

Eagle Foundation Grant Application

Approved Grant \$617.80 – Fall 2021

Applicant: Chance Condran

School(s): Shaull Elementary School

Department (if applicable): Health & PE

Title of Project: The Sharkade (The Shaull Shark Arcade)

Type of Project: New Innovative Project

Purpose: To incentive and encourage student achievement, perseverance and other Shaull core values as well as strengthen social and emotional learning.

Project Description: The Sharkade is the combination of Shark and Arcade. The idea is that students can earn passes to The Sharkade each week based on student achievement, perseverance, empathy, and/or other core values that Shaull is currently working on. The Sharkade will be located in the lobby and will be open every Friday (and on special occasions). The Sharkade will feature active games such as ping ping (we already have it), air hockey, a basketball arcade game, battle putt (golf putting game), Nok Hockey, Giant Jenga, Giant Connect Four and more! We hope to continue adding new games year after year to make this an amazing experience for our students. In addition, we want this to be an opportunity for students to strengthen their social and emotional learning skills. Learning to play with others is an essential skill for elementary students and this project can help support that.

Approximate Number of Students Impacted: 523 (Every student at Shaull)

Others That Would Benefit: Other buildings would be able to copy our idea of having a fun, active arcade in their school. We would share how we set it up and how students are able to utilize it during the school day. This would be beneficial to other schools because it can motivate their students to achieve and meet school expectations/core values. Additionally, we cannot underestimate the value of "play". This project will provide students with an opportunity to practice socializing and connecting with their peers while playing at the "arcade".

Justification of Project: Project is cost effective based on the number who will benefit- This project benefits every student at Shaull, which currently is at 523 students. All grade levels will have opportunities to attend The Sharkade.

Project is innovative and promotes creativity- The Sharkade is innovative because it provides a new way to incentivize student achievement, good character and core values. Additionally, this project provides a creative way for students to strengthen their social and emotional learning skills by learning through play. Students will learn how to ask someone to play a game with them, how to show good sportsmanship, how to accept the outcome of a game, etc. Lastly, this project will help build lasting relationships with one another. Students will not only get to chance to form bonds with other students, but with teachers and staff as well. Some students will have opportunities to invite certain teachers/staff to join them in The Sharkade. Students and staff having fun together is a winning combination!

Project aligns with the District's goals, curriculum and current resources- Cumberland Valley's Mission Statement mentions the development of 21st century learning and thinking skills. Some of those skills that students will practice at The Sharkade are collaboration (working together to play a fair game), communication (talking respectfully and being able to share thoughts or questions during gameplay), critical thinking (thinking outside of the box in order to be successful at a game) and creativity (students will have the ability to create their own games using PE equipment on certain weeks). Additionally, the district has stressed the importance of social and emotional learning this year. This project provides students an opportunity to practice and improve those skills in social/game like situations.

Project has the potential to influence teaching and learning practices District-wide- This project will give teachers an additional tool to motivate students to do their best and reach their full potential in the classroom.

Project encourages collaboration and cross-curricular work (across different grades, buildings, and/or departments)- Eventually once the pandemic is over, the Sharkade will be open to multiple grade levels at the same time. This will give students opportunities to work together and play together across various grade levels.

Total Budget Request: \$617.80

Budget Information: Google Doc Link to budget:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yM8e2DoLW7K8A5zMAB9keXkluZj1eh5aGlaT5n6UX0k/edit?usp=sharing>