

Venture Grants
Penn Manor Education Foundation
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08-01 *Consumer Math Practice*

Penn Manor High School – Special Education

Three consumer math programs will be purchased that address daily living skills to be used with special needs students. These programs present real life scenarios, questions, and problems that students can practice in the classroom.

08-02 *Agricultural Hands-On Labs*

Penn Manor High School - Agriculture

Hands-on labs in the agriculture science classrooms will demonstrate key concepts and reinforce science PSSA skills.

08-03 *Visualize Atoms*

Penn Manor High School - Chemistry

Videos that help students understand the way atoms interact with each other will be purchased to help explain concepts currently taught in the Chemistry class.

08-05 *Using Whisper Phones for Fluency*

Eshleman Elementary School – 1st grade

Whisper phones allow students to practice reading familiar books and hear themselves as they read to improve fluency.

08-06 *French Curriculum Audio CD Sets*

Penn Manor High School – French

Activities in the current textbook are tied to an audio CD series, which features native speakers. Students will have a chance to improve their speaking ability.

08-07 *Step Aerobics*

Central Manor Elementary School

Fitness steps used in Step Aerobics will be purchased for use by students and staff.

08-08 *Handy Homework Helper*

Eshleman Elementary School – Kindergarten

This program will allow students to take home a tote bag filled with guided reading materials and assignments for students to connect the classroom curriculum to an at home literature-based activity. Parents will be involved by receiving a schedule of activities to do with their child.

08-09 *Whisper Phones*

Conestoga Elementary – 4th grade

Whisper phones allow students to practice reading familiar books and hear themselves as they read to improve fluency.

08-10 Science Day at the Franklin Institute.

Martic Elementary – 3rd grade

Students will visit the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia to connect their curriculum with resources outside the classroom. Some breakout sessions include Kid Science, Space Command, and Space Academy.

08-11 Tell the Story

Penn Manor High School – Video Production Class

This grant will provide needed lighting equipment for the video production class that produces the daily morning announcements. The goal is to develop effective video presentations both at the high school and around the district.

08-12 Hands on Connections to the STEE Standards

Hambright Elementary – 2nd grade

Students will better understand the Science Technology Environment and Ecology standards by using realistic Folkmanis puppets that allow students to explore their habitats and learn about endangered species.

08-13 Open Minds, Open Doors

Conestoga and Letort Elementary – Kindergarten and First Grade

Resources will be purchased that will contain activities that include indicators of high ability in primary students. Students exhibiting high achieving characteristics will be able to use the materials to maximize their potential.

08-14 Classroom Therapy

Manor Middle School

A classroom therapy dog will be used to develop compassion and responsibility. The therapy dog will be used primarily in the part time learning support classroom to assist children with physical disabilities as well as speech, emotional and social delays. The dog will also assist the school counselor.

08-15 Incorporating Precise pH Measurements in Chemistry Labs

Penn Manor High School – Science

Purchase accurate pH meters for use in all Chemistry classes.

08-16 Scientific Calculators

Penn Manor High School Science

All students taking Chemistry will have the use of TI-30 calculators. This will improve their ability to solve problems and be prepared for the science PSSA test.

Total funds awarded for Venture Grants - \$13,250.52