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Dear Mustang Public Schools Educators,

The Mustang Public Schools Foundation (MPSF) is excited to announce we have launched our DonorsChoose Kickstarter Grant Program for the 2024/25 school year. We have also increased the amount we are giving, to make an even greater impact.

This kickstarter grant is part of our long-standing commitment to education, which includes investing over \$175,000 through our teacher grant program. ***The kickstarter grants will support classroom and school needs by giving certified educators an opportunity to receive a share of \$30,000 to support the creative work they are doing in the classroom with a kickstarter of up to \$200 per teacher for one DonorsChoose project submitted during the Fall '24 or Spring '25 semester.***

The MPSF Kickstarter campaign begins August 2024 and runs through May 2025 or until funds run out.

- To get started, please visit <https://www.donorschoose.org/teachers> to create your project.
- Each project application should include the following information:
 - Description of project and how it will help students or a school program
- The below resources are excluded and should not be listed in your project:
 - Technology already provided by the district (ipads, chromebooks, etc)
 - Teachers Pay Teachers gift cards
 - Gift cards
 - Resources that will not be directly used by students.
- Visit [donorschoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org) for tips on grant writing, a list of approved vendors, and much more.
- All district and school administrator policies and procedures apply to this project.
- Obtain permission for your grant before submitting it by completing the MPS Grant or Donation Permission Form. Completed forms should be sent to the following:
 - Grants for non-instructional classroom supplies or furniture: site principal
 - Grants for instructional materials: Misty Eidson (PreK-5th grades) or Robbyn Glinsmann (6th-12th grades)
 - Grants for technology: Geromy Schrick
 - Grants for fine arts materials: Mike Raiber
- Per district policy, all items purchased with grant funds will belong to the school at which you were working when the grant was funded.

Keep in mind that the smaller the project, the more likely it is to be fully funded. If this is your first DonorsChoose project, ask your supporters to use code "LIFTOFF" during the first week of your campaign in order to receive a matching donation up to \$50 per donor.

Our Executive Director receives a report every Monday, of all projects posted in the MPS District, so no need to notify us about your project. Don't hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Tasha Gammon at director@mustangpsfoundation.org with any questions. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
Mustang Public Schools Foundation