

## Medfield High School PTO, Inc. GRANTS in 2011-12

### Football Tackle Training Machine (Erik Ormberg)

This grant funded the purchase of a Tackle Machine that will help limit the potential for head-to-head collisions while teaching proper tackling technique. We're happy to know this equipment will also benefit Blake Middle School football players.



### Funding to further develop the Ballroom Dance Program (Karen Renaud)



This grant provides funding to continue building the curriculum for the Ballroom Dance elective in 2012-13 by adding more dances and a higher skill level. This Wellness elective was introduced in 2011-12 and has inspired the formation of a Ballroom Dance Club and generated enough interest to most likely run two courses in 2012-13.

### MacBook Pros & Creative Software for Visual Arts\*\* (Meghan Drew & Kate Jones)

This grant funded the acquisition of two 15" MacBook Pros and related creative software (Adobe CS5.5 Standard, MS Office) to support the increased interest in the field of digital media among our high school students.

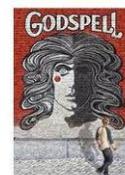


### Jazz Band Assistance for the Mingus Festival (Doug Olsen)

This grant provided financial assistance for the Jazz Band's trip to the Mingus Festival in New York. Specifically, the funding went toward teacher chaperones and students with financial need.

### New York Theatre Workshop (Mary Ann Hatem)

This grant provided admission funds for the MHS Theatre Society to attend a theatrical workshop in New York. This is a unique opportunity to participate in a Broadway workshop for the professional production of Godspell which features a graduate from the MHS Class of 2000.



### Enhancements for SAT Prep Course (Bethan Sancher)



This grant provided funding for 2011-12 students of this MHS elective to learn skills to manage test-day anxiety which can play a big role in test scores. The high school is considering ways for this instruction to become an ongoing part of the curriculum. This grant also funded the purchase of DVD's that students can check-out for extra test practice, plus a vocabulary DVD for download onto MP3 or iPod so students can listen to definitions.

### **Nine Kindle E-Book Readers for the Library (Joanne Schmidt)**

This grant funded the purchase of nine Kindle E-Book Readers, 9 Kindle Power Adaptors, and 11 Kindle Cases. The Library is adding these to the existing three Kindles and plans to use them to support pleasure reading and start a school-wide book club. Each Kindle book purchase can be loaded onto six devices.



### **Safety Gear for Wellness Elective simulation exercises\*\* (Karen Renaud)**



This grant funds the cost of twelve sets of student protective gear for use in the Personal Safety course. Gear includes chest and spine protectors, helmets, gloves, plus elbow and kneepads. The equipment is worn by students when simulating real life situations with volunteer safety professionals.

### **Fitness Center Sound System (Maria Hutsik)**

This grant provided funds to replace the broken stereo system in the MHS Fitness Center. The new music system is available for use in the Fitness Center by sports teams, wellness classes, and sports rehabilitation.



### **English Teacher Conference (Bethan Sancher)**

This grant provided funding for four English teacher to attend the National Association of Teachers of English Annual Conference on “Teaching the Next Generation”. Conferences like this are important in staying current with best practices in teaching literature.



### **Rachel's Challenge Assemblies\*\* (Jeff Sperling)**

This grant provided an inspirational and motivating assembly that delivered a message of kindness and compassion to the entire student body. The program included two in-school and one community assembly.

### **Magazine Subscription for Journalism (Anne Malchodi)**

This grant provided for a subscription to “Upfront” news magazine for our Journalism classes and club, and is also subsequently shared with history and english classrooms. By covering national and global news, the magazine engages students in the relevant stories of the day.

### **Webcam for Theatre Society**

This grant funded the purchase of a Logitech Webcam Pro C910 which is part of a system where people preparing offstage will be able to see what is happening live onstage.

**DI Global Team** This funding provided assistance toward financial need to participate in the global competition in Tennessee.

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