

MCCU Donates to Gordon Elementary School through Mini-Grant Program

Marshall Community Credit Union recently donated over \$250.00 to Gordon Elementary School through their Mini-Grant program. Gordon principal, Kelly Fitzpatrick, submitted the application stating that the funds would be used to purchase flexible seating options for students in both 2nd grade classrooms.

"Multiple studies have shown that introducing flexible seating, primarily at the elementary level, correlates strongly with an increase in concentration and comprehension. While the purchase of all new furniture would be ideal, there are small changes that can be made to enhance the current district furniture," said Fitzpatrick. "We know children still require movement throughout the day, and flexible seating allows for that," said Andrea Tucker, MCCU Financial Education Coordinator. "With the funds from our mini-grant, we hope the Gordon 2nd graders are able to focus more, enjoy learning and have independence and success in their classrooms," Tucker continued.

Funds from the mini-grant were used to purchase floor seats, ball seats, lap desks and bouncy bands for classroom chairs.

MCCU's mini-grant program is available for teachers, administrators and school staff at any of their partner schools (those that participate in the credit union's CU In School program, an in-school, student run credit union branch). Participating schools include Mar Lee, Marshall High School, Marshall Middle School, Walters, Hughes and Gordon Elementary, as well as Wattles Park Elementary. Mini-Grants can be used for items or services that participating schools do not normally purchase through funding resources. For more information regarding MCCU's Mini-Grant program, or to receive an application, contact Andrea Tucker at andrea.tucker@marshallcommunitycu.com or 269.781.9885 x3144.

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