



1st GRADERS BENEFIT FROM 2 INNOVATIVE PROJECTS GRANTS

FIRST GRADE FAMILY FUN FEST

Over half of the first grade class enjoyed spending a tech-free evening with family



The First Grade Team of Ellen Reilly, Janie Fryer, Jeneane Kehew, Christina Anderson, and Christina Cronin received a \$500 Innovative Projects grant to purchase board games for their classrooms and to host a Family Fun Fest.



The team recognizes the busy-ness in the lives of today's families and wanted to host an event that encouraged parent/child interaction and would build a positive parent/teacher/student relationship.



Classic board games like Trouble, Jenga, Sorry!, Pictionary, and Headbandz, that promote reading, math, social skills, and team building, were purchased for the event and have also been used during indoor recess this school year.



The team plans to make First Grade Family Fun Fest an annual event, so the games will be enjoyed time and again.



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Learning Experiences for Apollo-Ridge Students

November 9, 2019 6 PM

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FIRST GRADE FOODIES

Farm-fresh eggs enhance learning experience

Janie Fryer's first graders are learning to cook thanks to an Innovative Project grant she wrote that includes a 3 year subscription to Chop Chop magazine.

Janie's goal was to encourage students to try a variety of foods they might not normally be exposed to, such as foods from other countries, and to understand the roles math, science, and language arts play in food preparation.



This month's focus was on where food comes from, so Pheonix Dunmire brought in a dozen eggs gathered from the chickens she and her family raise. The eggs were used in the class's first recipe of cheesy scrambled eggs.

The students learned multiple skills like properly cracking an egg and the safe usage of appliances like electric skillets and toaster ovens.

The Chop Chop curriculum also includes a section on food safety and sanitization.

It looks like these students are on a pathway to adventure-some eating and a lifetime of making healthier food choices.



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Welcome New Annual Members!

Bill & Kristy McCorkle
Jessica Baustert

WISHES GRANTED!

EITC Funds Enable STEM +A-Rts Wishes to be Granted

These wishes were granted with funds from Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program.

Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation,
The students and I wanted
to send you a note to say Thank you
so much for the Sphero SPRK+
Power Pack Robots! We are very
excited to have the opportunity to
use our lessons from the class to
see how it works in the "real world."
Again, Thank you! Mrs. Guido
Elliot Weigand Dom Reiter

The Foundation granted Mrs. Guido's wish to upgrade the Sphero kits to SPRK+. Joel Prebish, Elliott Weigand, and Dom Reiter will demonstrate how these little balls of energy can be programmed to run mazes at the STEM +A-Rts Showcase on March 27 from 9a-11a.

And ... if you attended The Music Man, you saw the backdrop change seamlessly using the new system purchased for the Drama Club.



The cost for Apollo-Ridge high school students to compete in WEDIG's Quiz Bowl competition is paid for by Educational Improvement Tax Credit donations. The Foundation also used EITC dollars to purchase a new buzzer system when the old one failed last fall. At the last match of the season held at Penn State, New Kensington, Ben Seever (Varsity) and Gio Cicala (JV) were named MVP's.



FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK: 7 YEARS OF FUNDING STEM +A-Rts AT APOLLO-RIDGE

John Creps stopped by the February School Board meeting to present the Education Foundation with a \$7000 donation through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. The Education Foundation received \$32,000 from four donors through the EITC program in 2018.



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