



RECORD-BREAKING YEAR FOR EITC DONATIONS

NexTier Bank and McCutcheon Enterprises join First Commonwealth and Elderton State Banks to fund STEM +A-Rts

The Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation received \$32,000 from our generous corporate partners in 2018. Using EITC funds, the Foundation provides these extraordinary learning experiences in STEM +A-Rts for Apollo-Ridge students:

A-Rts Enrichment

- Students in grades 2 and 4 attend the Pittsburgh Symphony's Schooltime Concerts.
- Thirty guitars were purchased to create a new class for freshmen in the humanities rotation and a new digital piano was purchased for the vocal music program.
- The Foundation sponsored a program on 9/11 presented by the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial to the students and the community.

STEM Enrichment

- All elementary students visited the Outdoor Discovery Center at Crooked Creek.
- Anatomy students observe open heart surgeries at Allegheny General Hospital to gain knowledge about medical careers.
- Students who score at least a 3 on AP exams are reimbursed for the test-taking expense.
- Fees are paid for students to participate in local Quiz Bowl, Rube Goldberg, and Math League competitions.
- A new course in electrical circuitry was funded for students in grade 8.

STEM +A-Rts Open House



Friends of the Foundation are being invited to an Open House in March to learn more about the impact their gifts have on Apollo-Ridge students. If you wish to be included, please contact Cris Kostiuik.
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WISHES GRANTED USING EITC FUNDS

In addition to upgrading the classroom's well-worn baby grand piano with a Yamaha Arius 88-key digital piano, Mrs. Paouncic requested 30 guitars to introduce Freshman in the Humanities Rotation to playing guitar. Here's what the students liked about this extraordinary learning experience ...

Learning how to read music & play notes—**Gavin Cole** Guitars are super duper fun ... I wish there was harder music though—**Sam Ryan** The new guitars influenced me to play my own at home—**Kenzie Delp** Getting the chance to experiment with instruments other than the ones in band—**Emma Frain** Learning guitar and being able to play a bit—**Brandon Booker** I'm learning so much—**Emma Sinnamond** Learning the strings and notes—**Merissa Nowikowski** Hearing the different sounds—**Aliyah Hillery** Learning the notes—**Jasmyn Downs** It's always interesting to try new things—**Colin McDermott** Guitar is the medicine of music which is so sweet—**Garrett Calderone** There might be people wanting to learn to play that couldn't at home & now they can at school—**Kyle Misner** It can help students look further into their music career if they are interested—**Marquee Stano** It can calm you down when you are mad—**Grace King** They look beautiful and they sound beautiful—**Amy Fedder** Guitar is mediocre and hard, but the process is a lot of fun—**Nick Clawson** It's something new and fun—**Landen Leasure** Gives students a chance to play music while not in chorus or band—**Jerzy T** It's fun & relieves stress—**Felicity Rocco** Don't practice 'til you get it right. Practice 'til you get it wrong—**Devon Viegas** It's fun & easy—**Colby Pozzuto** It's better than sitting & taking notes—**Kalab Bentz** It's something I'd like to continue—**Cole Rearick** It helps me make more sounds that would be literally impossible anywhere else—**Kaden Bopp**

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Thank you for your kind and gracious note. We are happy to partner with you on the excellent and important work you do. Please reach out for anything you need throughout the year.



Thank you and best regards,

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EXTRAORDINARY LEARNING EXPERIENCES ...

The Foundation proudly sponsored a field trip to AGH where students observed open heart surgery.

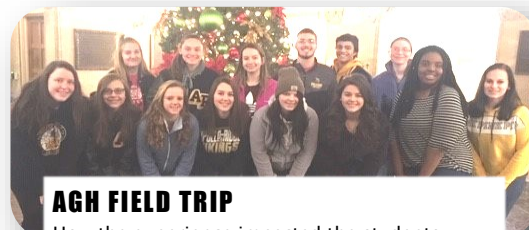
Last December, Ms. Blyshak's Anatomy class (Madison Cup, Amy Hodil, Camryn Shedlock, Maycen Anthony, Robbie Harkleroad, Haley Usko, Kacy Booker, Brianna Bicker, Emma Rametta, Chloe Shaf-for, Ashley King, Brandon Kimmel, Sam Ray, and Victoria Cotter) traveled to AGH hospital to watch open heart surgery from the dome and TV.

Students observed the stopping of the heart of a 71 year old female patient and witnessed how a perfusion machine reroutes the blood. They were then led through the double valve replacement starting with the mitral valve and proceeding to the aortic valve.

The tour guide Lindsey Zern Hollabaugh answered questions and told us about all of the people on the operating floor. We watched the cardiovascular surgeon, PA, surgical assistant, two nurses, anesthesiologist, nurse anesthetist, and perfusionist work together on the patient. The students watched the restarting of the heart, chest tube insertion and closure of the sternum and chest cavity.

Thank you ...

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AGH FIELD TRIP

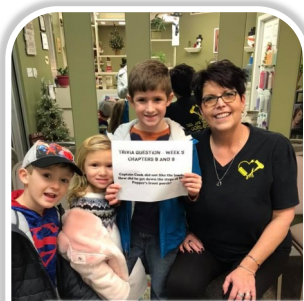
How the experience impacted the students ...

Robby Harkleroad: This was the coolest trip I have been on. It was amazing to see everything that goes into a surgery and gives you a new appreciation for medical science.

Brandon Kimmel: I thought it was a very eye-opening experience. If I had the chance to go see another kind of surgery I would. I highly recommend it.

Camryn Shedlock: I had the best time on this field trip and learned so much about not just the heart itself, but also all the different kinds of careers, procedures, and other things such as the equipment that all contribute to making the surgery happen. It was such a great experience to see everything and learn so much!

Madison Cup: As someone who is thinking about going into a career in the medical field, I thought the trip was very informative and gave amazing insight into what it is actually like inside of a functioning operating room.



Brenda Mains totally embraced the Elementary School's ONE BOOK, ONE SCHOOL initiative posting great pics like this one on Hairstyling Etc.'s Facebook page.

I just needed to drop you a huge thanks for arranging the opportunity for the class to observe the valve replacement yesterday. I'm a nurse and think this a great way to expose teens to this career and inspire young people to go into the healthcare field! Amy thought it was "cool". She was able to talk through everything she saw to me. She even talked about that field as a potential career. Again, I can't thank you enough for the wonderful ways you have both challenged and excited my daughter this year.

—Karen Starcher, Amy Hodil's Mom

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