



UXBRIDGE

Community Enrichment Program

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Overview of Activities

The Attic Museum, VAS and Millworks Gallery

As a result of the fire, we are taking a different approach to connecting the arts with the curriculum. I have applied for a Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce grant which will hopefully allow us to bring community artists in our classrooms throughout the year. The grant would allow the artists to be compensated for their time and materials. The Massachusetts Cultural Council has approached us about this type of program as well, in light of the Bernat Mill fire and I will be pursuing that funding source once it is formally announced.

The After Hours Program

The response for the fall After Hours program has been WONDERFUL! We have approximately 100 students participating in a variety of after school programs that extend some aspect of learning beyond the school day. The most popular offering was “Attend Hogwarts School here in Uxbridge”, which had to turned away more than 30 students. “Acting Up” and “Karate at Taft” also turned away students once they hit capacity. We are very excited about the response this year and are looking to add more instructors for the spring program so we can accommodate more students.

Grants/Donations

The Community Enrichment program received a very generous donation from the Blissful Meadows Community golf tournament for \$9,000. These funds will go toward the After Hours program, the Leadership club at Taft, the Creative School initiative and other community-based programs.

Here is an updated summary of the grant activities and status...

Grant Written Since July:

1. Federal NCLB consolidated grant packet – entitlement
2. The DOE’s Alternative Education grant, which was declined. 24 received, 3 approved, 21 not approved.

3. The DOE's Quality After School grant, which was declined. 148 received, 48 approved, 100 not approved

4. The Department of Justice's Secure Our Schools Grant which was declined
5. A grant to the Greater Worcester Community Foundation for assistance with rent to get the VAS and Attic Museum's back up and running again. Will hear around mid December.

6. Wellness Grant through the Department of Health, submitted and waiting to hear.

7. Gifted and Talented Planning Grant, submitted and waiting to hear.

8. Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce – 4 grants submitted on behalf of Uxbridge, waiting to hear.

In the future I am working toward;

1. Shade Foundation grant due in December
2. Energy Audit Grant due in February
3. Creative Schools grant due in February
4. RGK Foundation Support Initiative – rolling