

Algonquin Middle School - \$12,935

8th Grade Spanish Field Trip: Eighth grade students enrolled in the Spanish program at Algonquin will get a chance to experience the Day of the Dead exhibit at the National Museum of Mexican Art.

AMS Culture Fair: An evening event at Algonquin Middle School will highlight the diverse backgrounds of students and staff. It is a festive night filled with learning, food, music, crafts, games, and dance from cultures around the world.

AMS SELF Field Trip: The SELF students at Algonquin Middle School would spend a day participating in the Chicago Dogs Home Run for Education program. Students would experience the sport of baseball while completing a STEM curriculum complete with activities in reading, math, science, history, and geography.

AMS Summer Reading Program: The summer reading program includes every student at the Algonquin Middle school. Students are given the option of reading one of the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award books to read over the summer. When students return in the fall, they participate in group activities centered around their chosen book. Funds are partially used to ensure that each student has access to at least one of the books suggested.

Astronomy Night: Algonquin students and their families will have the opportunity to participate in a night filled with fun and activities centered around astronomy. Members from Northwest Suburban Astronomers add to the fun and educational experience by bringing various telescopes and holding demonstrations on exploring science together.

Author Visit: Fern Schumer Chapman will visit Algonquin and tell 8th grade students the story of her mother, a Holocaust survivor., and subject of 5 books. Fern's mother accompanies her daughter and shares her story directly when possible.

Boy's Club: A club for boys at Algonquin offers opportunities for boys to build friendships, develop new skills, and find new interests. The activities are decided by the participants and are centered around sports, but also subjects agreed on by the group.

Discover the D.P. Library: Students at Algonquin will be treated to a fun day exploring the Des Plaines Library. They will have a tour, eat pizza, do a craft or scavenger hunt centered around reading and books. There will be two sessions which will coincide with winter break and summer vacation, in order to encourage visiting the library when school is not in session.

AMS Family Literacy Night: A fun night is planned for the students of Algonquin to celebrate literacy and the importance of reading and writing. There will be activities that will interest students and their families, book giveaways, and read aloud sessions for all age groups. The D.P. Park District and D.P. Library are represented at the event as well.

Flight Club: The Algonquin Flight Club will expand its current offering by adding desktop devices to coordinate with the 3 flight simulators that they currently own.

Jazz Band Music Library: A variety of music literature will be purchased for the Algonquin Jazz Band, increasing the available pieces students can choose to perform. The pieces will include non-traditional musical options for the growing number of non-traditional instruments in the school's collection.

Let's Get Moving: Movement tools such as ribbon streamers and scarves will be purchased to use in the general music classroom. These tools reinforce creative thought and allow for a variety of ways to explore music.

Mariachi Club: With interest in the Mariachi club at Algonquin growing, it is important to have the proper instruments. The group would like to purchase 2 guitarrons, mariachi specific instruments.

Nursing Home Tour: A small group of select musicians from the Algonquin music department will be visiting several nursing homes to bring the holiday spirit to the residents in residence.

Project Funway: In this after-school club at Algonquin students will learn all the aspects of sewing. They will learn hand stitches, cutting patterns, and how to use a sewing machine.

Service Club: In conjunction with Kiwanis International a new club called the Service club will be established at Algonquin. Students who believe in the power of service will bi-monthly and host events throughout the year.

Service/Learning Day: Students at Algonquin spend time at the end of the year to give back in various ways to the community. Depending on student interest, that varies from year to year, projects such as making fleece blankets for hospital patients, creating care packages for military service members, and food and clothing drives are some of the options.

STEM Club Field Trip: The STEM Club students at Algonquin will go on a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry. The students will also have the opportunity to participate in the Learning Lab at the museum and learn what it takes to be a forensic scientist.

STEM Girls: Once a month a STEM seminar will be held for Algonquin 6th grade girls to introduce them to the vast world of women in science. Each month a different female scientist will be part of the seminar and speak about her science background, work on math problems with the girls, and answer questions about her career. The hope is that this will increase interest in math and science as well as raise math confidence and scores.

Stop Motion Animation: Music and Drama students at Algonquin will have the opportunity to create an original story, make props out of molding clay to support that story, and use technology to film their own stop motion movie.

Ukulele Inventory: The music program at Algonquin is thriving as is the interest in ukuleles. In order to meet the increasing interest and excessive use, higher quality soprano and concert ukuleles are needed to round out the inventory.

