## RAMSEY PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION Year In Review 2021-22

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## 2021-22 21st CENTURY EDUCATOR GRANTS AWARDED

\$77,046



## TISDALE



#### **Evaluating Success**

Students are loving the additions to our outdoor classroom/imaginary play space. As a result of the grant, students are using the outdoor chalkboards and benches as an area to use their imaginations, be curious, creative and collaborative as they use the space throughout the day and during recess. Allowing students to "pretend" play, come up with scenarios, problem solve, share space and materials and be able to be curious and inquire without specific guidelines is allowing them the freedom to be self-directed and come up with new ideas for play with peers.

[T]he area has become quite popular after hours as shared by families which is a wonderful way to give back to the community as well. It has been wonderful to see the students not interested in organized sports at recess engage in imaginary play.

#### #RPEFGrantsInAction

#### **TISDALE SCHOOL GRANTS '21-22**

### LEARNING THROUGH BODY AND MIND: SUPPORTING PLAY: ZONE 2 (& 5)

Granted to: Mrs. Gina Aliano

Impact: PK-3 Students

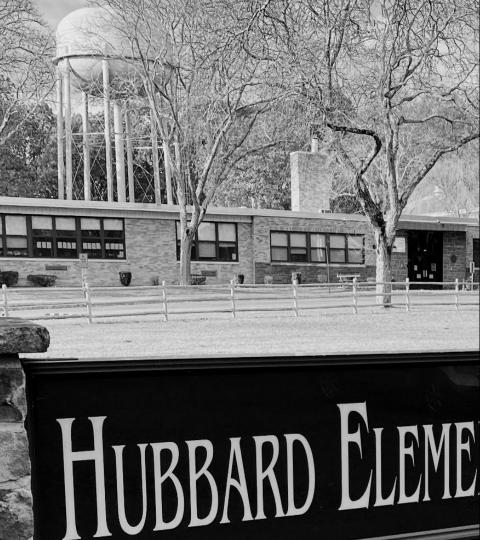
Supported Zone 2 of Tisdale's effort to increase student opportunities for exploratory play through a natural playground and learning spaces allowing them to problem-solve, engage in imaginative play, and strengthen their communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking skills.

Zone 2: Classroom additions included:

- Stump seats/ benches
- Chalkboard panel
- Stage
- Workshop tables

Play is such an integral part of our PK-3 experience and through the grant funding we've been able to continue to expand the opportunities students have on our playground. Without the funding these projects would take 5-10 years to complete through fundraising. Instead, your support has allowed us to include additions for students yearly so that everyone is able to enjoy the space and equipment during their time at Tisdale.

THANK YOU!



## **HUBBARD**



The construction zone had an unofficial opening today! Thanks @mrs\_crispino 's class for showing how your imagination can take you anywhere!!! #LetChildrenPlay @RPEFNJ @hubbard\_pto



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#### **HUBBARD SCHOOL GRANTS '21-22**

LET CHILDREN PLAY NATURAL PLAYGROUND: Phase 3
Granted to: Mrs. Kathy Pina

Impact: PK-3 Students

Phase 3 of this multi-year project supports conversion the grassy front circle of Hubbard School into a natural playground. The addition of the Flow Kit allows students to explore movement, gravity, and the scientific process through play.

THERAPEUTIC ANIMALS

Granted to: Ms. Tonia Ramirez

**Impact: Preschool Disability Class** 

Provides students ages 3-5 with opportunities to engage in animal therapy through live animal demonstrations, visits, and field trips involving a variety of animals. These interactions allow students to improve cognitive skills, language skills, and motor skills. Additional benefits support release of tension, improved focus, reinforcement social skills, and boost self-esteem.



## **DATER**

#### **Evaluating Success**

The goal of Dater Dateline is to give students the opportunity to participate in the planning and implementing of a television show. They take on all of the responsibilities of the show with the advisors serving as "coaches" who guide the students through the production process.

