

GEF Awards \$13,000 in 2018-19

Local educators were awarded a total of \$13,247 by the Groton Education Foundation during the 2018-19 school year to support innovative educational programming.

"We're thrilled to be able to support the terrific programming that these schools and agencies are providing to Groton students," said Julie Cagle, chair of the GEF board. "It's great to see the new ways that educators are connecting with students." Grants went to:

Fitch High School

\$4,985 for science probes that support the curriculum as it shifts to a more inquiry-based learning focus.

Cutler Arts and Humanities Magnet Middle School

\$3,000 for STEPS, which brings empowerment programming to 6th grade girls at Cutler.

Children First

\$2,000 to expand their summer reading program. The grant increases students' access to books.

West Side STEM Magnet Middle School

\$1,100 for a drumming program that encourages creative expression, reduces stress and engages students with a variety of learning styles.

Mystic & Noank Library

\$1,000 to support an ongoing music series. The GEF grant brings hands-on learning to the library.

Child & Family Agency

\$600 for a cooking class that teaches healthy eating and cooking habits to Groton families.

Fitch High School

\$562 to provide copies of the year's One Book-One Region selection, making it possible for students to participate in the community conversation about the book.

Any non-profit that serves Groton residents with educational programming is eligible to apply for grants. Since 1997, more than \$217,000 has been awarded. For information and to apply, go to www.grotonschools.org/GEF.

Your gift helps Groton kids and families

You can inspire kids to find their passion and make a difference.

When you support the



Groton Education Foundation, you provide that spark by helping Groton schools and non-profits develop innovative programming for local learners.

To make a gift, send a check to P.O. Box 825, Groton, CT 06340.

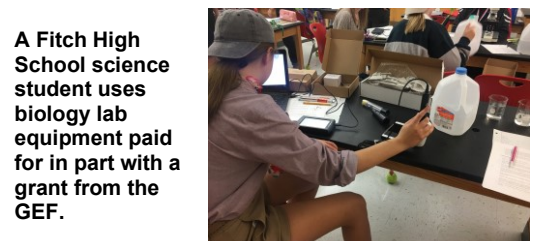
It's also easy to give online at www.grotonschools.org/GEF.



Local kids had better access to books during the summer thanks to a grant to Children First Groton from the Groton Education Foundation.



Kids gained hands-on experience with real musical instruments during a special program at the Mystic & Noank Library. The GEF helped with funding.



A Fitch High School science student uses biology lab equipment paid for in part with a grant from the GEF.



"Drums Alive" at West Side STEM Magnet Middle School encouraged creative expression and engaged students with a variety of learning styles.



Fitch High School students were able to have copies of the One Book-One Region selection, allowing them to participate when author Jarrett Krosoczka visited the school. The GEF supported the project.