



The WEST IRONDEQUOIT FOUNDATION (WIF) is a not-for-profit organization established in 1987 to receive gifts, bequests and donations in order to provide funding to enhance the educational programs of the West Irondequoit Central School District.

It raises funds to underwrite teacher-initiated grants for projects, equipment and programs that cannot be supported by the district's annual operating budget.

The foundation conducts an annual campaign each fall and sponsors additional fundraising events. Since 1990, the foundation has granted more than \$1,000,000 to WICSD.

The West Irondequoit Foundation announced four grants it funded for the 2021-22 school year. The grants are:

**Games for Decodable Texts to Support the Science of Reading:** Decodable texts for K-6 students will help them practice phonics and phonemic awareness skills and help foster a love for reading. Games will be available via a shared space/library at each building. Grant authors: Liz Lawson, Lori May, Katie Plukas

**IHS Fitness Center Upgrades:** This renovation/redesign transformed the existing space and provided a more open, modern area to promote lifetime health and wellness for our students, athletic teams, and community. The redesigned space creates separate areas for more supervised, functional training and machine-based circuits, allowing activities to happen simultaneously. Physical Education classes and Community Education have increased opportunities to provide a greater variety of choices. Grant author: Kimberly Schon, WICSD Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics



**Diverse Toys for Kindergarten:** From dolls to food items, these toys will be representative of the diverse people in our community. They will help students build social skills in a supportive environment where they can ask questions and explore different perspectives and cultures. Grant authors: Julie Pfenninger, Sara Trost, Meaghan Yeatts

**World Music Drumming:** Teachers and students sit in circles with each student making music using Guiro, Cabasa, Shekere, Kokoriko, and a variety of other percussion instruments. These lessons



support our district initiatives for social-emotional learning and culturally relevant pedagogy. They teach teamwork, listening and sharing skills, and much more. Grant authors: Anna Conti and Kelly Petro



**2020-2021 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

Many thanks to our donors whose generosity has supported program enhancements for all students in the West Irondequoit Central School District. During the 2020-2021 campaign which ran from November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021, the foundation reached more than \$1,000,000 in grants funded!

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