Upgrade to Volleyball: The girls' volleyball program at Algonquin is looking to improve their game by improving their equipment. Portable nets would be purchased that more closely mimic a tournament type game experience. The nets are easy to set up and take down and have appropriate net tension that allows blocking and tipping skills to be taught.

Central elementary school - \$825

Power Hour: Bringing STEAM activities to 4th grade students at Central School is a way to showcase outside interests and future careers. Students will have an hour each week to delve into various STEAM activities that directly appeal to their individual interests.

Chippewa middle school - \$7,016

Chip Lit Night: Chippewa opens its doors to the school community with its annual family literacy night. This celebration brings together families, encourages literacy, and promotes community involvement.

Chippewa Spanish Field Trip: 8th grade students enrolled in the Spanish program at Chippewa will take a field trip to the Day of the Dead exhibit at the National Museum of Mexican Art. Students will participate in a guided tour through the exhibit which will educate them about the history of this significant cultural event.

Music Ensembles Contest: Interested members of the Chippewa Band, Choir, and Orchestra programs will have an opportunity to attend an evaluated performance event hosted by a renowned musical organization.

Community Exploration: Community based outings will be arranged for students at Chippewa that are part of the Educational Life Skills program. Students will once again have the chance to be out in the community exploring task based and social leisure

activities. The community will also benefit from interacting with these students and learning about communication and safety.

Cooking Club: Chippewa students will be able to join a cooking club as an after-school activity. Students will learn about nutrition, meal planning, and working together to create delicious meals they can replicate at home.

Cooking Up Independence: Students in the Educational Life Skills program at Chippewa will learn about food and food preparation materials. They will have cooking lessons and enrichment activities as part of their curriculum.

Intramural's: The intramural program at Chippewa will get a makeover with new equipment.

Mosaic Mural: Students participating in an after-school club at Chippewa will create a tile mosaic mural that will be displayed at the school. The mural will not only be beautiful but will spread the message of kindness at the school.

Reactions & Robotics Club: Chippewa students will be able to participate in after-school activities involving chain reactions. Students create and build with Legos and compete against each other as their knowledge and experience increases. Competitions outside of school offer an opportunity for a student's interest in this topic to grow.

Social Leisure Activities & Games: Games that promote interpersonal skills and communication skills will be purchased for the Educational Life Skills students at Chippewa. During group leisure time the games will be used and facilitated by the social workers at the school.

Tabletop Game Club: The students at Chippewa will have a chance to participate in a once a week after-school club centered around tabletop games. Students will enhance their social emotional skills as well as improve strategic and critical thinking.

Cumberland elementary school - \$5,064

Doggie Bag MakerSpace: Students at Chippewa will have an opportunity to meet and read to therapy dogs. The stories will then be translated into task cards that are created by the students in the MakerSpace.

Elementary ELS Cooking: Students in the ELS program will have lessons twice a month on food & food preparation. They will cook, try new foods, learn about utensils, and reinforce cognitive skills.

ELS Community Outings: Students in the ELS program at Cumberland will venture out into the community to learn about the world and their participation in it. They will visit community establishments involved in retail, health care, banking, and leisure activities.

Hands on Science Truck: A day of STEM activities will be arranged for the ELS students of Cumberland. The students will get to visit various stations set up for them that explore everything from dinosaur excavation to the physics of flight and chemistry experiments.

I Can Be Your SPHERO: Younger students at Cumberland school will have the opportunity to learn about and experiment in the world of coding. Sphero Indi and Sphero mini robots will be purchased.

Support For Neurodivergent Learners: To improve the physical education class and outcomes for the Education Life Skills students at Cumberland, a television for use in the class would be beneficial. The television would allow the students to focus on the screen as they mimic the activity they are trying to master. The paras and physical education teacher can support and critique their participation and its effectiveness.

Forest elementary school - \$2,994

Family Literacy Night: An evening of literacy-based activities will encourage Forest student families to come out and celebrate reading. There will be activities for all ages, free used books, read a-louds, & comfort dogs.

First Chapter Fridays: Friday literacy time will be used to introduce students to the first chapter of a series of books. Forest students will learn about genres and if they like what they hear there will be more where that came from. The books will most often be part of a series that students can continue on with after they finish the first book.

One Book, One School: Students at Forest school will all read the same book at the start of the school year. There will be activities centered around the book and its theme each trimester.

Puppets are Fun!: Kindergarten and first grade students at Forest will experience their music lessons in a fun and animated way with the use of puppets.

