

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

Newsletter donation request campaign – starting right now!

- 12.12.16** Call for proposal of grant request applications
- 1.27.17** Annual Team Trivia Night at the VMS cafeteria starting at 6:30 pm
- 3.13.17** Grant application submissions due at 4:00 pm
- 4.29.17** Mother and Son Fun Night at VHS from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Check our website vestalschoolfoundation.org for more information regarding all events!



TIME FLIES: MOTHER AND SON FUN NIGHT 2016

Vestal School Foundation's Annual

teamtrivia NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH 2017

Form a team and come play with us!

2016 TEAM TRIVIA WINNERS!



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Be part of a community effort to benefit our students!

Seventeen Grants Totaling \$20,000 Awarded in 2016

During its twenty-two year history, Vestal School Foundation has awarded 391 grants, totaling over \$397,000, to Vestal teachers, staff, students and town residents for projects designed to benefit Vestal students.



2016 Grant Recipients • Front Row: Mary Claire Marasco, Kristen Spinner, Donna Boisvert, Christine Livingstone, Melissa Restuccia
Middle Row: Lisa Schriver, Dodie Ainslie, Tracy Suggs, Cathy Jeremko, Debra Orloff, Tierney Quinn, Jane Hashey, Kelly Waterman, Catherine Willis, Therese Mastro **Back Row:** Doreen McSain, Tonya Jones, Callan Robinson, Greg Harris, Austin Kiley

Screening of Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age

Dodie Ainslie (VCSD)
District will present a recently released documentary, open to parents and students, about how media addiction can affect the lives of teenagers.

Sensory Break Room

Kristen Spinner, Mary Clare Marasco, Donna Boisvert (ARE)
Large Marvelous Marble Panel, containing over 2,000 marbles and diffuse lighting, will be installed and available for all students to help with regaining focus and calming down.

Digital Microscopes in the Classroom

Tonya Jones, Katie DiRenzo (ARE)
Digital microscopes and cables for students in K-5, enabling group observations and creation of digital presentations of what is observed under the microscope.

Ukuleles in the Music Classroom

Callan Robinson (CAE)
Purchase 30 ukuleles for use in 4th and 5th grade general music class, to foster music skills and introduce a fun trending string instrument.

It's Fundamental – Playground Items

Doreen McSain, Stephanie Mitsakos (GLE)
Innovative equipment to promote physical play at recess and encourage large motor and social skills and imagination for K-5.

Stand Up For Learning!

Doreen McSain & Lisa Schriver (GLE)
Kits to convert standard desk to a standing desk intended to improve attention span for students in need.

Kindergarten Brain & Body Workout Part 2

Jane Hashey, Jennifer Broder, Kelly Waterman (THE)
Addition of construction blocks to enhance kindergarten gross motor skills, core strength and social interactions during outdoor Center time.

Makerspace:

Preparation for the 21st Century
Catherine Willis, Michelle Allen, Therese Mastro, Megan Middendorf, Susan Wendell (VHE)

Purchase of classic items such as Snap Circuits and Magnetiles to enhance problem solving of STEM challenges and stimulate student creative minds.

Fitness Center

Mathew Wood, Dennis Cluck, Jodi Yesensky, Bobbi Jo Talon (VMS)

Purchase of initial strength training equipment to be introduced at the middle school level for a goal of learning proper equipment use and improving fitness.

STEM Enrichment Activities

Deb Orloff, Tierney Quinn, Cathy Jeremko (VMS)
Purchase materials to promote STEM activities such as robotics and programming on club days and after-school enrichment.

Celebrating the "International" in IB

Sally Lowenstein (VHS)
Purchase, to be installed in the social studies wing, a large world map and six clocks set to different time zones to initiate global interest in geography and world events.

Firing Up Glass Furnaces for S.T.E.A.M.

Melissa Restuccia, Charlie Arbuiso (VHS)
Keystone College will bring a mobile glass blowing furnace and students will learn how science, technology, engineering, art and math come together in creating glass-blown pieces. Student opportunities include both hands-on and observing.

It's a Gas! Vernier Gas Sensors

Tracy Suggs, Stephanie Lewis, Jim Markstein, Dave Porigow (VHS)

Purchase of Vernier gas sensor probes, which will expose students to new data collecting technology and expands the Vernier equipment available for students to include pressure sensors for gas collections and measurements.

Percussion Rejuvenation Project

Greg Harris (VHS/VMS)
Purchase of percussion instruments to meet the increased student interest and allow more students the opportunity to learn how to play and take part in a musical environment.

