# **Thank you!**

TEFFLA has awarded more than \$350,000 in grants since 2011 impacting more than 45,000 students, educators and community members.

### Stay tuned

for upcoming events!

#### Spring 2024

**15th Anniversary Celebration** Join us for an evening of fun and excitement as we celebrate 15 years of dedication. TEFFLA will recognize and honor significant donors, sponsors and founding members. Enjoy great food and beverages with grant highlights from the last 15 years! Details to come!



## CELEBRATE WITH TEFFLA!

You can celebrate TEFFLA's 15th year anniversary, with a pledge of \$15 per month for 2024. Make an impact with \$180 total for 12 months! Go to teffla.org to donate!

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# 2024 TEFFLA GRANTS AWARDED!

# CARRYING OUT OUR MISSION! TEFFLA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES.

In October, the TEFFLA Board of Directors finalized the grants awarded for 2023-24. TEFFLA received 18 grant applications this year for a total request of more than \$74,000. TEFFLA funded 13 applications with the generous support of our donors and the success of our annual Growing TEFFLA at Waldoch Farm fundraiser. TEFFLA is excited to see the results of the variety of innovative requests we had this year. Below are some the application highlights:

#### • LEGO Spike to Spark LILA Third Grade Inquiry

Third grade students and teachers at Lakes International Language Academy (LILA) requested funding to supply two LEGO Education Spike Essential Boxes to each of 6 third grade classrooms. The Project will foster an enjoyment of learning, interest in STEAM, and connections between students, their teachers, and school.

#### • Middle School WIN Clubs

With a change in the bell schedule at Forest Lake Area Middle School, there is the ability to host a weekly "W.I.N Time" (What I Need) for students. These clubs could range in a variety of topics from STEM Club to Flag Football club to Board Game Club.

#### Middle School Courage Retreat

Courage Retreats are designed to empower students to follow their heart instead of the crowd. Students learn and commit to taking healthy/positive risks that contribute to creating a safe and healthy environment in their school and community.

#### • Wyoming Elementary Inclusive Playground

With a TEFFLA grant, Wyoming Elementary School and PTA continue to raise money to purchase playground equipment that will support the needs of all students.

• Knowledge Bowl

The Knowledge Bowl Club is a new club to Forest Lake High School. Students in Knowledge Bowl complete in an academic competition against other schools in the surrounding area. The Knowledge Bowl Club will be able to purchase a buzzer system to practice for the official competitions.

Ranger Space Camp

Selected students from Forest Lake Area Schools, North Lakes Academy, St. Peter's School, and Lakes International Language Academy will participate in monthly Science Saturdays to learn about space, participate in science lessons and work on growing together as a team.

#### Asian American and Pacific Islander Cultural Appreciation Night

The Hmong and Asian Culture Club (HACC) of Forest Lake Area Schools wishes to put on a cultural appreciation night at the High School in the month of May to coincide with Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) month.

For more stories, and to view how your contributions support grants, visit teffla.org.

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# **TEFFLA'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT!** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 WALDOCH FARM, 8174 LAKE DRIVE, LINO LAKES

The Waldoch event this past September did not disappoint when we met on a beautiful September evening! It was a wonderful night with many long-time supporters as well as new friends of TEFFLA in attendance. Fund-a-Grant raised much needed funds to purchase handicapped accessible play equipment for the early childhood playground. We are grateful to the following Forest Lake restaurants who were on hand and provided delicious food for the event: Big Apple Bagel, Domino's Pizza, Forest Lake, Keys Cafe & Bakery-Forest Lake, Old Log Cabin and The Grillium.

The very talented Charlie O provided music and Jim Jorgenson was once again our amazing auctioneer. We are grateful to these two gentleman who believe in TEFFLA's cause and support TEFFLA with their awesome gifts and talents!

A huge thank you to Waldoch Farm and family for graciously providing a beautiful venue for our event and another huge thank you to all who turned out to support TEFFLA. Because of your generosity, many amazing TEFFLA grants are awarded this year! THANK YOU!

**TEFFLA THANKS OUR SPONSORS** AND COMMUNITIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AT TEFFLA'S ANNUAL FALL EVENT!











# **TEFFLA SPONSORED**

# 2023 Fund-A-Grant

## Students with disabilities need your support!

What will the funds be used for? Purchasing and installing inclusive playground equipment, specifically the Inclusive Orbit (image A) and adaptive swings (images B & C).



Who will use the inclusive playground equipment?

Students ages birth-5 years old with disabilities.

Where will the equipment be installed? At the Education Center in Forest Lake.

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WE'RE BUILDING A LEGACY WITH OUR DEDICATION AND YOUR SUPPORT!



This year's Fund-A-Grant is improvements for the FLAS Early Childhood Accessible Playground to make the grounds and equipment more accessible so that all students can learn through play, time outdoors, and physical movement. Thanks to Forest Lake Area Schools Community Education and the Forest Lake Area Schools Special **Education Advisory Council** (SEAC) for their application and presentation at our annual Growing TEFFLA event.

THANK YOU for your support in raising \$14,000 during the evening to award this grant to the FLAS Early Childhood Program!

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# **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

Make a difference in your community. Your support is needed for our continued success. Since 2011, TEFFLA has awarded over \$350,000 in grants and impacted more than 45,000 students, educators and community members.

The success of TEFFLA depends on donors like **YOU**.

**PLEASE** consider an important contribution to the success of awarding grants by TEFFLA. Continue your support today for end-of-year giving!

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**THANK YOU!** 

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# **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your support to TEFFLA, by giving a gift that impacts our communities of the Forest Lake area

## **DONATE TODAY:**

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