Read Aloud & Proud: Each trimester a new read aloud will be chosen for students in 5th grade at Forest school. Multiple copies will be made available to students so they can read along and participate in the activities associated with the book.

Robotics Club: The Robotics Club at Forest School has a collection of robots it uses for its club for students. One of the robots has finished its useful life and needs to be replaced. Forest students love their robots.

Iroquois community school - \$4,745

Anti-Bullying Math: An exciting and interactive school assembly will take place for all students at Iroquois, grades 1 – 8. The program will focus on the magic of math while imparting messages of kindness and anti-bullying behavior. Teachers will follow up with activities that focus on predictive math.

Dan Woodrow Author Visit: Iroquois 1st – 5th graders will have an opportunity to meet author Dan Woodrow. His presentations will excite students to read and inspire them to write their own stories.

Jazz It Up: Students will have an opportunity to work with Jazz Residency artists at Iroquois. The students can then showcase what they have learned at a local jazz festival and receive feedback.

The Juggler With Yellow Shoes: A motivational speaker with an unusual talent will offer anti-bullying strategies to Iroquois students in grades K - 5. Dan Kirk is a juggler who entertains but also helps students understand how to prevent being a victim and build self-confidence.

The Rope Warrior: David Fisher will entertain the students at Iroquois while teaching them about teamwork, being a good listener, respecting others, and empathy.

North Elementary School - \$4,000

Chicago Architectural Studies: 5th grade students at North School will study architecture and some of the renowned architects that have influenced the skyline of Chicago. They will learn about urban planning and try their hand at creating their own cityscape drawing. The unit culminates in a Wendella architectural boat tour.

Holiday Cheer for Dear Des Plaines: The North Elementary Chorus will take to the road for a Christmas caroling tour around Des Plaines. The sites visited will be a combination of District sites and schools along with other sites within the community.

Keep Calm and Love Mother Earth: Kindergarten and first grade students at North School will learn about how to keep the earth healthy as well as climate change and plants. They will participate in hands on activities at school and visit a nature center in the area.

Kings, Queens, Castles and Things: 4th & 5th grade students at North school will learn about the period in history known as the Middle Ages. They will learn about the customs, government, art, and music of that time and how those things are still influencing our culture today. A trip to Medieval Times for educational activities and fun will be part of the unit.

Naper Settlement Admission: 3rd graders at North school will take a trip to the Naper settlement to gain a historical perspective on living in a rural society.

Novel Effects Read-A-Loud Magic at North School: Novel effects is an app that is used to enhance a book being read as a read a-loud. The background soundtrack created for a book adds an extra dimension of engagement that makes reading more enjoyable. More than 1000 titles, English and bilingual, are supported.

Shedd Aquarium Visit: Students from North school will take the 5th grade class to the Shedd aquarium to learn about animal and plant life living in the waters around the world.

Social Emotional Learning Tools: Students at OP will have more comprehensive access to SEL tools in hopes of creating an educational environment where students feel confident and are ready to learn. Social emotional learning tools can create enhanced student focus and awareness that leads to improved learning.

Word Collector's Reading Rewards: This reading program for bilingual students at North aims to improve their reading and comprehension skills. Students read, collect vocabulary, and earn rewards.

Orchard Place Elementary School - \$2,230

Children's Day at OP: Children's Day is an internationally recognized day to promote children's development and well-being. OP will celebrate this day with a community dinner and carnival for the students and their families.

Nature Guided Investigation Discovery: 4th grade students from OP will visit the Botanic Gardens to discover why nature is so exciting. Students will learn about the internal and external structure of plants and how they thrive.

Planetarium Field Trip: Orchard Place 5th grade students will take a trip to the world-renowned Adler Planetarium to supplement their studies of the solar system, universe, and stars.

South Elementary School - \$1,249

Global Perspectives: The 5th grade students at South school will be taking a trip to see the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's performance titled Global Perspectives. The performance is a musical journey around the world and celebrates diverse people, cultures, & places around the globe.

Historic Wagner Farm Field Trip: The kindergarten classes at South school will have the opportunity to visit Wagner Farm. The students will learn about animals, animal habitats, and life on the farm.

Algonquin Middle School - \$9,158

Aviation Club: Students at Algonquin Middle School will be able to join a new club this school year, Aviation Club. The club will be centered around all things aviation such as wing and airplane design, drones and navigating through indoor obstacle courses, and career opportunities in aviation.

Classroom Library: A classroom library consisting of high interest, low level reading material would be created for students with special needs. Representative titles would be selected that reflect the science and social studies curriculum for this instructional special education class.

