

Prairie Spirit Schools
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Foundation funds \$39,000 in Learning Grants for Prairie Spirit students

\$39,000 in Learning Grants from the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation will support innovative learning opportunities for Prairie Spirit students this year. The Foundation recently announced the recipients of this year's Learning Grants.

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 June, 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 thirteen submissions from students, teachers and administrators and provided funds to schools throughout the Division.

"We are just thrilled to fund and support new and innovative learning opportunities. Since February 2017, the Foundation has provided over \$106,000 to Prairie Spirit schools," said Denise Kendrick, Fund Development Manager of the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation.

"We are looking forward to hearing how these grants will impact our students. This is why we exist as a Foundation. Without the support of our partners, sponsors and fundraiser participants, opportunities for our students such as these learning grants would not be possible. With increased and continued donor support, we will be able to fund more grants in the future." Explained Bonnie Hope, Foundation Board Chair.

The Foundation approved applications where the proposed 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.

The Foundation raises funds through a variety of sources, including donations, partnerships, sponsorships, its annual Golf Classic and A Celebration of Learning, which will be held in Warman on January 31, 2019.

To make a donation, or to inquire about our fundraising events, or how you can impact the students of Prairie Spirit, 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 – October 2018

Applied Robotics	Supporting a year long project through the creation of a purpose built robot and participation in Skills Canada (Saskatchewan) Robotics competition	Walter W. Brown School Langham
Authentic Indigenous Experiences	Supporting the further enhancement of student experiences and understanding of Indigenous people with first hand connections.	Warman High School
Coding in Clavet	Supporting a Coding Club for students in grades 3-6 once a week during the lunch hour with an emphasis on collaborative problem solving and creative use of coding.	Clavet School
Junior Leadership Program	Supporting integrative, real-life employment training and leadership program.	Hepburn School
Junk Yard Robotics	Supporting the opportunity for students to be immersed in technology, inquiry and problem based learning. Skills such as communication, collaboration, role designation and leadership will be foundational to the success of the group.	Warman, Hague & Rosthern High Schools
Nature Literacy	Supporting students re connection with nature through outdoor experiences. Incorporating 4 ideas: First Nations way of knowing, Environmental sustainability, Parent and community engagement and health and wellness	Rosthern Elementary School
Prairie Pulse Band Symposium	Supporting over 1000 Prairie Spirit students a chance to play with a very large group and to have a whole day of instruction on their instruments with their peers from all the schools.	Multiple Schools (22)
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
STEM Education in Art Class	Supporting an educational approach that is based in inquiry and process-based learning and integrates the Arts with STEM content in meaningful, applicable and creative ways.	Warman High School
Story Workshop in Grade 1	Supporting First Nations storytelling, professional local artists, family engagement, allowing students to share their stories with one another, taking risks in learning together.	Lake Vista School, Martensville

Warman High School Outdoor Education Program	Supporting the Outdoor Education two credit grade 11 program which is made up of Environmental Science 20 and Physical Education 20	Warman High School
WHS Video Production Company	Supporting the creation of student video company where students will have practical experience building and operating a business in their field of interest.	Warman High School
Total		\$39,000.00