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## DPS FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM

### Innovation and Enrichment

A hydroponics lab that creates sustainable products. Maker Spaces used by 300 students to promote creativity and collaboration. Calming caddies to encourage self-regulation of elementary students. Equipment for welding students. Hot marimbas in the middle school (see picture).

These are just a few presentations given at the November DPS Foundation meeting from last year's grant recipients. The Foundation awarded \$28,000 towards projects and professional development that were "above and beyond what the district provides."



### Helping Teachers Help Students

Dickinson Public Schools annual grant program began in 1989. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$400,000 to teachers in the Dickinson Public School District. The Foundation's mission is to "provide private financial support to enrich the quality of education in the Dickinson Public Schools."

This year over \$30,000 is allocated for grant recipients. The DPS foundation will hear this year's grant presentations in January. More information about the grant program can be found at [www.dickinson.k12.nd.us/foundation/grantsprogram](http://www.dickinson.k12.nd.us/foundation/grantsprogram) or contact Karen Heidt at [kheidt@dpsnd.org](mailto:kheidt@dpsnd.org).

## NEW DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

The Dickinson Public Schools Foundation welcomes Marisa Armstrong as the new Director of Marketing. Marisa is a former DPS teacher and literacy coach, and remains dedicated to the public school system. Marisa has been a DPS Foundation board member for 6 years and is passionate about the work that the organization does. "I am excited to take on this new role for the Foundation. I have seen firsthand the unique opportunities and experiences the Foundation has provided for teachers and students. I am excited to work with the schools, teachers, parents, and community to share all of the amazing things the Foundation does."



Marisa continues to remain involved on other boards including Imagination Library of Stark County, Leadership Dickinson, American Petroleum Institute (API), and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3.

Contact Marisa Armstrong at [marmstrong@dpsnd.org](mailto:marmstrong@dpsnd.org).

## COMING SOON!

### Mystery Dinner Theater

We are excited to announce the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mystery Dinner Theater, *Funeral for a Gangster*. The dinner theater will be held February 8-10 at the Ramada. Enjoy a fun-filled night with friends, food, and comedy. Tickets will be sold in January. Check out the Foundation's website or Facebook page for more updates. Event and table sponsorships are available. Please contact Karen or Marisa.

All proceeds will go toward the 2018-19 annual grant program.