Nursing Home Music Tour: Money awarded would be used to provide transportation for music students from Algonquin Middle School to do a small tour of area nursing homes. It is a one day tour for the musicians and attending staff members, and they perform at several nearby nursing homes.

Mariachi Club: This after school club will bring together students interested in learning to play Mariachi music. Exploring the music and culture of this traditional genre of music will enhance students' understanding of its long history within Mexican culture.

Project Funway: This after school club would be for students that want to learn or improve upon their stitching and sewing skills. Students learn about stitches, sewing, patterns, and sewing machines. Using their creative skills students create unique projects.

7th Grade Service Learning Day: 7th grade students will participate in a day of service, giving back to the school, the District, and the community. They can choose from a wide variety of service projects designed to find something that aligns with their personal interests while encouraging service to others.

Nonfiction Book Club: The 7th grade nonfiction book club is in need of more books that will diversify their inventory and engage students on a higher level, with hopes of improving reading scores.

Author Visit Fern Schumer Chapman: 8th grade students at Algonquin Middle School will attend a presentation by the daughter of a

Holocaust survivor and her mother if possible. Fern Chapman has written 5 books about the Holocaust based on her mother's history and being a survivor.

AMS Summer Reading Program: All incoming and current students attending Algonquin Middle School have required reading over the summer. Books are loaned through the Des Plaines library and Algonquin Middle school and accommodations are made for those that have financial need. It is an 'all school' project, and activities and celebrations take place when school resumes in the Fall.

AMS Family Literacy Night: Students, their families, and staff come together to celebrate literacy. A night is set aside for everyone to gather at the school and participate in read aloud sessions, creating bookmarks and other crafts, book talks, and more. Prizes and raffles round out the exciting evening.

Thunder Reading Challenge: Students will read books from multiple genres to expand their vocabulary and increase their recreational reading. They will set goals and receive rewards and incentives as they succeed in reaching those goals.

Books for All: A little free library would be installed at the entrance to Algonquin. This library would be stocked by using donated books from students, staff, and their families. Some used books would be purchased to round out the assortment.

Chippewa Middle School - \$9,584

Positive School Environment: Students will be encouraged to be responsible and respectful through inspirational messages and quotes. In the age of Tik Tok challenges and an increase in vandalism and graffiti in bathrooms, the movement of change will begin in student bathrooms on campus.

Classroom Rewards: Students in STEM class receive rewards from their teacher for things such as being a strong participant, focused, turning work in on time. The funds requested would be used to purchase some of the incentives for the students such as fidgets, pens, pencils, erasers etc.

STEM Club: This is an after school club open to all students at Chippewa. Students must collaborate, plan, and create projects that solve the expected STEM objective within the given time frame.

PBIS Essentials: PBIS is a school wide program that encourages students to be respectful of others in the building, whether it be other students or staff. Students are also encouraged to be responsible partners of a healthy and safe school environment and community. The funds would go towards incentives and rewards.

Chippewa Literacy Night: The Chippewa staff will host an evening of events and activities centered around literacy. Family members attend as well as students. It is a fun festive evening filled with book giveaways, school supplies and gift card raffles, and entertainment.

CMS Music Festival Trip: Students studying Band, Orchestra, and Choir can be part of a music festival and evaluation competition at the culmination of their school music experience. Students that meet the requirements set forth within the school's music program can perform at a music festival and receive encouragement and valuable feedback to help them achieve their next musical goal.

Latin Percussion Instruments: The funds will be used to purchase latin percussion instruments. These instruments will supplement the current inventory of percussion instruments, none of which are true latin percussion instruments used to make latin music.

Out of my Mind Novel study: The 6th grade ELA teachers would like to purchase 90 copies of the novel Out of my Mind. This novel is read every year by the 6th grade students at Chippewa. The novel teaches about respecting differences, being kind to others, and that students learn different ways.

Inclusion Enrichment and Support: This grant would provide the funding to purchase adaptive equipment so that Educational Life Skill program students can participate at a higher level in Encore and Advisory activities. When purchased and used, things like fidgets that help increase a student's ability to focus and padding for drums to decrease the sound level for a sound sensitive student, will increase and enhance learning opportunities for these students.

One Book, One School: Incoming 6th grade Chippewa students will be required to read a specific title over the summer prior to entering middle school. A book will be chosen and purchased for every incoming

6th grader at the schools whose students feed into Chippewa. All students will read the same book and group activities related to the book will be developed for the Fall when students are in session.

