

Prairie Spirit Schools
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Foundation funds over \$36,000 in Learning Grants for Prairie Spirit students

Innovative learning opportunities for Prairie Spirit students are being supported by over \$36,000 in Learning Grants from the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation.

The Foundation's Learning Grants are designed to support students in Prairie Spirit School Division, with an emphasis on student engagement and relevant learning opportunities.

Applications for Learning Grants opened in the fall, with a focus on enhancing student engagement by empowering young people to explore their passions and create change in their classrooms, their schools and their community. Following a rigorous application process, the Foundation approved nine submissions from teachers and administrators and provided funds to schools throughout the Division.

"We are just thrilled to fund these very important programs and to be able to support new and innovative learning opportunities. In just over one year, we have given more than \$76,000 to the schools of Prairie Spirit School Division" said Denise Kendrick, Fund Development Manager of the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation. "We are looking forward to hearing more about the impact these grants will make in the lives of our students. This is why we fundraise and why we need the support of our community, to ensure that we can continue building our grant pool for years to come!"

The Foundation approved applications where the learning environment supported students to collaborate within and outside the classroom, learning side by side.

The Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation was established in 2014 to engage partners in public education to enrich opportunities for students to become contributing citizens and learners for life. The Foundation encourages and facilitates community and corporate support and involvement in public education.

"Our vision for the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation is a community that values innovation in public education and supports a lifetime of learning," explained Bonnie Hope, Board Chair for the Foundation. "Without the support of our partners, sponsors and fundraiser participants, opportunities for our students such as these learning grants would not be possible."

The Foundation raises funds through donations, partnerships, sponsorships, its annual Golf Classic, a direct mail appeal and A Celebration of Learning, A Cocktail Party in Support of Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation, which will be held in March 2018. To make a donation, or to inquire about our fundraising events, contact Denise Kendrick, via email at psfoundation@spiritsd.ca; phone 306 683-2881; or visit the website at: www.prairiespiritschoolsfoundation.ca.

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Learning Grants Recipients

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English Language Art Restructuring	Supporting a restructuring of the way students attain ELA credits with theme based courses, giving students the choice.	Delisle Composite School
Expand Delivery of the Royal Bean	Supporting the expansion of an established school based coffee “business” run by the students in the Life Skills Program.	Martensville High School
Junk Yard Robotics	Supporting a robotics program, offering robotics learning opportunities for students immersed in technology, inquiry and problem based learning throughout the school division.	Variety of Prairie Spirit schools
Kano Coding	Supporting coding and computer programming skills in Grades 2, 4 and 8. With the hope that computer science starts to be into the curriculum and a foundation of knowledge is built.	Venture Heights Elementary
Outdoor Learning Space	Supporting the creation of an outdoor classroom, which will include a garden, compost, wormery, bug hotel, exploration area and a sitting area.	Langham Elementary
Prairie Spirit Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) Pride Conference	Supporting a full day of learning for students across the division, which will facilitate the expansion of LGBTQ inclusive communities where students and adults of all gender identities, expressions and sexualities are valued and supported.	Clavet Composite and Warman High School
Resonate: Student Music Conference	Supporting a music conference for teacher and students in PSSD. Resonate aims to support students learning with acceptance, accessibility, engagement, environment and community as their founding principals.	Prairie Spirit School Division
Warman High Music Program	Supporting the creation of audio and sound production/amplification.	Warman High School
WCMS Coding Club	Supporting the development of coding skills, building computers and coding robots to empower creativity, forward thinking and manipulation of technology.	Warman Community Middle School
Total		\$36,114.96