



## THE RFE TEAM IS GROWING

RFE is proud to share how much we've grown this year! We relaunched RFE in 2022 with 7 volunteers. Now a team of over 20 talented volunteers, we are focused on ways to support RCSD's commitment to excellence through grants that enhance the educational experience of students in Kindergarten through twelfth grade. RFE's Grants team has expanded to include liaisons at each school; our Board has warmly welcomed two new Trustees; and our marketing, recruitment and business sponsorship efforts have flourished. We are very fortunate to have the support of dedicated parents who share our commitment to upholding Rye's renowned standard of education.

## MISSION

The Rye Fund for Education is committed to enriching the learning experiences of Rye City School students and ensuring that they have the opportunities and skills necessary to succeed in college and beyond.

The Fund is supported entirely by donations and is governed by a board of private citizens who are committed to helping all students reach their potential in academics, arts and athletics. We seek to galvanize the entire Rye community to help the Fund achieve its goals, which we believe are critical as our schools face new and dramatic fiscal challenges.

## ANNUAL SPRING GALA

**Spark the Night**, our Annual Spring Gala was hosted this year at Westchester Country Club and featured a showcase highlighting many of the grants funded this year. Community members were given a glimpse of how RFE helps spark innovation in education and how the fund impacts RCSD students. The Gala raised over \$390,000 that will go directly to fund grants. Our greatest thanks to Event Co-Chairs Danielle Kindler and Whitney Whipple and to all involved for such an incredible effort.

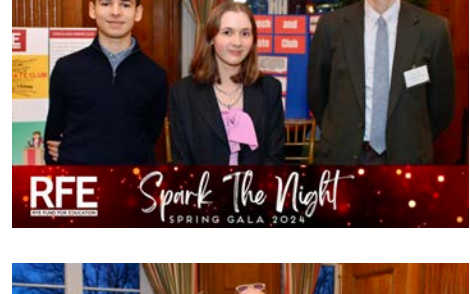


Gala Co-Chairs Danielle Kindler and Whitney Whipple, with Dr. Eric Byrne and Ronda Gilroy



Co-Vice Presidents of Grants, Rosana Collinates and Jennifer Shireffs

**DEBATE CLUB**  
Students, Liv McNamara and Kiran Gounden-Kobes and teacher, David Hartman discussing the successes of the Speech and Debate Teams



**ANIMATION STUDIO**  
Teacher Tony Campbell and RHS student Rory Russo demonstrating ProCreate on the iPad pro



**BRAIN BOXES**  
Brain Box projects created by elementary school students.



## SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT

On Monday, April 8th, RFE invited all 5 schools in the Rye City School District to view the once every-50-years Solar Eclipse. RFE purchased 4,000 Solar Eclipse viewing glasses for each student and staff member across all 5 schools. With plenty of viewing glasses left over for parents, caregivers and siblings, everyone came together and had an unforgettable afternoon.

A huge thank you to Ms. Katrina Smith, RHS/RMS Science Department Coordinator and 6th Grade Science Teacher, for leading this district wide event. She identified this special event and had the vision to apply for an RFE grant for the viewing glasses.



## GRANTS

Last year, Rye Fund for Education underwrote a total of 8 grants. This year so far we have received over 30 grant applications. The materials, resources and tools provided by those grants are used in the classrooms every day to bring learning and instruction to the next level. It is exciting to see the resources, made possible by your generous gifts, being used in the classrooms.

