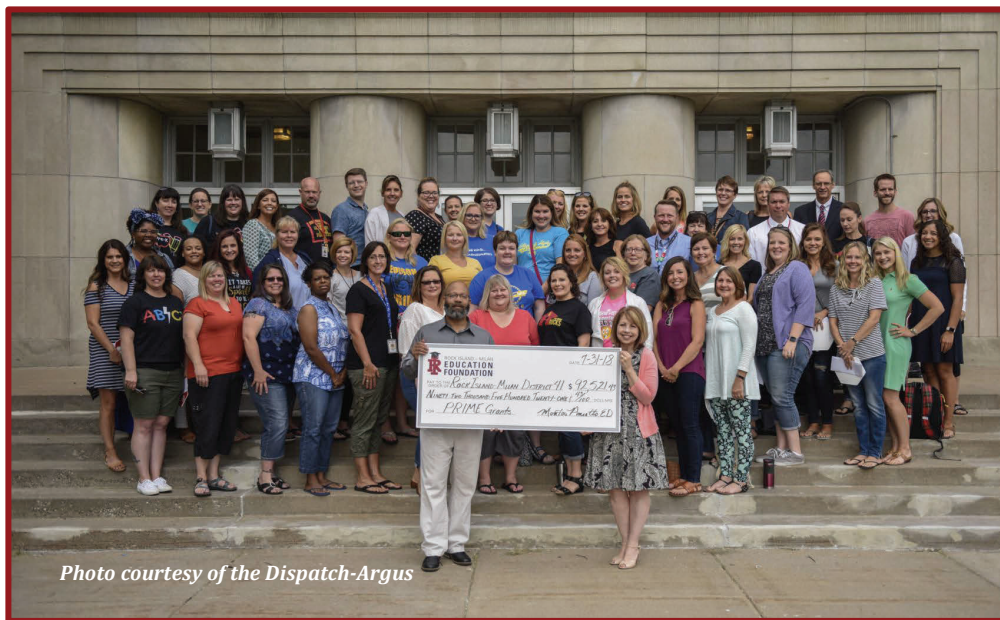


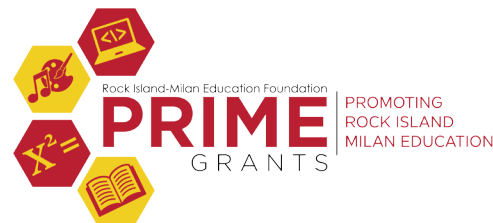
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The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation awarded \$92,521 in PRIME Grants (Promoting Rock Island Milan Education) to the teachers, departments, and schools of the Rock Island-Milan School District during the opening day all-staff meeting on July 31 at Rock Island High School. 49 grants - 29 Teacher, 17 Department/School and 3 Multi-School - were presented for the 2018-2019 academic year funding a variety of programs.

The PRIME Grants provide the much-needed financial resources for materials, technologies, and innovative programs that would otherwise go unfunded. In June, teachers submitted

applications stating overviews, costs and a summary of how the programs or requested materials will enhance, expand, and improve the academic environment. Ever rising costs prompted an increase in grant limits for both teachers and multi-school awards this year. Teachers may now apply for grants up to \$1,500; Multi-school grants are available for up to \$5,000; and Departmental/School remain available for up to \$3,000.

The Foundation's PRIME Grant program is made possible by generous donations from numerous individuals, businesses, and organizations such as the Doris and Victor Day Foundation, The Rauch Family Foundation and the Junior Board of Rock Island. The Major Saver fundraiser, held in August, helps provide additional support for the PRIME Grants program as well as direct funding to our schools. In addition, Edwards Creative designed and donated award plaques for the teachers to display in their classrooms.



The Foundation awarded a record amount in PRIME Grants but, as in years past, our grant requests exceeded available dollars. We were unable to provide support for over \$50,000 in requests. PRIME Grants give our teachers the resources they need to provide "enhanced opportunities for student success" in the Rock Island-Milan School District. Please consider donating to the Foundation so we can continue to fulfill our mission for every student within our district.



Major Saver is a "PRIME" Fundraiser for RIMSD Schools!



The Education Foundation started working with Major Saver in 2012 and by the end of the 2017-18 school year, the program had raised nearly \$195,000 for the teachers and schools of the Rock Island-Milan School District. A portion of the Major Saver proceeds help support the PRIME Grant program and the balance is given directly back to our eleven participating schools.

