

LSEF Awards \$1,698.95 in Spring Grants

Congratulations to the recipients of three LSEF 2019 Spring Grants.

All three grants were from the **Mary Ellen Vanderveer Scholarship Fund**. The purpose of this fund is to advance teaching and learning in the Lakeview School District. Our recipients are doing that!

Lakeview Middle School recipient Jennifer Lacey received \$625 for herself and one other faculty member to continue their study of *Mindfulness in the Classroom*. It is a two part program. *The Essentials* online 6-week self-paced portion will demonstrate teaching methods to improve the emotional, coping, and attention skills of students. Additionally, one faculty member will begin the *Fundamentals* portion of the course. Skills learned will be shared with other middle school staff. All of us can benefit from these techniques so be sure to ask how the program is working for your middle school student.

Another **Lakeview Middle School recipient, Jennifer Laughlin** received \$573.95 for a Teen Emergent Library Kit. This kit will provide high interest, grade-level appropriate texts for students' daily reading. Currently English Language Learners (ELL) students are using a phonetics-based system. The sight-based texts requested in the Teen Emergent Library Kit will benefit students not responding to the present phonics-based series. Students will be able to take the texts to their classrooms to participate in daily reading times. We have many types of learners and it is the goal of Lakeview Schools to meet the needs of all our students.

Elementary school students at **Prairieview in the Young 5-4** class will benefit from Calming Corners in various classrooms. **Sarah LeBreton** received \$500 for Calming Corner supplies. Calming spaces are a "time in" educational strategy that allows students a safe place in the classroom to use coping strategies when their emotions are high, or they need a few minutes to collect themselves. The procedure for using the Calming Corner is taught to the whole class and any work missed must be made up. The grant provides teaching materials, supplies (fidgets, stress balls, sensory bottles, noise canceling headphones, etc.) and comfortable seating. Sounds like a training we could use at home!