

## 2015-16 LPAA Mini Grant

This year we distributed \$3,187 to the Lew-Port staff.

The following teachers/staff received grants:

**Angela Van Egmond** and three other First grade teachers are purchasing "Raz-Kids" an online leveled reading program to enhance student fluency and comprehension of stories. The students log-in to find just the right book and then they listen to a story to build fluency and take quizzes to check for understanding.

**Kelly Dragone** and three additional Second grade teachers also received money to purchase "Raz Kids" for their students.

**Michelle Broughman**, who teaches Remedial Reading in grades Three through Five, will purchase "Guided Reading Short Reads". The children practice reading and understanding complex informational texts that are encountered in everyday living. They cover a wide range of subjects and text types.

**Janelle Siuta, Audrey Stafford, Paul Frederick, Mike DiCamillo, Shannon Lester, Barb Tewsley, Mary Ellen Aureli, the Librarian, and Jill Jaruszewski** requested novels to enhance the Fifth grade Social Studies and English Language Arts Curriculum. This purchase will help to update their present collection of books and build on Common Core instruction.

**Suzanne Lombardi** in the Middle School requested updated Vision Screening equipment. She is the School Nurse and we felt that this purchase would assist with all areas of instruction and help to find students with undiagnosed vision problems.

**Colleen Clor**, a High School Science teacher, is going to build an "Augmented Reality Sandbox". When completed, it will be used to teach concepts related to conservation, cartography, problem solving, and planetary land forms. This project is related to STEM activities.

**Michael Gagnon**, a Regents Physics teacher, requested an "I-Pad for the Flipped Classroom". The I-Pad will enable students to use Mr. Gagnon's I-Tunes U Course in Regents Physics. The entire course, composed of 50 videos, worksheets, web links, and lab materials, is available as an I-Tunes App on an I-Pad.

As you see a wide variety of grant requests were made and we were unable to fund everyone due to the lack of money. We do one fundraiser a year in the Summer, which is the Jason Raby 5K Run and Walk. We would like to have more people come forward to join the Association and be active on the Alumni Board. Please join us in supporting the students in the Lewiston-Porter community.