### GRANTS FUNDED IN 2023 - 2024

#### SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES

GRANT AMOUNT: \$2,100.00  
SCHOOLS: All Schools  
SUBMITTED BY: Katrina Smith

#### K-12 LITERACY INSTITUTE

GRANT AMOUNT: \$12,000.00  
SCHOOLS: All Schools  
SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Tricia Murray

#### KELSO'S CHOICE CURRICULUM

GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,955.80  
SCHOOLS: Midland/Osborn  
SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Erin Vrendenberg

#### BRAIN BOXES

GRANT AMOUNT: \$3,018.86  
SCHOOLS: Midland  
SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Lanza

#### DECODABLES

GRANT AMOUNT: \$10,500.00  
SCHOOLS: Milton  
SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Tricia Murray

#### K-5 RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM

GRANT AMOUNT: \$40,000.00  
SCHOOLS: All Schools  
SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Tricia Murray

#### ACADEMIC CLUBS

GRANT AMOUNT: \$12,615.00  
SCHOOLS: RMS/RHS  
SUBMITTED BY: Christina Cannon

#### PERCUSSION

GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,722.00  
SCHOOLS: Osborn  
SUBMITTED BY: Osborn Music Dept.

#### STEM ELEMENTARY WORKSHOPS

GRANT AMOUNT: \$19,345.00  
SCHOOLS: All Elementary  
SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Tricia Murray

#### SPEECH & DEBATE CLUB

GRANT AMOUNT: \$6,500.00  
SCHOOLS: RHS  
SUBMITTED BY: Dave Hartman

#### AI PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CONFERENCE

GRANT AMOUNT: \$2,100.00  
SCHOOLS: All Schools  
SUBMITTED BY: Katrina Smith

#### NUGENT FIELD SCOREBOARD

GRANT AMOUNT: \$55,000.00  
SCHOOLS: RHS  
SUBMITTED BY: Susan Dullea



#### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE TRAINING

GRANT AMOUNT: \$43,873.92  
SCHOOLS: RHS  
SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Tricia Murray

#### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WITH INNOVATIVE SPACES

GRANT AMOUNT: \$2,300.00  
SCHOOLS: RMS/RHS  
SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Tricia Murray

#### ANIMATION STUDIO

GRANT AMOUNT: \$60,000.00  
SCHOOLS: RHS  
SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Kaitlyn Sassone

#### BOOKS FOR CLASSROOM LIBRARY

GRANT AMOUNT: \$765.81  
SCHOOLS: Osborn  
SUBMITTED BY: Cheryl Ballone and Cara Marasco

#### LARGE-SCALE PRINTER

GRANT AMOUNT: \$4,725.00  
SCHOOLS: RMS/RHS  
SUBMITTED BY: Bill Meyer and Dr. Kaitlyn Sassone



#### WIRELESS MICROPHONES FOR JOURNALISM

GRANT AMOUNT: \$239.92  
SCHOOLS: RHS  
SUBMITTED BY: Roni Sarig

#### EEL SURVEY

GRANT AMOUNT: \$6,800.00  
SCHOOLS: RMS  
SUBMITTED BY: John Triffin, Shaina Simpsons, and Juilanne Tamucci

