2015/2016 Arts Alliance Grant Proposals
Submitted by Cynthia Castillio – GRANTED!

The items being requested are a Glass Fusing Kiln, accessory kit, and a glass fusing starter kit. It is a small electric kiln that will allow students the opportunity to work with new art materials they have not yet had a chance to experiment with at Meridian. Future art lessons could include a variety of opportunities that allow students to experience making artworks such as small kitchenware, glass tiles, glass fused ornaments, slumped plates or mini bowls, and simple jewelry making.

If received, the initial plan is to introduce this media type to students in the 8th and 9th grade and later when more resources are acquired, other MYP or DP Art classes may also begin to experiment with the media.

Skutt GMLT Firebox 8 Kiln-Dick Blick @ $558
Skutt Firebox 8 Accessory Kit-Dick Blick @ $30.99
Amaco Glass Fusing Kit-item number 411840-Sax School Specialty @ $94

"All MYP and DP art students from grades 8 to 12 could benefit from this equipment. Possible future art club members and possible National Art Honor Society members for 2016-17 could also use this equipment for fundraising products."

8th grade 75 to 80 students
9th grade 50 to 60 students
10th, 11th, and 12th grades combined 60 to 80 projected for 2016.

Possible future art club students and fundraising events for 2016-2017 school year could be benefited by this equipment."

COST: $682.99 - $116 discount = $566.99 (free shipping)

Submitted by Jessica Boese on behalf of Brenda Costin, Kaylene Rudd, and Cynthia Castillio – GRANTED!

Casso Display Rails are a great way to display students' art work in a way that is attractive, long lasting, and relatively inexpensive.

• 12 sections of 6ft rails would display 72ft of artwork along any number of our straight walls where art is currently being hung with "sticky tack."

• 3 sections of 4ft rails could be used to hang flyers and posters on the walls above the drinking fountains and at the top of the "down" stairs where masking tape is currently being used.

The Contempo System will allow us to display art on any number of our curved walls. The kits I'm proposing include the rails, cables, and all hardware required.

• 3 sections of 12ft rails would display 36ft of artwork (options: green wall on first floor outside of art room or upstairs)

Grade 5 and Grades 9-12 and their teachers.


COST: $877.05 + shipping ($50-ish)
Personal note: The design department at Meridian will be growing exponentially over the next few years. We are hoping to populate a makers space (or workshop) with industry standard equipment to make the classes as applicable to real world applications as possible. There are several items for which we hope to raise funds. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

DEWALT DWE7480XA 10-Inch Compact Job Site Table Saw with Guarding System and Stand.

This is a safe and portable table saw that I would like to include in the maker’s space addition to the 2016-2017 design class room. In the design class, students are constantly learning about creating and manipulating different materials. Much of our time is consumed by using hand tools to do so. With the addition of a safety conscious and powerful tool like the DWE7480XA, the types of design materials that we can easily use for construction increase dramatically. This is an industry standard tool that will keep the Meridian design curriculum at the leading edge in its learning efforts.

The design class is a required part of the Meridian curriculum from 6th grade all the way through 10th grade personal projects. Having industry standard tools and materials will currently affect a minimum of 375 students per year for the lifetime of the equipment. With the projected increase of students coming up from the primary and our current 6th grade class, that number will easily increase to a minimum of 625 students over the next 3 years.

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00KE205NG/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B00KE205NG&linkCode=as2&tag=tablesaws00-20

COST: $399 (free shipping)

Submitted by Matt Rudd (pending – makers space plans are not finalized at this time) – GRANTED!

This is a portable sanding station that I would like to include in the maker's space addition to the 2016-2017 design class room. In the design class, students are constantly learning about creating and manipulating different materials. Much of our time is consumed by using hand tools to do so. With the addition of the WEN 6502, the types of design materials that we can easily use for construction increase dramatically. This is an industry standard tool that will keep the Meridian design curriculum at the leading edge in its learning efforts.

http://www.amazon.com/WEN-6502-36-Inch-6-Inch-Sander/dp/B00NAXSYT8/ref=sr_1_8?ie=UTF8&qid=1455557149&sr=1-8&keywords=dewalt+belt+sander

COST: $128 (free shipping)