Success was be measured by having 1 fifth grade homeroom run morning announcements for 1 month and through the completion of 1 Dater Dateline episode for every 5th grade homeroom. This year, Students in each 5th grade homeroom were able to participate in morning announcements, and as a part of morning announcements, they were able to incorporate various episodes of Dater Dateline, like Pet Parade, Kid Stars Fact or Fiction, and Kid Poll. Success will be measured through the number of students who participate in Dater Dateline and Morning Announcements, and how they are able to use many of our districts 21 Century goals, like:

Critical thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, Information literacy, Media literacy, Technology literacy, Flexibility, Leadership, Initiative, Productivity and Social skills

Dater Dateline also enhances Ramsey's profile of a graduate, as students have to be self directed, reflect at the end of each day of filming, have responsibility, adapt to unknown events, communicate effectively, employ critical thinking and stem concepts, collaborate and have a total academic mindset.

Success was also be measured through students using the skills they learned in Dater Dateline outside of their classes production. These skills will be needed to film the school play, all of the school concerts, school assemblies (when allowed by those running them), and school spirit day assemblies.

You are invited to watch the entire Dater Dateline website which includes episodes from past years including the 1980s.

https://sites.google.com/ramsey.k12.nj.us/dater-dateline/home

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#### **DATER SCHOOL GRANTS '21-22**



DATER DATELINE

Granted to: Dr. Molly Dinning

Impact: Grades 4-5

Provides students with the opportunity to plan, produce, and/ or view Dater's own television show: *Dater Dateline*. Students learning goals include: self-direction, reflection, responsibility, adaptation, communication, critical thinking, STEM, collaboration, academic mindset.

Thank you for impacting so many students in Dater School. Dater Dateline would not be possible without the support of the Ramsey Public Education Foundation



#### **Evaluating Success**

The Dater School Musical has a large positive impact on students who choose to participate. This year approximately 40% of Dater School students participated in the musical in some capacity. This included performing, advertising, scenery, and production. The Dater School Musical prepares students for 21st Century and future readiness by allowing them a real world scenario to use skills such as collaboration, communication, critical thinking, cooperation, planning ahead, teamwork, working towards a common goal, responsibility, taking and following directions, and patience all within the context of a large group performance setting. The success criteria used to determine this is a little abstract. The indicators include: applause level, standing ovations, positive parental feedback, happy children, and improvement in student skills bother performing and those listed above.

#### #RPEFGrantsInAction

#### **DATER SCHOOL GRANTS '21-22**

DATER MUSICAL

Granted to: Dr. Molly Dinning Impact: Grades 4-5 Students

Provides students interested students the opportunity to perform in an organized theatrical activity including singing, dancing, acting, set design, etc.. Students who do not participate in the musical learn how to support their peers in the arts and as an engaged audience member.

We rely on the RPEF to fund the salaries for the adult directors each year. Dater School provides monetary support for th sound and lighting system each year. We do not make a profit on ticket sales. All proceeds cover the cost of the next year's musical rights, and scenery and costuming.



## **SMITH**



Students are placed in situations that is very similar to real life rehearsal and performance conditions. The importance of preparedness is stressed throughout the process. The students are not only responsible to be prepared for themselves, but they also need to be ready for the other members of the show. It is a true ensemble experience.

#### **SMITH SCHOOL GRANTS '21-22**

THE SMITH MUSICAL

Granted to: Mr. Andrew Herre

Impact: approx. 100 students

Provides students an opportunity to state a musical production from audition to performance. Student learn about the technical aspects of drama, music, choreography, and the values of commitment, perseverance, and teamwork.

The funds that the RPEF provides allow us to put together a team of teachers to facilitate a positive and effective student experience.



#### **SMITH SCHOOL GRANTS '21-22**

#### **CHARACTER EDUCATION CLUBS**

Granted to: Mr. Andrew Herre Impact: approx. 400 students

Club advisors provide students the opportunity to participate in approximately 10 extracurricular clubs and activities intended to promote their interests and positive social relationships.

#### **EVALUATING SUCCESS OF THE 21-22 CLUBS**

<u>Smith Scoop</u> - Smith Scoop is a way for students to creatively express themselves through the mediums of art, writing, photography, or anything else they can dream of. It is displayed through a website that is published twice a year.

