



Perkiomen Valley School District Foundation March Mini-Grants Awarded

(Collegeville, PA, April 8, 2022) Perkiomen Valley School District Foundation (PVSD Foundation) has awarded three mini-grants totaling \$1,360 to enhance and enrich the learning environments at three schools in the Perkiomen Valley School District (PVSD).

The Foundation Board approved the grants at its March 29th meeting. PVSD staff and employees can submit mini-grants throughout the year for consideration. The grants allow innovative projects and programs to happen in PVSD when traditional funds are not available.

PVSD Foundation is thrilled to announce the grant recipients of the March Mini-Grant Round:

- Kindness Rock Garden at Schwenksville Elementary
- Outdoor Equipment at Middle School West
- Mega Interactive Chess Set at PV High School

The Kindness Rock Garden aims to increase positivity and encourage kindness within Schwenksville Elementary and the surrounding community. In parallel with kindness lessons, students will paint rocks with kind and inspirational messages and put them in the garden. If a student is not having a great day, they will be able to visit the garden and take a rock that inspires them or grab one for a friend who needs an uplifting message. The Kindness Rock Garden will help instill an intrinsic motivation for being kind since students might not witness the effects of their kindness.

Outdoor Recess Equipment will provide students at Middle School West (MSW) with the opportunity to be active and make friends during the school day. MSW has added basketball nets, four square lines, and more for student play, but unfortunately, most loose equipment has worn down or broken from use. Students need a physical break during the day to recharge their batteries, have social-emotional learning opportunities, and the many benefits of fresh air. Providing equipment such as basketballs, jump ropes, and footballs allows students to continue to have a fun lunchtime where they can be kids.

The Mega Interactive Chess Set is a giant-sized chess set that can engage audiences from a distance. The goal of the mega interactive chess set is to expand the work of the PVHS Chess Team and encourage chess participation within the district. The chess team will feature the mega interactive chess set at district events to promote participation. Many studies have shown that students who play chess increase their academic ability to think spatially, critically, and creatively and increase their problem-solving ability.

Any company or individual interested in supporting innovative ideas within the Perkiomen Valley School District can donate through our website and receive a tax-deductible receipt; please visit www.PVSDFoundation.org. For businesses and individuals looking to sponsor an upcoming event, please contact FoundationED@pvsd.org.

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About the Perkiomen Valley School District Foundation (PVSDF):

The Perkiomen Valley School District Foundation is an independent 501(C)(3) non-profit organization that encourages excellence by enhancing and enriching the educational opportunities offered to the Perkiomen Valley School District students. Our mission is to provide funding for programs that would not otherwise be available through tax dollars or other traditional sources. For more information about PVSDF, visit our website: www.PVSDFoundation.org.