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### **AEF Awards over \$11,000 in Mini-grants to Arlington Classrooms**



[IMAGE: Arlington Education Foundation presents grant awards to recipients at Arlington School Board meeting]

[Arlington, Wash.] The Arlington Education Foundation (AEF) recently awarded \$11,053.27 to 13 classroom projects in its spring grant cycle. These grants fund innovative and imaginative classroom projects in Arlington Public Schools:

1. Eagle Creek K-5 Grade Team - Growing Strong 2023
2. Kent Prairie Occupational Therapist and Special Education Team - Trauma Informed Social & Sensory Support Strategies for Emotional Regulation
3. Pioneer Elementary K-5 Grade Team - Access to Quality Literature for All Learners
4. Jenelle Rose - 4th Grade at Pioneer - Entry Task STEM Bins
5. Lisa Thompson - 3rd Grade at Eagle Creek - 3rd Grade Math Centers
6. Elsa Lund at Presidents - Instrument Tuners
7. Riley Anderson - 3rd Grade/Presidents - ELA and Math Reinforcement Tools

8. Eagle Creek K-5 Grade Team - Increasing Math Fluency and Engagement in the Intervention Classroom Using Student Choice/UDL
9. Darcy Larson - 4th Grade/Presidents - Chain Reaction STEM Exploration (Rube Goldberg Mechanics)
10. Haller Middle School 6th Grade Team - Fun & Games in the Middle School Math Classroom
11. Kent Prairie 1st Grade Team - First Grade Small Group Classroom Library
12. Kent Prairie 2nd Grade Team - Number Corner
13. Bailey Newell/Presidents - Preschool Dramatic Play

AEF funds mini-grants twice a year. Educators can apply in the fall and spring for consideration. AEF's projects committee reviews applications and funds the top grants meeting its criteria. Teachers are awarded their funds immediately and are able to purchase new materials for their classrooms they would not ordinarily be able to afford.

Classroom mini-grants are supported by AEF fundraising events. The AEF hosts a wine-tasting event in the fall and a Christmas Breakfast with Santa in December. The next event, Sip! Sip! Hooray! will be held on Thursday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available soon and information can be found on the AEF website at [www.arlingtonedfoundation.org](http://www.arlingtonedfoundation.org).

The AEF was founded in 2002. It raises and disperses funds to promote excellence, enrich education and provide resources for students and future students. Projects funded to date: Linda M Byrnes Performing Arts Center; Elementary Choral Library; AHS Video Production Live/Remote Broadcasting; Technology Teacher Stations at Post Middle School, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and over \$130,000 in mini-grants for teachers and classrooms.

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Arlington Education Foundation fills the gaps in education by funding programs that help our Arlington Public school K-12 Students by raising and managing funds to support special projects that promote excellence, enriches education and provides resources for students and future students. For more information on projects and grant funding, please visit the AEF website at [arlingtonedfoundation.org](http://arlingtonedfoundation.org). AEF is a 501c3 organization.