



Grant Thank You Notes

Please read how your donations make a difference for our students, teachers and school!

Dear MEF - I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of my honors physics classes during last year's spring grant funding. Your money was used to help my students collect numerical data on water balloon launchers that they created. For the last six years, I have given my honors physics class the final of designing and constructing a water balloon launcher that is capable of launching a balloon a minimum of 150 feet with as much accuracy as possible. On the last day of class, students test their contraptions by firing at me as I sit 50 yards away. As you may guess, students look forward to this project. With your grant money I was able to purchase 2 radar guns and 3 trundle wheels to help my students accurately measure data during this project. – **Chris Berg, MHS Physics Teacher**

Dear MEF – We want to thank you for approving the grant request for our garden project. We were able to replace stolen tools as well as upgrade other tools. We also purchased a weed eater, rotating composter, lumber, hardware, and soil for garden beds, and a timer for our irrigation system. Our students, and those in Mr. Thornhill's class, are benefitting every day from the practical application of learning in the garden. We have beans, tomatoes, summer squash, poppies, and marigolds coming up and will plant cool-weather crops this fall. Thanks to you, our garden is off to an excellent start! – **Stephanie Dennis and Melissa Matson, MHS Special Education Teachers**

Dear MEF – Thanks to the MEF, the students in Senior Regular English had a memorable year! Our field trip to Santa Rosa Junior College included a scavenger hunt and classroom visitations. Students returned from that experience with clarified goals: they would have careers rather than jobs, and those careers would begin at SRJC. Our Day of Motivation was also a success. Freedom Writer Maria Reyes truly has a gift for motivational speaking as does Sonoma County Supervisor Efren Carillo. Students were also impressed with MHS graduate Carmen Campos' success story (Carmen's Burger Bar). One student wrote "That was the best event I've ever attended in school." - **Ann Butler and Heather Garcia-Rossi, MHS English Teachers**

Dear MEF – I don't know where to begin, but I will start with a huge Thank You! This is the fifth year I have been teaching Stats, and as the class has grown from 30 to 100 students last year, it has become more and more costly for me to do the activities that make the class so much fun for the students. I am so appreciative of your support for this program. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You – **Jim LaFrance, MHS Statistics Teacher**

Dear MEF – Thank you so much for your funding of the Escargot Project for my French class. I am looking forward to getting the project started with the third year students and I appreciate all the hard work MEF does to help support projects like this. – **Rebecca Michael, MHS French Teacher**

Dear MEF – Thank you so much for your support of the Hunger Games Project. The freshman teachers have been busy putting together the unit and your donation will help us purchase the rest of the novels we need. Additionally, the upperclassmen are very excited to begin working with the freshmen on the “Hunger Fair” which will connect to the reading as well as help introduce some of our students to service opportunities in our community. Again, thank you for your support. – **Susan Farkas, MHS English Teacher**

Dear MEF – Thank you so much for funding my grant request for a rolling shelf and hanging rack. This will be so helpful for organizing all my Dance costumes and supplies. Each year we build the program a little more and it has been great to have your help! – **Gina Melvin, MHS Dance Teacher**