

2011 - 2012 GRANT AWARDS

iPad Art Grant / Washington

This grant will be used to purchase iPads that will allow students in grades K-5 to create and practice art skills on a digital sketchbook. Students will also have the opportunity to save and share their artwork in virtual art galleries. This grant incorporates technology into the learning environment in a creative, expressive way.

Special Education Grant / Field

This grant will be used to purchase iPads for use in the Special Education Program. Imaginative iPad applications will help students engage and provide an alternative way for students to enhance their cognitive and communication skills. The wealth of available applications supports differentiation and inclusion efforts for students with special needs.

Middle School Language Arts Grant / Lincoln and Emerson

This grant will be used to purchase Sony Bloggie camcorders to enhance small group instruction in the Language Arts curriculum. Video clips of group discussions will provide opportunities for immediate feedback and will improve the student-teacher conference experience. Students will also use recorded group discussions to assess their growth, critique their responses and establish ongoing goals in a more efficient and immediate way.

Get-it-Garage Grant / Roosevelt

This grant will be used to purchase materials to create a "garage" where students will learn a variety of "fix-up" reading strategies. Students in the garage will be taught and encouraged to read for meaning and not simply to decode. The motivational setting provides second and third graders with an engaging environment to become more successful readers.

iPhone Writing Grant / Lincoln

This grant will be used to refurbish iPhones that will be used to bridge the gap between formulating ideas and putting words into print for struggling writers in middle school. Staff and students at Lincoln will refurbish donated iPhones and equip them with applications that will make the phones into word processing machines capable of taking dictation, creating and storing documents, and printing.

Pre-School Communication Grant / Jefferson

This grant will allow staff at Jefferson to purchase iPads to enhance communication and education for preschoolers while also teaching parents and families about appropriate applications for their children. A variety of available applications will help accelerate speech skills and language acquisition for preschoolers at Jefferson.

North Shore Concert Band Grant / Lincoln and Emerson

This grant will allow the Lincoln and Emerson Symphonic and Concert Bands to "sit in with the pros" from the North Shore Concert Band. District 64 students will have the opportunity to play alongside an experienced musician to discover the possibilities that their music holds when played at a high level of musical artistry.

Imagination Playground Grant / All Elementary Schools

This grant will be used to purchase a "Playground in a Cart" that will allow students to expand their creative thinking with giant foam blocks, mats, wagons, fabric and crates to build, play, dream and explore endless play opportunities. The Imagination Playground will be moved from school to school so all elementary children have the opportunity to experience this childdirected free-play experience.

Rachel's Challenge Grant / Emerson

This grant will help the staff at Emerson Middle School further establish an environment of kindness, compassion and respect. Rachel's Challenge is an age-specific program designed to help students recognize their purpose in life. It provides a powerful partnership with educators and addresses bullying in the school environment. The program includes an impactful assembly, student and adult training, a student-led service club and a community event.

Team Building Grant / Field

This grant will be used to bring counselors from Camp Duncan to work on team building activities with all third and fourth graders at Field School. The team building sessions will help students to trust, help, encourage, cooperate with and respect their classmates while also showing them how to use their strengths to benefit their team.

Ukulele Grant / Carpenter and Washington

This grant will be used to purchase 30 soprano ukuleles for students to play in music class. The ukulele is making a comeback in music education and will be used by fourth and fifth graders to play melody, harmony and rhythm all at once on a highly motivating instrument.

YogaKids Grant / Jefferson

This grant will allow students at Jefferson to participate in yoga with an experienced YogaKids instructor. The students will learn breathing techniques, yoga poses, games, activities, relaxation and visualization that will enhance their learning potential and daily life skills. YogaKids classes will support Jefferson's creative curriculum by addressing four areas of development – physical, language, social-emotional and cognitive development.