



**2020  
Innovative Grants Program  
Awards Reception**

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## ELEMENTARY AWARDS

### Alderwood Elementary School

*Owl Star Lunch Bunch*

**Michael Hernandez & Katherine O'Brien**

Provides an alternative lunch time option for students that promotes social-emotional skills.

### Beacon Park School

*Wellness Wednesdays - Mindful Meditation*

**Jessica Hebl**

Creates a space for students and staff to positively cope with stress through meditation.

### Deerfield Elementary School

*Flock Together Student Leadership*

**Julie Hatchel**

Helps develop skills in leadership and servanthood by connecting students to service-learning opportunities at their school.

### Eastshore Elementary School

*Embedding Robotics to Promote Enrichment and Engagement*

**Kelly Duncan**

Provides Ozobots Evo Classroom Kits and Blue-Bots to teach K-6 students fundamental concepts of coding and robotics.

### Greentree Elementary School

*The Appleseed Project*

**Sarah Calore & Stephanie Frazier**

Provides special needs students with access to technology to meet each of their unique learning levels.

### Meadow Park Elementary School

*Communication for All*

**Julia Meves**

Uses picture communication boards to help students with speech or language

difficulties to express their wants and needs and support social interactions on the playground.

### Northwood Elementary School

*Grand Buddies*

**Michelle Reynolds**

A program designed to connect students with senior citizens to be their "grand buddies" as a way to foster social-emotional growth.

### Northwood Elementary School

*Innovation for All - Big and Small*

**Lacey Aguilar, Liz Kovacic & Danielle Nunes**

Provides a space for students in grades TK-6th to explore technology and STEAM activities.

### Oak Creek Elementary School

*Calm Carts*

**Katy Shobe**

A "sensory tool kit" that offers strategies and activities students can use to help manage emotions and behaviors.

### Oak Creek Elementary School

*Dream BIG with Rigamajig - Build, Innovate, Grow*

**Kerry Rubel**

Allows students the opportunity to learn various science and engineering concepts through Rigamajig Basic Builder Kits.

### Portola Springs Elementary School

*Sensory Library to Help ALL Students Achieve*

**Megan Bricker & Barbara Colbert**

Resources for their Sensory and Support Library will help meet the sensory, attention, and executive functioning needs of students.

### **Santiago Hills Elementary School**

*Maker Moments*

**Kathryn Wilhelm**

A STEAM-based classroom project designed to create hands-on, experiential learning experiences for students through various challenges.

### **Turtle Rock Elementary School**

*Proficiency Through Planks*

**Amy Bass**

Using Keva Plank kits, students can engage in block play to support problem-solving skills and creative thinking.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS**

### **Jeffrey Trail Middle School**

*On the Cutting Edge of Video Production*

**Amanda Lelliott**

Updated equipment will increase video editing abilities and allow students to delve into more advanced skills such as motion graphics and special effects.

### **Sierra Vista Middle School**

*Percussion Ensemble*

**James Kang & Henry Miller**

Provides the equipment necessary to offer a percussion ensemble class, allowing student percussionists a tailored music learning experience.

### **Sierra Vista Middle School**

*United Sound*

**Andrew Lewis & Henry Miller**

A peer mentorship opportunity that helps provide musical performance experiences for students with special needs.

### **South Lake Middle School**

*The S.H.A.R.K Project*

**Kelly Alexander, Kathy Holcomb & Tami Watkins**

Provides students and their families access to resources necessary to be

successful at school, home, and their community.

### **Venado Middle School**

*De-stress for Success*

**Karen Fisher**

Flexible furniture will transform their library/media center to foster group collaboration, student discussion, and deeper application of course content.

### **Venado Middle School**

*Now That You Can Hear Me, What About Our Friends?*

**Dawn Godley**

Provides additional classroom amplification systems to increase student engagement and learning outcomes.

## **HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS**

### **Northwood High School**

*Hope Squad: Preventing Youth Suicide*

**Megan Keller**

A peer-based suicide prevention program to reduce self-destructive behavior and youth suicide by training, building, and creating positive culture change in schools and communities.

### **Portola High School**

*Passion Project*

**Jon Resendez**

A project that seeks to empower senior learners to connect their passions with the community at-large.

### **Portola High School**

*Preparing Student-Athletes for the Next Competition: Esports*

**Anthony Pham**

Provides students the opportunity to explore the world of competitive gaming and develop skills in communication, collaboration, and teamwork.

### Woodbridge High School

*High School Makerspace and Innovation Lab*

#### **Daniel Pilchman**

Creates a makerspace for students to engage with technology and teach technical skills valued in the workplace such as 3D printing, CNC milling, and laser cutting.

### Woodbridge High School

*Hope Squad Curriculum and Budget*

#### **Lauren Stallings**

A peer-based suicide prevention program to reduce self-destructive behavior and youth suicide by training, building, and creating positive culture change in schools and communities.

## DISTRICT AWARDS

### Early Childhood Education Center

*Importance of Play in Developing Skills of Early Childhood*

#### **Priscilla Gonzalez, Nicole Summers & Amy Kadell**

Provides a new dramatic play center to engage student imagination and enhance their developmental growth.

### Elementary Music Specialists

*Trumpet Take-Over!*

#### **Greg Bergevin, Monica Cummins, Mark Ghiassi, Ricky Medina, Hee Jeong Przytulski, Marci Seminario & Karen Sposato**

Provides 5th & 6th grade music students the opportunity to study under a guest clinician to inspire and motivate them towards their music aspirations.

### IUUSD STEM Department

*Star Lab Equipment*

#### **Chris Weber**

Provides all elementary and middle school students a star lab projector to learn about astronomy and earth sciences.

## STUDENT AWARDS

### Portola High School

*Competitive Esports Equipment Upgrade*

#### **Ethan Ho, Saoud Moon & Winston Yi**

Provides upgraded monitors to establish and support a student Esports club.

### University High School

*Kindness Project*

#### **Gavin Zaengle**

A student-led initiative to promote kindness and positive peer culture at school.

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