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MORRIS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$21K IN GRANTS TO ENRICH LEARNING ACROSS THE MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

November Grants Supported Literacy, the Arts, Cultural Exploration and Student Well-Being

Morristown, NJ (December 4, 2025) – During this season of gratitude and giving, the [Morris Educational Foundation](#) (MEF) is pleased to announce that it has awarded five grants in November totaling \$21,420 to enrich the educational experience of students throughout the Morris School District. These grants fund programs and resources not covered by the school budget or tax dollars—and bridge gaps to ensure students have access to exceptional learning opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom.

The MEF plays a key role in supporting innovative initiatives that elevate learning throughout the 180 days of school. With this latest round of grants, the Foundation has awarded nearly **\$43,000 to date this school year**, thanks entirely to the continued generosity of donors.

The five grants awarded at the November 24th Morris School District Board of Education meeting, include the following:

8th Grade Trip Financial Assistance

Enables 15 Frelinghuysen Middle School students with financial need to see *The Outsiders* on Broadway—an extension of the novel they study in their curriculum—followed by a Manhattan dinner cruise with their classmates.

Exploring Identity Cultural Experience

Cultural experience for Morristown High School students in Latinx History, Heritage Spanish 2, and Spanish 5 Honors classes to see the Spanish-language play *La Gringa* in New York City—deepening their understanding of identity.

Living Voices Program

10th and 11th graders will experience American history through engaging performances to deepen their understanding of the contributions of women in aviation.

Normandy Park Shakespeare Residency

4th and 5th graders will bring Shakespeare to life through interactive workshops that build confidence, creativity, and communication skills.

FMS Wall Art

Vibrant adhesive art will transform shared spaces in the 6th-grade academy with messages of encouragement and inspiration to instill school pride, belonging and a positive school environment.

“Each of these grants represents an opportunity our students would not otherwise have,” said Ann Rhines, Morris Educational Foundation grants chair and former teacher and member of the Morris

School District Board of Education. “They ensure that learning is vibrant, relevant, and accessible—something our donors make possible year after year.”

Donor-funded initiatives deliver inspiration and growth—from new baritones powering the Morristown High School Marching Band to bilingual book club meetings helping preschool families build early literacy skills together. These moments—captured on the Foundation’s social media pages—are possible because of community of donors who believe in strengthening opportunities for all MSD students.

The Morris Educational Foundation extends its deepest appreciation to its supporters whose generosity fuels these transformative initiatives. Their contributions help the District deliver meaningful, enriching experiences that inspire curiosity, foster creativity, and prepare students for future success.

Grants will continue to be awarded in January, March and May of 2026. As the season of giving continues, the MEF invites community members to support its ongoing 180 Days of Impact campaign. Each donation—large or small—supports every student across all grade levels in the Morris School District.

For more information about the Morris Educational Foundation or to make a gift, please visit www.morrisedfoundation.org.

About Morris Educational Foundation

The Morris Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation, enhances educational opportunities for more than 5,700 students in all 10 schools of the Morris School District. Established to raise private funds for public education, the Foundation works to enrich and inspire the academic pursuits of all our students, from preschool through high school. For more information, visit www.morrisedfoundation.org.

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