#### RACQUET SPORTS AT OSBORN

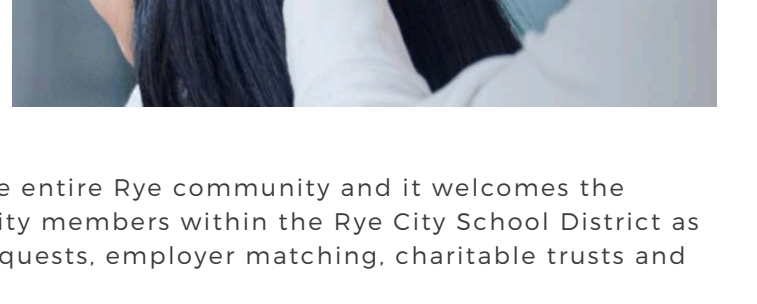
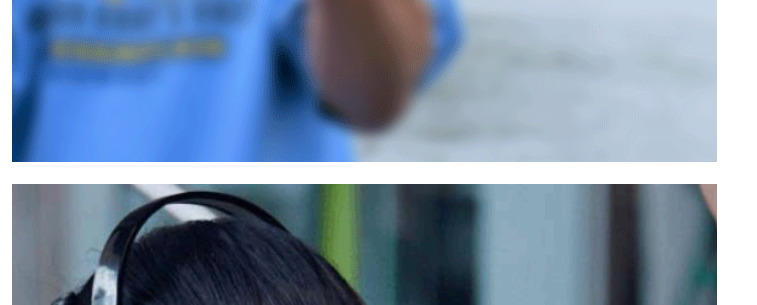
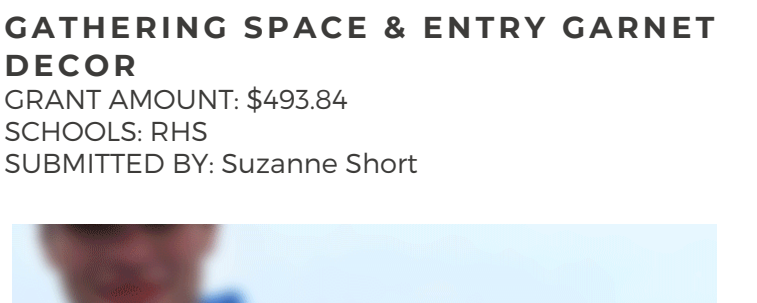
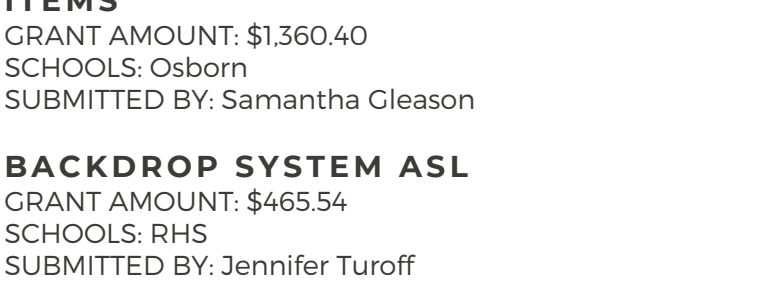
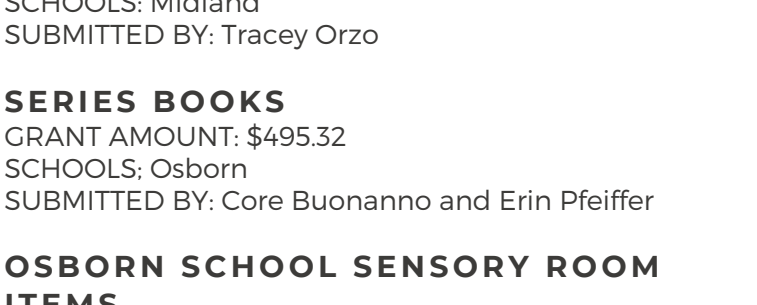
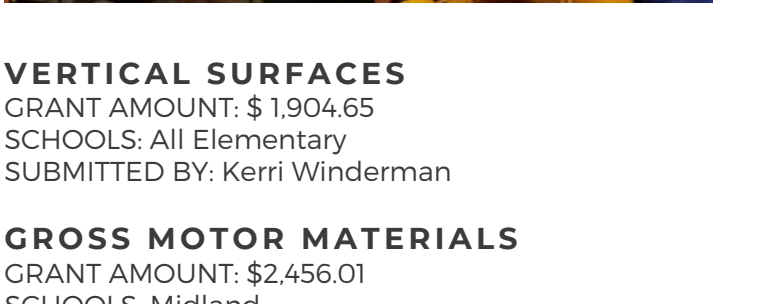
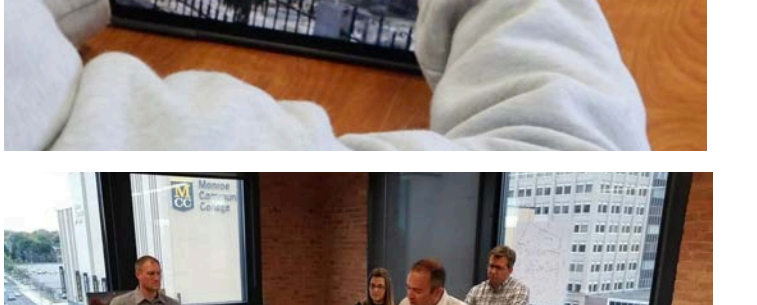
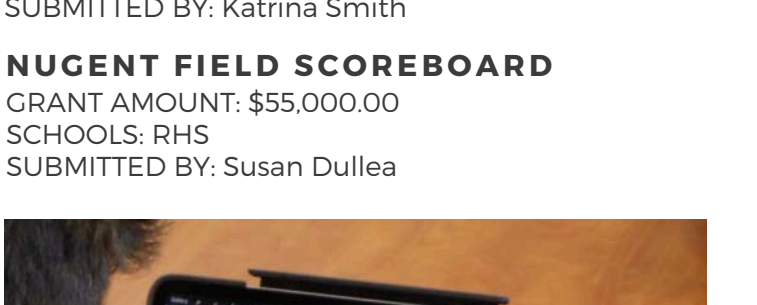
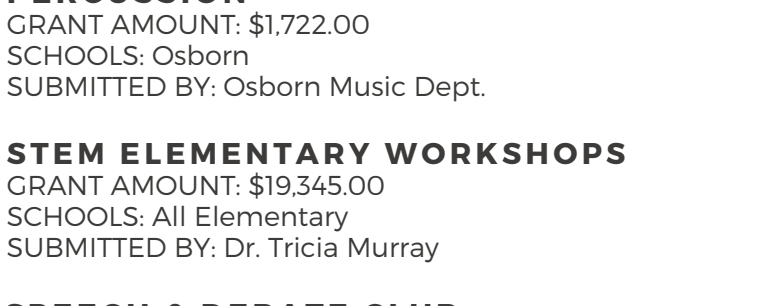
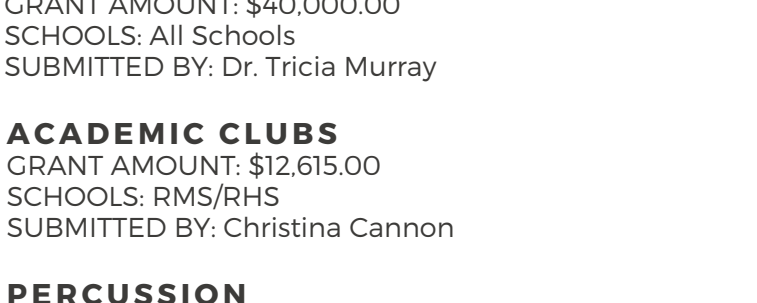
GRANT AMOUNT: \$5,114.07  
SCHOOLS: Osborn  
SUBMITTED BY: Jon Tuttle and Steve Lennon

#### RMS TEAM WALL DECORATIONS

GRANT AMOUNT: \$10,800.00  
SCHOOLS: RMS  
SUBMITTED BY: Joe DiGiovanni

#### EMOTIV EEG EPOC X 14

GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,287.05  
SCHOOLS: RHS  
SUBMITTED BY: Abigail May, Maddie Morgan, and Sally Mitchell



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Fund is interested in galvanizing the support of the entire Rye community and it welcomes the entire Rye community and it welcomes the entire Rye community and it welcomes the entire Rye community as well as donations from any other sources, including bequests, employer matching, charitable trusts and gifts from corporations and individuals.

Please always feel free to contact any Fund Officer or member of the Board of Trustees with your ideas and/or to lend your support.

To make a tax-deductible donation, click the link below and follow the prompts or send a check or money order payable to "Rye Fund for Education, Inc." and addressed to:

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