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Peabody EDUCATION Foundation

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## PEF Grants Program:

### Grants Program Offers New Opportunities for Teachers and Principals!

#### FUNDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Funds are still available through the PEF Grants Program for both individual teachers for their classroom students and principals/department heads for their grades/schools! Applications are currently being accepted and will continue to be accepted and reviewed on a rolling-basis until February 1, 2022. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis until the funds are gone.

#### To date the PEF Grants Program has funded some great programs, including:

- *A Forensic Science Guest Speaker*
- *Higgins Helping Hawks Student Mentoring Program*
- *Intergenerational Book Club*
- *Scholastic Classroom Magazines*
- *Wake Up Brain Bins*
- *Makerspace STEAM Weekly Classes*
- *Curious Creatures Reptile Zoo*
- *Rainforest Reptile Shows*
- *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Classroom Water Quality Study*

#### SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TODAY!

Please fill out the [electronic application](#) on our website which you can download, complete and email to us at [PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com](mailto:PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com). For more detailed information on the Grants Program, please check out the [PEF website](#). Any questions? Please email [PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com](mailto:PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com)

## Guest Reader Program:

### Update on our Guest Reader Program

Thank you to all of the teachers who have signed up for this wonderful program! The PEF is in the process of matching up teachers and readers right now. Information will be sent out to all shortly as the program will begin in early January and run through May. **The PEF is still in need of Guest Readers. If you know of anyone who is interested in being a Guest Reader, please have them contact Natalie Maga at [Natalie@peabodytv.com](mailto:Natalie@peabodytv.com).**



# Santa's Magic:

## PEF Teams up with Santa's Magic to Spread Holiday Cheer with Our Veterans



The PEF has supported [Santa's Magic](#) (which supports veterans in hospitals) for a number of years. Higgins Middle School students have written holiday messages in donated Lovepop cards which have then been distributed to veterans at Christmas time. Once again this year, 500 Lovepop cards have been donated and the Higgins Middle School students will be hard at work helping to make this Christmas a little more special for many local veterans!

# PEF Board News:

## New Board Member Announced!



The PEF is delighted to announce that **Cate Merlin**, Director of the Peabody Institute Library, is joining the PEF Board of Directors! Cate brings her knowledge of both books and library services to the PEF and will make an excellent addition to our Board. Welcome Cate!



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU, YOUR STUDENTS AND YOUR FAMILIES.  
HOPING FOR A HEALTHY AND SAFE 2022!**



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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