Summer Reading Author: The entire student body of Chippewa read the book Wink this past summer. Chippewa would like to host the author of Wink, Rob Harrell, as a guest speaker for the students.

Chippewa's Environmental Club: The members of Chippewa's environmental club work hard on maintaining the plants around the Chippewa campus. They would like to plant some more trees on the property that would offer shade to students and enhance the lawn area.

Cumberland elementary School - \$4,100

Cougar Communication: A segment of the student population at Cumberland are supported educationally through visual communication boards. The funds from this grant would go towards purchasing more boards in order to standardize those visual supports equally throughout the building. The special ed community as well as general education students will be broader communicators with the boards in place.

Flying to new Heights: 6 student drones and 1 adult drone with a camera will be purchased for use by the students and staff at Cumberland. Students can write code for drones, create school videos with the drones, while increasing their science and mathematical knowledge.

The Great Outdoors: Camp chairs, clip boards, and a cart will be purchased to use as a mobile classroom. Students and teachers can move their learning environment to a new location on campus quickly and easily.

SEL Little Library: Books will be purchased that support social emotional learning for students. The District supports the Second Step program to guide circle time conversations. There is a recommended list of books that correlate to the various topics. The grant funds would go towards purchasing each of those titles to be housed in the LMC.

The Need to Read: The LMC specialist at Cumberland would work with teachers to individualize student reading.

She would purchase 1 - 2 books for each student from Scholastic Books that would be specifically chosen for that student. The choices will be made by observation by the LMC specialist and collaboration with teachers.

Forest elementary School - \$300

Robot Expansion Pack: Students love robots and all the learning that goes along with them. Robots can enhance the learning experience in many ways and across many curriculums. Coding is an important skill and the more experiences a student has the better. A few more robots are needed so that no more than two students within a class are working with a robot at the same time.

Iroquois Community School - \$2,595

Anti-Bullying BMX Assembly: A BMX National Champion and America's Got Talent semi-finalist brings his own unique brand and message about bullying to the students of Iroquois. While doing BMX tricks he imparts important lessons promoting self confidence, resilience, and social skills.

Jazz Residency Program: Professional jazz musicians from around the Chicago area will attend Jazz Band rehearsals at Iroquois. The professional musicians will share their knowledge on improvisation, jazz styles, and the history of jazz. Students learn and benefit from the real-life experiences of these musicians.

First on the Farm: First grade students will take a trip to a working farm. There they will learn about plants and animals. They will have a wagon ride and learn about the lives of farm families and workers.

North Elementary School - \$2,120

Architectural Boat Tour: This 5th grade unit of study has students learning about architecture and architects that influenced as well as created Chicago's skyline. The project involves library research, perspective drawing, and the study of urban planning. The unit culminates with a 90 minute architectural boat tour of Chicago.

Learning from the Community: Students from North school will take field trips to the Naper Settlement and the Shedd Aquarium. The Naper Settlement offers students hands-on experiences of the early settlers. The Shedd Aquarium trip will teach the students about underwater communities and ecosystems.

100 Book Challenge: Students will be challenged to read a variety of genres. Prizes will be awarded as each goal is reached.

Orchard Place Elementary School - \$2,050

Let's Play Together: The purchase of specific recreational equipment and games will afford the students and staff of Orchard Place opportunities to relax and enjoy positive social interaction. The ultimate goal is to promote student development, cooperative team building, and conflict resolution skills within a positive school community experience.

Planetarium Field Trip: Students from Orchard Place will take a field trip to the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. Students will study the planets, stars, and solar system and then visit the planetarium to enhance their education.

Trip to Des Plaines History Center: Third grade students from Orchard Place will visit the Des Plaines History Center as a way to understand what motivated community members in the past and to help students understand what the future can hold for the city they call home.

Plainfield Elementary School - \$130

I Am, Yo Soy: This program is aimed at fostering interaction between 1st grade bilingual students and other students within the school. The aim is to create relationships between the various groups of students and brainstorm positive feedback descriptors for each other. The money is for t-shirts, the ink and the screen have already been acquired.

Other Grants - \$2,000

Charlotte's Web performance: Second grade students will be transported to Prairie Lakes for a performance of Charlotte's Web. Students will then discuss and compare the book and the live performance.

Author Aaron Reynolds visit: Through his high energy, interactive presentation he promotes a love of reading and writing. He also encourages students through his books to love and respect each other and themselves.