Extracurriculars aided by new funding

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The Ithaca Public Education Initiative's first round of Red and Gold Grants this year will assist six different schools.



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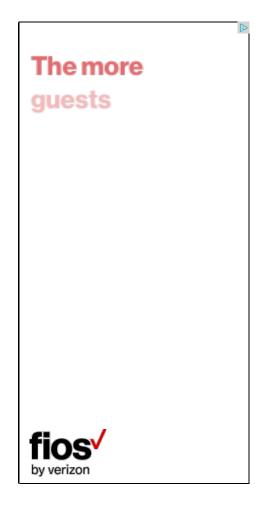
The Ithaca Public Education Initiative has dished out its first round of Red and Gold Grants this year in a continuing effort to fund various educational pursuits around the city's school district.

This round's awards include 21 one-time grants to six different schools totaling \$9,555. Each grant, worth up to \$500 for each project, will assist with programs in five elementary schools, two middle schools and Ithaca High School and include projects such as yoga and engineering to local farming and languages. At Caroline Elementary, an after-school nature program was granted funding, while Enfield Elementary's students will be treated to a performance by the Beauty and the Beast storytellers, thanks to grants from IPEI.

The next deadline for to apply for one of these grants is Monday, Dec. 7.

Now entering its 2015-16 appeal for support, IPEI looks to build on the more than 80 grants it shilled out last year for a total of \$93,000 through its four grant programs. All grant application deadlines and forms are accessible at <u>www.ipei.org (http://www.ipei.org/)</u>.

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