Rotational Motion Physics

Peter Klimas (VHS)
Purchase of Rotational Inertia Demonstrators for the physics lab so students can collect data and visualize concepts such as rotational motion, torque, moment of inertia, angular acceleration and rotational kinetic energy, giving them an enhanced physics learning opportunity.

Science Olympiad

Christine Livingstone (VHS)
Purchase supplies needed by the team to build competition projects and to prepare for invitational and regional competitions. Vestal's team continues to medal at the state level.

Vestal Voices Robes and Folders

Austin Kiley (VHS)
Purchase official concert folders to hold performance sheet music and new hanger/garment storage bags for storage and transportation of robes.

Chemistry Magic Show*

VHS students have the opportunity to share their passion and knowledge of chemistry with all Vestal 4th grade students in a fun and enlightening atmosphere. *This program is funded yearly by VSF decree.

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Thank you to our retiring board members!

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Dear friend of Vestal Schools:
Have you heard about the Vestal School Foundation?

The Vestal School Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer organization founded in 1994 by Vestal residents. Our mission is to enrich and enhance education in the Vestal Central School District by providing private funding and stimulating community support for challenging and innovative programs that fall outside of the Vestal Central School District's budgetary parameters. The Foundation is available to serve all seven Vestal schools plus the Vestal UPK program students.

Last year, the Vestal School Foundation was able to provide nearly \$20,000 in 17 grant requests and funding awards. We hope you will take the time to review the list of 2016 grant recipients and note the initiatives that take place in Vestal Schools. Do you have an idea that would provide further learning opportunities for Vestal Students? Applications for 2017 grant submissions are available currently on our website www.vestalschoolfoundation.org and will also be available in all schools by January 3, 2017. They must be submitted for review no later than March 13, 2017. Instructions and guidelines are enclosed with the application.

How do we fund these grants? With your help! This newsletter is the start of our fundraising campaign asking for your donation. There are also fun fundraising events such as Trivia Night in January and last year the Foundation held the first ever Mother and Son Fun Night, which was such a hit that it is on the calendar for 2017! Plus it's easy to make a donation electronically!

The Vestal School Foundation is able to exist because of generous contributions from donors such as you. In the past twenty-two years, we have given out 391 grants and awards totaling approximately \$397,000! Please help us continue to make a difference for Vestal students by being able to be able to provide funding for special programs, equipment, and curriculum innovations. You never know when a learning passion or interest could be sparked for a student! They are the future!

Please check out our website, Facebook page and follow us on social media sites for pictures and updates about our organization.

Thank you for your continued support of the Vestal school Foundation. We couldn't do it without you!

Respectfully Yours,

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2016 Grant Highlight: Firing Up Glass Furnaces for S.T.E.A.M.

An interview with Vestal High School student Hayley Krush

Question: Had you ever seen glass blowing before?

Hayley: I have seen it once at the Corning Museum of Glass and thought it was really cool.

Q: Did you know that science is a part of creating art glass pieces?

H: No, I thought it was only about shaping glass and didn't really think that science played such a big role in shaping glass pieces.

Q: Did you enjoy the experience?

H: Yes! The glass truck was interesting, and I'm glad it came to our school.



Please visit our Facebook page for additional photos of this event and other VSF funded projects!

Ways to Help!

- Send in a donation today by mail or online: www.vestalschoolfoundation.org/donate
- Sponsor a team for Trivia Night!
- Donate a raffle item for Trivia Night.
- Attend fundraising events.
- Ask if your employer matches donation contributions to double your generosity.
- Do you know a Vestal student, teacher, alumni? Give a gift to the Vestal School Foundation in their honor.
- Share this newsletter and extra donation card with a friend, alumni, or colleague.
- Consider an online alumni donation challenge!
- Volunteer at Vestal School Foundation fundraising events.
- Consider becoming a board member for the Vestal School Foundation.

Would your business or organization like to be a contributor in 2017?

Please contact us via vestalschoolfoundation.org

Please check one or more and mail this form to:
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- Enclosed is my donation of \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 other \$ _____
Make check payable to "Vestal School Foundation"
 - I would like to sponsor a team (\$350 per team, up to 10 players per team) at Team Trivia Night on January 27, 2017 (An application will be mailed to you)
 - I will contribute a raffle item for Team Trivia Night (You will be contacted)
 - I would like to volunteer with the Vestal School Foundation
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