The Major Saver 2018 campaign has wrapped up in the schools but you can still purchase your card online and support our district for the 2018-2019 school year and PRIME Grant awards for the 2019-2020 school year. You can even purchase a card for your area and give the credit to the RIMSD school of your choice! Visit: www.majorsaver.com

2018 PRIME Grant Awards



Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation

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Teacher Grants:

Calley Barnes, Eugene Field: **\$1,500 – 2nd Grade Success w/ Technology**
Jalin Davis, Frances Willard: **\$1,500 – Helping 1st Graders Bloom**
Joleen Dierickx, Earl Hanson: **\$1,389.90 – Classroom Chromebooks**
Kristi Geisler, Edison: **\$850 – Flexible Seating**
Mara Goodvin, Ridgewood: **\$1,491.04 – Bringing Literature ALIVE using Music and Movement**
Brooke Greenwood, Frances Willard: **\$1,500 – Seating for Success Part II: Organization is Key**
Elisha Harsen, Thomas Jefferson: **\$1,190 – Stand Up for Learning**
Kris Hays, RICMS: **\$1,259.42 – I-Pad Investigations: The Learning Continues**
Lynn Keck, Longfellow: **\$755.80 – “Even Superheroes Have Bad Days” Social & Emotional Learning**
Amanda Krah, Edison: **\$1,485.68 – Auditory Learning & Visual Math**
Amanda Long, Thomas Jefferson: **\$1,500 – Raising Readers & Thinkers**
Anna Lorenz, Eugene Field: **\$1,389.90 – Kindergarten Techies**
Christine MacDonald, Thomas Jefferson: **\$895.44 – Speaking of Technology**
Valerie Matson, Frances Willard: **\$663.13 – Focusing the Fidgety**
Tera McCormick-Skinner, RICMS: **\$800 – Tools to Enhance Learning**
Jennifer Mohr, Horace Mann: **\$1,500 – Raising Readers & Thinkers**
Emily Peterson, Edison: **\$775.29 – Mindfulness in the Classroom**
Susan Rasmussen, Thomas Jefferson: **\$1,000 – Flexible Seating**
Stephanie Ruhberg, Eugene Field: **\$1,500 – May the “4th” Be With Technology**
Jennifer Schrempf, Earl Hanson: **\$1,389.90 – Teachers with Technology**
Ian Scott, Eugene Field: **\$952 – Frontrow “Freckle”**
Joann Stribling, RIHS: **\$1,306.66 – Classroom Response System**
Jennifer Swigart, Horace Mann: **\$1,347 – Sensory Zone**
Kara Thomas, Eugene Field: **\$1,500 – Second Grade Success with Technology**
Susan Thompson, Horace Mann: **\$1,500 – Raising Readers & Thinkers**
Kiley VanOpdorp, Longfellow: **\$645.99 – Charge It Up!**
Jennifer Veryzer, Ridgewood: **\$1,500 – Reading Made Fun Again**
Amanda Weber, Edison: **\$1,499.27 – Science & Engineering Practices in Action**
Wade Weber, RIHS: **\$1,496.92 – Tools of Manufacturing**



Departmental/School Grants:

Jessica Bollman, Elvia Goins, & Gretchen O'Brien, Denkmann: **\$1,867.92 – Preserving Our Technology**
Berni Carmack & Dori Podoba, Longfellow: **\$3,000 – The Whole Child Amplified**
Gina Cox, Eugene Field: **\$2,791.73 – Metalloriffic**
Alexis DeWilde, Ridgewood: **\$2,572.92 – Making “Sense” of Learning: A Sensory Approach to Empowering Students**
Kimberly Gardner, Frances Willard: **\$2,371.21 – Sound & Color**
Jacqueline Krone-Franks, Brin Arnold, & Stacy Lofgren, RICMS: **\$2,934.14 – Flex & Tech-s**
Nikki Melody, Frances Willard: **\$3,000 – Helping Our Students Rise Above**
Mary Mendelin, RIHS: **\$3,000 – Jason Reynolds Author Visit**
Mike Nitzel, Thomas Jefferson: **\$2,800 – Creating Trauma Informed Classrooms**
Jennifer Pfaff, Edison: **\$2,819.71 – SPARK Education**
Amanda Puebla, RIHS: **\$1,500 – Social & Emotional Learning Initiative**
Stacy Rei & Meghan Miers, RIHS: **\$850.64 – The Rocky Grind**
RICMS 3rd Grade Team, RICMS: **\$2,886.71 – Setting Up a Positive Classroom Environment**
Rock Island High School: **\$3,000 – Rocky Resource Room**
Rebekah Stevenson & Kim Kettering, Longfellow: **\$1,937.74 – Bodies in Movement Show Improvement**
Dennis Weiss, Eugene Field: **\$3,000 – Flexible Seating Options**



