



Helping District 64 Reach New Heights

## DISTRICT 64 ELEMENTARY LEARNING FOUNDATION 2015 – 2016 GRANTS

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*Since 1994, ELF has established and supported innovative educational programs by awarding grants to teachers and staff who are committed to excellence in education. This year, more than \$25,000 in grants will be awarded to District 64 schools, advancing ELF's total direct grants to nearly \$700,000!*

### **Promoting STEM Education in Preschool**

### **Jefferson School**

Provides developmentally appropriate materials to foster Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education for all preschool students. The materials will promote hands-on STEM activities that our preschool students would not otherwise have and encourage our students to think outside of the box.

### **Collaborate to Accelerate with Kindergarten Families**

### **Washington School**

Helps incoming Washington Kindergarten families understand the Common Core academic expectations for D64 students. It provides resources prior to the new academic school year to help parents better prepare their children for this academically rigorous Kindergarten curriculum.

### **Daily Guided Math Instruction**

### **Washington School**

Provides differentiated math practice to meet second grade students' personal learning targets through the use of IXL software. After core instruction, students will be guided through their learning with teacher-directed small group instruction, problem-solving activities using math manipulatives, and in stations that include working independently with technology.

### **Move and Learn Project**

### **Carpenter School**

Introduces safe equipment and activities that can be used by all students to improve their focus and alertness in school. The setup of the program will promote self-awareness of the need for motor breaks; it helps students recognize the need for motor breaks, take the motor breaks within the classroom setting in a non-disruptive way, and re-engage in their learning and/or task.

### **3D Printing**

### **Carpenter School**

Provides students with opportunities to conceptualize and solve problems in designing 3-dimensional art by using a 3D printer to realize a final product that has width, height and depth. Students will develop the capability to design an object on paper that is ultimately transformed from being a shape (2D), to a form having 3 dimensions.

### **Collaboration Station**

### **Roosevelt School**

Replaces the existing computer lab in the school library with a state-of-the-art, flexible learning environment for all students, using new tables, stools, room dividers, and bookshelves to replace the current computer lab. The entire room can be reconfigured as needed throughout the school day.

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