

BHS Foundation
WINTER 2016 AWARDED MINI-GRANTS

Nonfiction for All Students-Katherine Trescone-East Hills Middle School

Provides sets of nonfiction texts at seven reading levels for fifth graders. These texts include a wide range of informational topics. The goal is to create a leveled nonfiction library to be shared between all fifth grade classrooms.

Engineering Engagement in the Elementary Classroom-Tara Realy-Lone Pine Elementary

Purchase of K'nex building materials to allow students to explore the engineering and design cycle that is driving the new science standards.

Osmo Genius Kits for ESL-Valerie Weeks-West Hills

Osmo is a unique gaming accessory for the iPad that fosters learning in key areas such as: social-emotional skills, creative thinking, art, STEM and common core. These kits help with differentiation of instruction, which is essential in an ESL classroom, due to the variety of cultural, educations, and linguistic backgrounds of students.

Digital Narratives & Productions-Amanda Zang-BHHS

Purchase of four HD video cameras to help support the increasing enrollment in the BHS-TV News class. This class produces an entirely student-driven news program (bhstv.bloomfield.org)

Eastover Spanish Reads!-Devin Orrin-Eastover Elementary

Spanish, English and bilingual fiction and non-fiction books will be purchased that align to the themes in the elementary Spanish curriculum. These books will expose the students to other cultures.

Eastover News-Byrd, Schimmick, Shallow, Walch and Woods-Eastover Elementary

Purchase of iPad Air, apps, tripod/mounting device and green screen to help fourth grade students create a weekly video news program. Groups of students take turns planning, writing, recording and editing the program, which is broadcast to the school and school community.

Incorporating STEM into the ARP Program-Linda Carlson and Amy Goldman-West Hills

Specific STEM activities will be purchased to allow the teacher and speech therapist to work together to engage fourth and fifth grade ARP students. These activities will provide hands-on learning of content knowledge at the students' language and academic levels.

Tri-M Music Honor Society-Brynn Elder and Allison Heath-BHHS

Monies will be provided to cover the fee to start a BHHS chapter of Tri-M, the international music honor society for high school students. It is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishment and service activities and to inspire students to excel at music and leadership.

Easy Sharing-Susan Payne-Way Elementary

A green screen and 4 ipad tablet holders will be purchased to allow students in all grades to record their stories using the iPad, stop animation and/or a green screen.

Infrastructure Creation of the Senior All Night Party-BHHS

Funds will be used to help develop a new infrastructure for the Senior All Night party in the new high school building. This infrastructure will be used for years to come.

Conant Courtyard-Kim Bremerkamp-Conant Elementary

Updating the courtyard to a creative, low-maintenance outdoor classroom, using artificial grass, activity walls and creative seating. This will be an area for teachers to conduct class, children to read, play and create and display art.

2016 BHHS LipDub-Srirama Varanasi-BHHS

The BHHS LipDub will be a single-take video that aims to engage every student organization, group and club. A handheld video stabilizer will be purchased to help create a better quality video to represent the school and community.

Geometry-Jennifer Hunt-Way Elementary

A set of Magna-Tiles will be purchased for each second grade classroom. These magnetic tiles will allow students to manipulate various shapes to make 2D and 3D representations. These tiles take what is abstract and make it concrete.

Artful Literacy-Mallory Molnar-Way Elementary

Books will be purchased to create an art library for students to have access to at all times. These books will help students develop a broader understanding of art and help them develop literacy and critical thinking skills.

Celebrating Our Diversity with Multicultural Literature-Carolyn Wheeler-Conant Elementary

Books will be purchased to provide an opportunity for students to see themselves positively in literature and to help the students learn to be open-minded in today's global society. Fiction, non-fiction and biography will be part of this collection.

Inspiration, Investigation, Innovation-Adam Scher-Way Elementary

Creation of a museum-like workspace for teachers and students to go deeper with experimentation in the areas of science engineering, robotics, Camp Google and

tinkering. Items such as Cubelets, Snap Circuits, Magna-Tiles and Microscopes will be purchased.

Middle School Forensics Workshops-Cathleen Brook-BHMS

Presenter fees will be covered for student forensics workshops on skills such as selecting and cutting a competition-ready piece, blocking/presentation movement and skills and dramatic and professional development.

Keyboards for Kids-Alan Neuwirth-BHMS

32 full-sized plug-and-play Logitech keyboards will be purchased for seventh grade students to complete activities and assignments. They will be shared between core subject areas including math, science, language/literature and humanities. These keyboards will allow students to have access to technology when they need it, rather than when it is available.

Math Pentathlon-Karen Kaplan-Lone Pine Elementary

Purchase of six second and third grade game sets and parent instructional guides. Math Pentathlon is a peer-based program of problem solving games that strengthen basic math concepts and skills. Students meet weekly to learn/play these games together, and the program culminates in a national tournament competition in March.