



ELCO Education Foundation

Newsletter

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Winter 2024

STEM Initiatives Receive EITC Grant Funding

The ELCO Education Foundation awarded additional grants this fall through its EITC Program. The new grants all focus on STEM initiatives and include new equipment for the district's mobile planetarium, indoor/outdoor air quality monitors for high school science classes, and a hydroponic system for the high school's new greenhouse. Thanks to the generous support of area businesses, the foundation awarded more than \$34,000 in grants during the 2023 calendar year.



Foundation Approves Fall Teacher Grant Submissions

New equipment and study guides for the Middle School Quiz Bowl Team and an elementary golf mentoring program are the newest ELCO Foundation Grants approved this fall.

Members of the Middle School Quiz Bowl Team will compete with new buzzers and receive updated study guides in preparation for the upcoming season.

First Tee is an after-school golf program with a nationally recognized curriculum that will provide students at the ELCO Intermediate School with access to golf instruction and opportunities for physical activity, sportsmanship, character development, and social-emotional learning. Through the introduction of golf at an early age, the program organizers hope to foster a lifelong interest in the sport and promote a healthy and active lifestyle.



The Gift of Morning Bins



First-grade students build math, language, and creativity skills with learning centers. "The students have been so excited each morning to come in and work with their bins. It is a positive start to each day," said Fort Zeller teacher Alyse Crandall. Items for these bins were purchased by the ELCO Education Foundation as part of the spring round of Foundation Grants.

ELCO Students Help Residents of StoneRidge Retirement Living Community

ELCO students from The National Honor Society and the Interact Club visited Stoneridge Retirement Living Community on December 21, 2023 to help many of the residents with their phones and computers. The residents were all smiles as they receive the kindest gesture of patience and time from the dedicated ELCO students. We are so glad that this connection has been made and plan for a continued partnership.



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Make a New Year's Resolution...Donate!

As we enter into a new year, we ask you to consider making a gift to the ELCO Education Foundation. You can choose to donate toward our Planetarium Renovation campaign or our general fund that supports innovation in our classrooms through Foundation Grants for teachers and staff.

Donate online at www.elcofoundation.org, or mail your donation to PO Box 553, Myerstown, PA 17067. Thank you for your generosity.



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The ELCO Education Foundation has openings for new board members.

Are you passionate about ELCO, education, and helping students succeed? Are you looking for a way to give back to your community with your time, skills, and experience?

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About the Foundation

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