



## **Helping District 64 Reach New Heights**

### **DISTRICT 64 ELEMENTARY LEARNING FOUNDATION**

#### **2014 – 2015 GRANTS**

*Since 1994, ELF has established and supported innovative educational programs by awarding grants to teachers and staff who are committed to excellence in education. This year, almost \$50,000 in grants will be awarded to District 64 schools, advancing ELF's total direct grants to nearly \$650,000!*

#### **Digital Media Lab**

The LRC Digital Media Lab will provide the space, equipment, and software for students to engage in a rigorous research process and express themselves through the creation of digital media (i.e., videos, music, photography, presentations).

#### **Emerson Middle School**

#### **Improve Executive Function**

Using training from the Rush Neurobehavioral Center, applies a research-driven approach to improve students' lifelong Executive Function skills, including managing time, managing materials, and knowing and implementing study strategies.

#### **Lincoln & Emerson Middle Schools**

#### **Jefferson Garden: A Place to Learn and Grow**

Implements a therapeutic/educational gardening program by using nature to enhance play, cognitive learning, and social, emotional, and physical experiences using a multisensory approach. Gardening expertise provided by the Chicago Botanic Garden.

#### **Jefferson School**

#### **Social-Emotional Learning**

Sponsors community workshops on parenting emotionally intelligent children, led by Ed Dunkelblau, clinical psychologist and nationally known speaker on social-emotional intelligence, humor, and health.

#### **Carpenter School/District 64**

#### **Lincoln Seed Library**

The Lincoln Green Team, the Lincoln LRC, the Park Ridge Garden Club, and the Park Ridge Park District will work collaboratively to contribute their expertise to develop a Seed Library that preserves and perpetuates heirloom and organic seeds.

#### **Lincoln Middle School**

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