Multi-School Grants:

Ramona Dixon, District: **\$5,000 – Rock Island-Milan First Day Fund**
Matt Manweiler & Katie Benson, District: **\$3,636.99 – RI Orchestra Recording Assessment Equipment**
Scott Voigt, RIHS, Edison, & Washington: **\$5,000 – RI Choir Recording Assessment**

Class of '84's John Hass Gives Back to RIMSD



From December 2017 to May 2018, the Rock Island-Milan School District (RIMSD) tested an online blended learning (software and teacher resources) program for students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. This resource, called Lexia Core5, assists with identifying the literacy needs of a learner and accelerates the advancement of students of all abilities by providing personalized instruction that adapts to their pace and progress. Five RIMSD schools piloted the program in different grade levels or with different groups of students. After approximately 5 months, results showed a 16% increase in reading at or above grade level for those students using the program. The district surveyed both staff and students about Lexia with overwhelmingly positive results and comments. Due to the data received, the RIMSD purchased Lexia for use in all elementary and junior high schools for the 2018-2019 school year.

The initial Lexia test program was funded through the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation with a \$45,000 donation from Rock Island High School graduate, John Hass (Class of 1984.) Once the RIMSD had determined the program's effectiveness and decided to expand it to all elementary schools within the district, Mr. Hass, made a \$100,000 pledge to help fund the Lexia program in honor of his parents John and Sandy Hass (Class of 1959.)

"Literacy in the United States has been said to be in "a crisis." ...In fact, studies have shown for decades that approximately 2/3rds of 8th graders are non-proficient readers. Not only does this hold students back in school, it leads to reduced graduation rates and problems for our children as they move to college or enter the workforce. I am excited to partner with the Rock Island-Milan School District to improve literacy skills and change the lives of such a deserving group of kids. I can't imagine a better way to honor my parents and thank the school system that did so much for our entire family."



Thank you, Mr. Hass, for your generosity and commitment to change the lives of students throughout the Rock Island-Milan School District.



You can make a lasting impact in the life of a child by investing in their education. When you make a donation to the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation, you are making an investment in the education of thousands of children throughout our district. Your dollars can make a difference when purchasing resources to increase literacy, initiate a STEAM program, fund an innovative approach to learning, or provide the encouragement to extend education through a scholarship. Your investment helps us provide "enhanced academic opportunities" for the success of Rock Island-Milan District students now and in years to come.

The Education Foundation has many options to support our students, teachers, and schools. You may donate to one of our established programs, our general fund, or to an endowment. Any gift of any size makes a difference. If you'd like to include the Education Foundation in your estate or long-range planning, please consult your tax, legal, or financial advisor to help determine what option would be best for you:

Endowed Gift
Memorial & Tribute

Living Trust
IRA Rollover

Will & Bequest
Life Insurance Policy

"There is no greater return than an investment in a child's education"

The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation was formed in 1986 to solicit and receive funds to support academic programs in the Rock Island-Milan School District. A board of directors, comprised of volunteer professional, business, and community leaders, governs the operations of the foundation.

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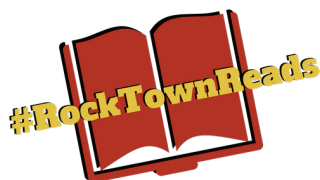


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Support Our Students, Teachers, & Schools through the RIMEF!



With the goal to “develop a love of reading,” the Foundation has teamed with the Rock Island-Milan School District, Rock Island Public Library, Spring Forward, the Martin Luther King Community Center, Rock Island Rotary, and the Bi-State Literacy Council

for the initiative *RockTown Reads!* Each partner has been working hard to support community-wide reading through activities, literary based programs, Little Lending Libraries, and more.

The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation is also working in association with the Moline Public Schools Foundation to promote reading for all students in our two districts. As part of our cooperative efforts, a “friendly” competition will take place at this year’s Rocky-Moline football game. Fans are encouraged to bring a new book or make a cash donation at the October 5 game to help support our reading initiatives. All funds will be turned into new books and all books will be distributed at the schools Little Lending Libraries and at area businesses hosting reading areas.

To learn more, visit: www.rocktownreads.com

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**Thank You for
“Chipping In”!**

Thanks to everyone who “chipped in” this year and made a donation to the Foundation through the John Deere Classic’s Birdies for Charity program! Whether it was an annual donation or an extra donation of generous support, we will receive a bonus match of 5% to 10% for every dollar you gave! The Foundation doubled its Birdies donations and we’ll be putting those funds to good use in assisting with technologies and classroom supplies! Want to “chip in” next year? Contact us for more info!