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Foundation grants totaling more than \$5,000 to help Adams, Oregon students

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Adams Middle School science students and Oregon Elementary School special-needs students will benefit from grants recently awarded by the Licking County Foundation.

The foundation recently announced Leaders for Learning grants totaling \$5,176 to 11 teachers in Licking County to enhance their professional development or classroom activities.

The educators are past recipients of the Licking County Foundation's Leaders for Learning Award, making them eligible to apply for annual grants of up to \$500 as long as they continue to teach within Licking County.

Oregon Elementary School principal Marcie Wilson was awarded \$499 to purchase an iPad for the intervention-resource room to allow more hands-on technology experiences for special-needs students.

"Having an iPad in the resource room will allow for more hands-on technology experiences as students can use various apps in reading, writing and math," Wilson said. "One of the teachers in this classroom came to me with the ideas of how an iPad would benefit the students."

She said the iPad would allow a teacher to record herself giving directions for students at various stations, and then the students would be able to watch the recording that would be targeted to his specific needs.

In addition, Wilson said, the iPad will help students practice letter formation through handwriting apps. It also will allow students to record themselves during readers theater to work on fluency and monitor self-corrections when reading. Students will be able to use math apps, allowing them to access interactive games to help them practice various math concepts.

Wilson said the device also could be used for students who have success using text to speech as they work to dictate stories.

"We'd like to thank the Lindorf-Warner Memorial Donor Advised Endowment Fund of the Licking County Foundation for the funds to support this purchase," she said.



Adams Middle School science teacher Marie Fleming was awarded a \$498 grant to purchase electronic scales for the classroom.

She has been sharing a scale with two other teachers, so having a designated electronic scale for her classroom will ensure its availability for the weekly labs that provide students an opportunity to engage in hands-on learning in the classroom and to problem-solve using different pieces of science equipment.

"This will allow students to use science equipment with hands-on learning," Fleming said.

The Leaders for Learning Award was created by the Licking County Foundation in 1993 to honor and recognize public school teachers who exemplify excellence in their fields.

Each year, teachers from school districts in Licking County are selected by their principals and superintendents for their belief that all students can and want to learn; for their desire to make a significant difference in students' lives; for their commitment to professional development; and for their outstanding classroom skills and leadership.

Leaders for Learning Award recipients may apply for \$500 grants to further their professional development or purchase materials for their classrooms.

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