

Ambler Savings Bank Awards \$10,000 Grant to Enhance Wissahickon Middle School MakerSpace



Ambler Savings Bank presents a \$10,000 donation to the Wissahickon Educational Opportunities Foundation (WEOF) to enhance the MakerSpace at Wissahickon Middle School. Pictured top row, left to right: Chris Leauby, Co-President of WEOF; Roger Zacharia, Ambler Savings Bank President and CEO; Erin Cohen, Assistant Vice President/Retail Officer; Beth Bauer, WMS Principal; and Dianne Krause, Instructional Technology Specialist. Front row: Wissahickon Middle School students.

AMBLER — A \$10,000 grant awarded to the Wissahickon Educational Opportunities Foundation (WEOF) by Ambler Savings Bank will help enhance the popular MakerSpace at Wissahickon Middle School (WMS). During a check presentation to WEOF and WMS on March 29th, Ambler Savings Bank was provided student demonstrations in the innovative new learning space incorporated at the beginning of this school year.

A former computer lab, the MakerSpace was created for students to make, innovate, create and design. The MakerSpace features dedicated space for students to learn about robotics, science, technology, art and math through engaging, hands-on activities. Students showed representatives of Ambler Savings Bank how they work with Romo and Sphero Robots, little Bits electronic sets, Hot Wheels Speedometry Kits and a MakerBot Replicator 5th Generation 3D Printer.

Ambler Savings Bank provided the grant through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC), a state program which allows participating businesses to support innovative educational improvement organizations like WEOF and receive a tax credit on their state taxes. The grant will be used to support additional MakerSpace equipment and activities at WMS and to purchase mobile MakerSpaces for the four Wissahickon elementary schools allowing teachers to introduce STEM projects to students to spark an interest in these areas. The Makerspace kits can be used, packed up and shared across classrooms.

“We are so grateful to Ambler Saving Bank for this generous grant to expand our MakerSpace. The students absolutely love this learning environment which sparks their creativity, innovative thinking and interest in science, technology, engineering and math,” said Dianne Krause, Wissahickon Instructional Technology Specialist.

“Ambler Savings Bank is excited to begin a partnership with Wissahickon School District, and especially to provide funding for innovative and technological classrooms, such as the MakerSpace at the Wissahickon Middle School. We look forward to growing our relationship with the school district, while promoting Ambler Savings Bank’s commitment to public education,” said Roger Zacharia, President and CEO of Ambler Savings Bank.