

The Township of Union Education Foundation is pleased to announce the awarding of grants for the school year 2024-2025.

Alissa Popo and Suzanne Licks, teachers at Livingston School, will receive a grant for Livingston School Garden Microscope Observation. The project supports the new Livingston Elementary School Garden with supplies that benefit all school children (Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade) to deepen and enhance their understanding of the garden space.

Jessica Borman and Nikki Dowling, eighth grade teachers at Kawameeh Middle School, will integrate Oculus technology into the science and English classes to offer an immersive and transformative educational experience, enhancing the learning environment in ways traditional methods cannot.

Jha-Lon Motley, pre-K teacher at Hannah Caldwell, will integrate the materials requested to help students with personal character development. The students will use materials to help them successfully deal with emotions and their personal character traits

Lisa Raimo, 6-8 grade resource room English teacher at Kawameeh Middle School, will use her materials to enhance literary skills for Special Education students. The students will utilize thrilling fiction and non-fiction stories and engage in activities to strengthen literary skills and foster a life-long love of learning.

Mary Ellen Patricco, fourth grade teacher at Connecticut Farms Elementary School, has received funds for her grant entitled "Inspire Creativity with SuperSTEM." She will develop curriculum plans using SuperSTEM magazine to get children excited to learn as well as using a subscription to "Generation Genius" to bring social science and math standards to life with exciting videos.

Nikki Kelly, Danielle Stabler, Jessica Borman, Nicole Osborne, Deana Buchanan, Peter Leone, Lisa Raimo, Kathryn Stern, Adriana Palmucci, Shaunte Veloz, and Lisa Krauze, all eighth grade teachers at Kawameeh Middle School, have received funding for their grant entitled "Enhancing Climate Change Education Through Literature: A Cross-Curricular Approach." These teachers will develop a curriculum for all subjects utilizing a non-fiction source to engage students in critical thinking and discussion.

Maria Sibilis, fourth grade teacher at Livingston Elementary School, has received funding to continue the successful TREPS Future Entrepreneur program which teaches students how to start their own business. They will meet weekly to encourage "out of the box" thinking and brainstorming for future success.

Cara Moore, fourth grade teacher at Livingston School, has received a grant to provide materials for "Back to the Basics: Bringing Chapter Books back into the classroom." Her students will have their own copies of five different chapter books which they will study throughout the year. The goal will be to improve vocabulary and language skills as well as foster a love of reading in children, as they discover the joy in getting lost in a good book and the sense of accomplishment that comes with finishing a longer story.

These teachers will be honored at a reception on May 8, 2024 at the Knight of Columbus, 1034 Jeanette Ave., and all members of the community are invited to attend. Donation is \$35.00. For further information, please call 908-851-9869.