

**GRANTS REPORT  
2014-2015**

Fund	Grant	Purpose/Priorities	Amount
LCEF	Together We Grow!	By focusing on building an outdoor learning space for the youngest children at Chandler Magnet, this grant will help them to understand early-on how important it is for them to have a connection with the natural environment. By establishing this connection early on in their life, they will become better stewards of our natural environment.	\$5,000.00

These funds have been awarded to Chandler Magnet School

Budget

ITEM	Description	QTY	Unit Cost	Total
<i>Tables with umbrellas</i>	Gorilla Playsets, 4-ft Brown wood rectangles: cedar kid-friendly tables to provide work space for children. They are made out of cedar and come with umbrella for shade	4	159	\$636
<i>Patio Bench</i>	43-inch long concrete bench to provide addition and informal seating areas in support of activities in the Reading Room	4	50	\$200
<i>Pavers</i>	Rubberific Red Rubber Square Patio Common 16 x 16 inches to cover area approximately 12 feet x 12 feet and create "area of focus" in the Reading Room	55	24.98	\$1,374
<i>Signage</i>	Professionally made sign indicating donation			\$400
<i>Arts and Crafts supplies</i>	Assorted materials for use by the children in this outdoor reading room including materials that can be used to create habitats for birds and butterflies			\$430

SERVICES

Stump grinding services for tree stump that  
needs to be removed in the area: \$100  
minimum plus \$5 per inch for the stump size  
72 inches x \$5 = \$360 for a total of \$460

\$460

***Stump Grinding***

Restoration of existing garden area by  
Regional Environmental Council= \$1,500

\$1,500

***Rehabilitation of Garden  
Areas***

\$5,000



January 6, 2015

Ivonne Perez  
Chandler Magnet School  
525 Chandler Street  
Worcester, MA 01602

Dear Ivonne:

Congratulations! I am happy to inform you that Chandler Magnet School has been selected to receive a 2014 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant in the amount of \$5000 for the Together We Grow! project from The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF). We're thrilled to assist you and your community with your school improvement project.

We have enclosed your check and a link to several tips and customizable tools on the "Winner's Circle" section of the Toolbox for Education website: [www.toolboxforeducation.com](http://www.toolboxforeducation.com). Look a large grant announcement poster in a separate mailing. This is perfect for celebrating this honor at your school.

Please keep the following in mind as you begin your project:

- Toolbox for Education grants are reserved for approved school improvement projects that can be completed within one year of grant receipt date. If your scheduled completion date or your project plans change, please contact us in advance. **LCEF grant dollars may only be used for the specific project described in the online grant application you submitted.**
- We can't wait to hear about your progress and successes. Please forward copies of news clips or promotional materials related to your project; digital pictures of the projects are great and have the opportunity to be published in our Social Responsibility Report.
- Your local Lowe's store is here to help you make the most of your grant. If you don't see exactly what you need in stock, please feel free to speak with your store manager. They may be able to help you special-order materials and possibly save your organization money as you complete your project!

The mission of the LCEF is to improve the communities we serve, and we are committed to having a positive impact on the lives of our customers, neighbors and employees. To help us measure community impact, we request that you prepare a report, at the conclusion of your project, which evaluates your project's success and its effect on your school and community. Also, in approximately six months we will contact you to check the status of your project and to request your participation in a survey of the Toolbox Grant process.

Congratulations on your Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant. We applaud your dedication to improving the schools in your community. We wish you all the best as you implement your project.

Sincerely,

Joan E. Higginbotham  
Director, Community Relations

PS - If you have questions about program materials, promotion, reporting or other aspects of the Toolbox for Education grants, the staff at PTO Today are ready to help. Please feel free to contact them at [info@toolboxforeducation.com](mailto:info@toolboxforeducation.com) or 800-644-3561 x210.





## Shine the Spotlight on your School

### How to Celebrate and Share your Grant Success

Isn't it time you shared your group's success? We think so! Sharing your success will let you celebrate your accomplishment with your community! It will also allow you to lead by example and assist future schools that participate in this program. Together, we can show them that they too can be a Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant winner!

## Tips for celebrating and sharing your grant success:

### Capture it!

Snap photos to chronicle your project and send them our way. Take candid as well as portraits as your project develops and don't forget before and after, group shots, action shots and different angles! We'll share them with future applicants for the Toolbox for Education program. Visit [www.toolboxforeducation.com/winners.html](http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/winners.html) for more picture taking tips.



**Bright Idea:** Thank the people who have helped you succeed through your photography (i.e. have students hold "thank you" signs in your photo or display the partner's signage in the photos) and then send them copies of the photos so they can share the success, too.

### Publish it!

Promote your project in your school or group's newsletter or the local newspaper. And/or post the success story on your school website. Include photos and give credit to special people who are helping along the way. Visit [www.toolboxforeducation.com/winners.html](http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/winners.html) for press release and newsletter templates that your school can use.



**Bright Idea:** Invite your local TV station to join in on the fun – whether at a ribbon cutting ceremony, project completion day or while it is in use.

### Promote it!

We're providing you with a poster and certificate of achievement to promote your success at your school. Hang the poster in prominent areas of the school, like the gym or the cafeteria, places where teachers and parents alike can learn of your accomplishment. Go to [toolboxforeducation.com/winners](http://toolboxforeducation.com/winners) to print your grant certificate which you can edit with your school name and award amount. Frame the certificate and display it in your lobby.



**Bright Idea:** Take a picture of your group with the certificate and send it to your local paper or publish it in your newsletter.

In addition to the ideas listed above, you will find more tips online at [www.toolboxforeducation.com/winners.html](http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/winners.html). You'll also find materials like tools for working with the media and the Toolbox for Education logo for use in your school or group newsletter or for use on your school's website.

We can't wait to see your success! Send your news clippings and photos to: PTO Today, Inc, Attn: Toolbox for Education, 100 Stonewall Blvd., Suite 3, Wrentham, MA 02093.