

**Foundation Grant Summary 2023-2024**  
**Jessica Byers- Becoming a Katniss Everdeen Part 2 (Archery in the School)**

Thank you so much for the Foundation Grant that supplied archery equipment for my fourth and fifth grade students. I have noticed that more students are left eye dominant so they needed to shoot with a left handed bow. The grant allowed me to purchase 2 more left handed bows. Taking my total number of bows to 12 (8 right handed and 4 left handed). My goal is for all of my students to learn a lifelong outdoor skill that they can enjoy in this area. This can also impact our community as students continue archery and visit the NWTF in the future. This is my third year including archery in my PE class and it gets better every year. Students are using string bows to practice the “11 Steps to Archery Success” before transitioning to using a bow and arrow. They are learning command cues, parts of a bow, parts of an arrow, how to give feedback to another archer, how to score their shots, and so much more. This has definitely been one of my greatest accomplishments as a PE teacher. You all have also seen the video of one of the students shooting a modified bow using a mouth release and did amazingly well. I am excited for the continuation of this program with your support along the way. Thank you so very much for your support and involvement in this process.



