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Caledonia Community Schools Community:

We are sharing the information below on behalf of the Caledonia Education Foundation (CEF). The Caledonia Education Foundation has always been a huge supporter of Caledonia Community Schools and we are grateful for their work to partner with Amazon on some amazing donations for our students and staff! Thank you for supporting our schools.

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The Caledonia Education Foundation (CEF) recently received a gift of \$13,000 from the GRR1 Amazon Fulfillment Facility. At the end of 2021, CEF provided Amazon with a wish list of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) related needs in the district and Amazon was gracious in funding the majority of the items! We are grateful that Amazon is committed to being involved in their local school district and community!

Several groups will benefit from the donated funds that will greatly enhance these programs that often have very limited extra funding or in the case of Caledonia Robotics, have to raise their own funds.

- Our Caledonia High School (CHS) and Duncan Lake Middle School (DLMS) Robotics classes received over \$3000 for program supplies including cables, batteries, robots, and vex kits.
- The district's technology department was thrilled to be awarded almost \$5000. Funds will allow them to purchase needed network testing and maintenance tools including a security camera tester and a cable tester to troubleshoot issues within the many miles of cables that run throughout the district.
- Caledonia Robotics, run through Caledonia Enriched, will use funds to help complete their RAD drone field as well as purchase two 3D printers that can be used to make replacement parts for the drones.

CEF invited Amazon to join their prize patrol that surprised each group with a big check, and the exciting news of the awards. Lexi Cooley, Human Resource Manager, and Matt Moss, General Manager for the GRR1 Amazon Fulfillment Facility, joined Denise Blunk and several CEF board members as they visited each group to learn more about how the funds would be used as well as plans for the programs in the future. Students in Jim Klomparens' CHS Engineering Design class and Mike Wilson's DLMS STEM advanced class were excited to be a part of the surprise and celebration.

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Thank- you Amazon for awarding CEF \$13,000 for STEM needs!



Caledonia Robotics and RAD Drone Program



Caledonia Technology Department



Caledonia High School Robotics -Mr. Klomparens



Duncan Lake Middle School Robotics—Mr. Wilson

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