

Algonquin Middle School - \$6,000

Cooking Club: Students in the ELS program get added support in learning adaptive skills leading to achievement and readiness for high school and beyond.

Flight Club: New materials will keep the 3 year old Flight Club up to date for the students. New DJI drones and a remote-control plane are on the wish list, as well as materials to make styrofoam planes.

Music and Art Collaboration: Students study historic album art, listen to their favorite music, and work on creating original album art.

Musical Performance Field Trip: Students in the music department will have the opportunity to attend a live musical performance by professional musicians.

Nursing Home Tour: A select group of music students will take a holiday tour of several nursing homes in the area, creating joy with their instruments and voices.

Seventh Grade Service Day: Students will participate in community outreach activities such as creating blankets for hospitalized children and shelter pets, creating care packages for military service members, and beautifying the environment with plantings.

Spanish Field Trip: Students enrolled in the 8th grade Spanish program will take a field trip to the National Museum of Mexican Art to view the Day of the Dead exhibit and take in the other Hispanic culture exhibits on site.

STEM Rocket Launchers: Students will engage in scientific experiments aligned with the 7th grade curriculum. As part of the experimentation, students will use mini rocket launchers to test Newton's Second Law of Motion $F=M*a$.

Summer Reading Program: The summer reading program is a comprehensive school program where every student is engaged in reading. Discussion groups, group activities, along with games and prizes, mark the culmination of the program.

Chippewa Middle School: \$5,000

Building Empathy Through Service Project: Service projects are developed for students to participate in. The projects are themed and designed to build empathy and stronger relationships within the school environment.

ELS Community Outings: The students in the ELS program participate in community outings such as visits to, among other places, a grocery store, the library, or a restaurant. They get to see the workings of a community and how to navigate within it.

Literacy Night: Students and their families share a night filled with a variety of literacy-based activities. Community organizations like the Des Plaines Public Library and the Des Plaines Police Department are represented as well.

Music Competition: Students participating in band, choir and orchestra can attend a workshop/evaluated performance at the end of the year.

Reading Challenge: Students will be encouraged to do more independent reading.

Spanish Field Trip: Students enrolled in the 8th grade Spanish program will take a field trip to the National Museum of Mexican Art to view the Day of the Dead exhibit and take in the other Hispanic culture exhibits on site.

STEAM Night: Students and/or their family members will have a chance to visit STEM stations and win prizes at the STEAM night celebration.

Central Elementary School: \$300

Illinois Invention Connection: Students will identify problems that affect the world and develop inventions that can help people in their daily lives.

Cumberland Elementary School: \$4,200

B.E.S.T. Community Outings: Students will take a series of community outing trips aimed at improving social skills, education, and building confidence.

ELS Community Outings: The students in the ELS program participate in community outings such as visits to, among other places, retailers, the library, or a restaurant. They get to see the workings of a community and how to navigate within it.

ELS Cooking Program: Students in the ELS program will get added support in learning adaptive skills leading to achievement and readiness for high school and beyond.

Games for Inclusion: Students from the ELS program will have fun playing games with their general education “buddies”. The interaction will enhance the Buddies program and create an atmosphere of better understanding.

Hands-On Science Truck: A hands-on science truck will make a visit to school for use by students in the ELS program. The truck is filled with scientific exhibits and activities for the students to engage with.

Reading Program: Blooket is a resource that is engaging to students and motivates them to read. The app helps improve student's reading skills and targets areas for student growth. Assessments help students practice for statewide testing.

Forest Elementary School: \$1,700

Family Night: The school community will come together for an evening of family-fun based around STEM activities.

Turn up the Bass (Instrument Purchase): Two additional bass bars will be purchased to round out the Orff instrument collection. 'D' and 'A' will be added to 'C' 'F' and 'G'.

Iroquois Community School: \$2,000

Buzzing for Music (Instrument Purchase): The pBuzz, a new musical instrument, will be added to the music department as a new and fun instructional way for students to experience music.

Theater Field Trip: First and second grade students will travel locally to see the play Elephant & Piggie 'We're in a Play'.

Orchard Place Elementary School: \$4,400

Adler Planetarium Field Trip: 5th grade students will go to the Planetarium to learn about the stars, solar system, and the universe.

Community Connection Events: Several events are planned to engage the students and their families in fun and educational activities. These are community-based events held in the evening at school.

History Center Field Trip: Students will take a field trip to the Des Plaines History Center and learn about the history of Des Plaines along with how the community has changed over the years.

Multicultural Fair: Students and their families will celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the community through food-tasting and cultural performances.

Pond Investigation and Exploration: Student's will visit the Botanic Gardens and learn about nature, water quality, and the biodiversity of organisms in the lakes on the property.

Theater Field Trips: First grade students and their chaperones will travel to see the play Elephant & Piggie 'We're in a Play' and fifth graders will go on a field trip to the Metropolis in Arlington Heights to see A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

Plainfield Elementary School: \$200

Community Building Activities: Community building activities are at the center of this collaboration. Students build positive relationships with each other fostering a strong school community and self-esteem.

North Elementary School: \$3,800

Architectural Studies Field Trip: Students in the 5th grade will study significant architects that made contributions to Chicago's skyline. The students will design their own two-point perspective cityscape and go on the architectural boat tour in Chicago.

Chicago Art Institute Field Trip: Students will have a 60-minute tour of the Art Institute to give them insight and understanding about how art is preserved, stored, and exhibited. In class they will study the significance of art to humanity and world culture.

March Book Madness: March Book Madness is a bracket-style tournament that matches books in one-on-one competitions.

Shedd Aquarium Field Trip: Students will go on a field trip to the Shedd Aquarium to study the life cycles of animals.