Code Club - The Code Club was a great success. We averaged 20-30 attendees at each club meeting over twenty one-hour meetings. Students were highly engaged in coding and digital tools such as Scratch, Minecraft Education Edition, Raspberry Pi, Micro:bit, Spheros and Oculus/Meta Quest 2 devices. Several students also participated in the Smith School STEM Showcase on March 24th.

#### **SMITH SCHOOL GRANTS '21-22**

#### GIZMOS & GADGETS / ADVANCED GIZMOS & GADGETS Granted to: Mr. Dale Poage & Mr. Jeremy Truppi Impact: approx. 30 students

Provides students an extracurricular opportunity to work explore their innate curiosity, creativity, and promote active learning via STEM-based activities that allow students to design and build a variety of projects.





# RAMSEY HIGH SCHOOL

#### **Evaluating Success**

Hav[ing] a speaker and programming at the start of the year ... allows us to set the tone for our learning community and helps us to establish norms. The RPEF's support of these efforts is very helpful.

Hav[ing] the keynote speaker deliver a Keynote speech to start the year provided a touchstone to reference in follow-up conversations.

#### **RAMSEY HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS '21-22**

**Freshman Transition Program** 

Granted to: Dr. Michael Thumm, Dr. Ryan Esdale, Ms.

Waldeck, Mr. Wynne

**Impact: Incoming Freshmen** 

Provides for a speaker fee (Dr. Michael Fowlin) to provide a positive message to incoming freshman focused on how to be true to themselves and how to treat others.

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#### BOROUGH & SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPERIENCES

MAYOR FOR THE DAY POLICE CHIEF FOR THE DAY FIRE CHIEF FOR THE DAY DR. MURPHY'S PARKING SPOT INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT

#### HUBBARD SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

- HUBBARD BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT '22 PARKING SPACE . EXHIBIT NIGHT PARKING SPACE
- · GR.3 SPRING SHOW: 4 FRONT ROW SEATS+ PARKING . GR.1 82 SPRING SING: 4 FRONT ROW SEATS + PARKING
- . CR K SPRING SHOW- 4 FRONT ROW SEATS + PARKING HUBBARD PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

followed by a fun craft with these cutie pies for our

- . MUSTC TEACHER FOR THE DAY DE TEACHED FOR THE DAY
- Lunch was awesome today!!!! Pizza and cookie cake Consequence of the control of the co RS, PINA & ALIANO: PICNIC W/PRINCIPALS
  - ARS PINA- CRAVITY VALUE BOCK CLIMBING MRS. COLEMAN: AFTER SCHOOL CHAT, CRAFT, & SNACK
  - MRS FINNEGAN-LUNCH MISS EARDELL-TOE CREAM
  - MRS, LAKIND: LIBRARY FUN AT LUNCHTIME MISS MEGNA: LUNCH & CRAFT

- MS. MORAN: PIZZA LUNCH
- MRS. MURPHY: PIZZA LUNCH . 1\_RTVONA · TEACHER FOR THE DAY . 1\_CHANATSKT: TEACHER FOR THE DAY
- . 1-GOLDBERG: TEACHER FOR THE DAY . 1\_PANDISE- TEACHER FOR THE DAY
- . 1-ROYLE: TEACHER FOR THE DAY
- . 2-CRISPINO: TEACHER FOR THE DAY . 2\_ITNDEN-TEACHER FOR THE DAY
- . 2\_SANDRERG- TEACHER FOR THE DAY . 2-WEISS: TEACHER FOR THE DAY
- . 3\_FRANK-LUNCH WITH TEACHER . 3\_HIICHES-LIINCH WITH TEACHED
- . 3-TULA: LUNCH WITH TEACHER
- . 3\_SPACCAVENTO LUNCH WITH TEACHER . MRS BETD- PTCK CLASS THEME FOR THE DAY . MRS. ZUCCALA: PICK CLASS THEME FOR THE DAY

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Kirsten Finnegan

Our teacher for a day did a great job at leading our class today! @RPEFNJ @Hubbard School

Our STAR book Peter's Chair comes alive when we build parts of the story with our blocks! Thank you @RPEFN for supporting my blocks grant all of those years ago~ we are still building and learning because of

youl@Hubbard\_School Miss Sadie did an awesome job taking over as Teacher











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