



# **CRESTVIEW LIBRARY**

## **BUILDING LEARNERS FOR LIFE.**

### **DEAR PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:**

This year, we had the privilege of completing a facilities redesign that expanded our library space and created a flex meeting space for use by the library and larger school community. We added shelving to create a games collection, a mobile gaming cart for teacher use, and flexible seating for students to meet as a class, work in small groups, and individually. This transformed our ability to implement STEAM programming, gaming, and other center-based activities in the library. We also incorporated staff and student check-out of the new gaming collection and after school clubs for early elementary (K-2) and upper elementary (3-5).

Since the opening of our gaming center, we have experienced success with 156 checkouts from our gaming collection during the January - May time period. We also had 64 students (26 PK-2, 38 3-5) participate in after school activities during this same time frame. In May, we asked for families to submit stories or pictures about their student's experience with the gaming collection or after school games and 47 families responded. Finally, our gaming cart was checked out by staff members 112 times this year for indoors recess, class activities, or other uses. Overall, we found the addition of both new and used games to be of high interest for students across grade levels. Their excitement was contagious, leading to increased engagement with the collection by their teachers and families both.

The physical redesign of the flexible learning space was budgeted at \$5,827.46. This redesign was funded through a combination of county funds and PTA funding support. The gaming collection, which includes 28 brand new games that meet the developmental needs of the K-5 population, was developed through a \$500 Games On! grant from the American Library Association. We also received community donations of pre-owned games. Finally, we realized that we needed additional materials to support student check out of materials while protecting the safety of the games. These supplies were funded through a \$300 DonorsChoose grant.

As we look forward to the coming school years, we anticipate the following additions and plans for implementation:

### **2022-2023**

- We plan to expand the number of games in our collection, doubling it from the current 55 (including new and pre-owned games), to 120 games. This would allow for us to maintain a robust collection for use in the library, while also filling up the mobile cart for teachers, even if student check-out maintains at this level or increases.
- We will continue to collect pre-owned donations from the community, which also helps to have back-up pieces in case of missing or lost items.
- We will fund this expansion through a combination of PTA funding and DonorsChoose grants.

### **2023-2024**

- We plan to expand the STEAM programming options available in the flexible learning space through the addition of one to two 3D printers.
- These 3D printers will be funded through PTA funding, specifically funding raised by the community through our annual run.
- Ongoing funding of 3D printing supplies will be funded through a combination of school funds, PTA funds, and DonorsChoose grant funding.

The expansion of the gaming collection and addition of 3D printers will continue to support the school continuous improvement plan by supporting students to develop their reading, mathematics, and problem-solving skills. As we saw this year, the gaming collection, expanded use of centers in the library, and after school programming options all offer ways for students to increase their sense of belonging, build friendships, and feel connected to the school.

Please direct any questions about the current implementation and future goals for the expanded flexible learning space and collection to Audra Vanderland.

Thank you,

The Crestview Library Team

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