



Marshall Community  
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## MCCU Donates to Mar Lee School Via Mini-Grant Program

Marshall Community Credit Union recently donated nearly \$500 to Mar Lee School through their Mini-Grant program. The funds were donated from two separate requests; one to help with the purchasing of water bottle filling stations. The second for purchasing “tubs” for morning work for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms.

Heather Fazekas, teacher at Mar Lee School, requested funds to assist with purchasing two water bottle filling stations. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, most schools are not allowing students access to drinking fountains. “We know that children benefit from structured environments where they feel safe,” said Fazekas. “Rather than taping off water fountains, restricting access, and marking it unsafe, we would like to provide an alternative that would allow students to feel safe and get hydrated. This will help build a sense of normalcy and safety throughout our building,” she continued.

Chiquita Hamilton, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Mar Lee, requested funds to develop “morning tubs” for students. “Tubs will contain various activities including building manipulatives for developing fine motor skills and academic activities to practice and reinforce ELA and math skills,” said Hamilton. “These tubs will benefit all students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. It will allow students to have individualized materials to work on, including strategies each student needs to enhance. And the skills will be rotated out once or twice a month to allow all students availability to all tubs prior to adding new materials,” she continued.

“Both requests were great examples of how schools are getting creative during this difficult time,” said Andrea Tucker, MCCU Financial Education Coordinator. “We know this time is not easy for anyone, schools included. And we are happy to see area teachers getting creative and figuring out how to make it work. And we are especially happy that we are able to continue to support them in their efforts,” she continued.

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](mailto:andrea.tucker@marshallcommunitycu.com) or 269.781.9885 x3144.

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