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Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools Announces Enrichment Grants to Benefit All Students

Robotic kits, Makers Space supplies, zero-gravity flight experience and fetal pigs are among the items that the 2016-2017 Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools Enrichment Grants will purchase for classroom projects and programs.

“The Foundation for VPS is pleased to offer more than \$100,000 to 36 VPS Schools & Programs each year to provide almost 24,000 students with opportunities that spark their interests, connect them to their passion, and help them envision and plan for their future success in college, career and life. The range of grant applications speaks to the creativity and unique ideas from each of the school buildings.” said Nada Wheelock, Executive Director, Foundation for VPS

Since 1998, the Foundation has awarded more than one million dollars to fund innovative and exciting projects that enrich student learning.

According to Debra Hale, VPS Executive Director of Teaching & Learning, “Our Foundation provides enrichment experiences that make it possible for our students to explore and experience so many new things! The opportunities created for students to discover these new and exciting paths touch lives and open vistas, and their impact is significant. Thank you, Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools, for all you do for students!”

The 2016-17 grant recipients are:

Anderson Elementary – OMSI Interactive Science Festival; Supplies for a Makers Space

Chinook Elementary – Sensory & movement tools to promote self-regulation

Eisenhower Elementary – Books for a Mentor Text library

Felida Elementary – OMSI Science Festival and STEM Night; Sensory Tools

Fir Grove - Portland Audubon Society, OMSI, Oregon Zoo and the Reptile Man visits

Franklin – Oregon Zoo to School visits

Fruit Valley Elementary – Singer, song-writer Steve Seskin to work on composing, singing & recording; soccer equipment for after-school program

Harney Elementary – Sensory & wiggle tools

Hazel Dell Elementary – Supplies & books for family engagement nights; robotic kits for club

Hough Elementary – Playworks – creating a sustainable recess program that promotes healthy exercise, inclusion & fun

King Elementary – College T-shirts to promote college-going mindset

Lake Shore Elementary – Imago Puppet Theater workshops & assemblies

Lincoln Elementary – Playworks – to transform school culture out on the playground

Marshall Elementary – Supplies for Makers Space to promote STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math)

Minnehaha Elementary – Sensory toolkits for each classroom to help promote student self-regulation

Ogden Elementary – Author Visit; supplies for existing Makers Space

Roosevelt Elementary – Sensory & movement tools

Sacajawea Elementary – Transportation to attend Oregon Symphony’s Young People concert

Salmon Creek Elementary – OMSI visit & presentation from SCRAP to “inspire creative reuse and environmentally sustainable behavior”

Truman Elementary – Sensory & movement tools

Discovery Middle – fetal pigs for dissection, Frisbee golf equipment, Spanish books and speaker/musician Talilo Marfil for assembly

Jason Lee Middle – “One Book, One School” – using the book “Wonder” to inspire students to be kind

Thomas Jefferson Middle – Robotics kits; supplies for Makers Space

McLoughlin Middle – Transportation for field trips to connect math with nature (Mt. St. Helen’s, Bonneville Dam & Fish Hatchery & Fort Vancouver)

Columbia River High – ASB breakout with consultant John Norlin; SkillsUSA Competition

Fort Vancouver High – Design of the “International Tranquility Garden”; irrigation supplies; transportation for the Global Day for Service

Hudson’s Bay High – “Up & Over” character development program for the Freshman Academy; Black History 101 Mobile Museum

Skyview High – Speaker/singer/songwriter Jared Campbell on kindness & compassion; construction materials & costumes for a spring musical entitled, “Once Upon A Mattress.”

Flex Academy – Supplies for Makers Space

VSAA – Transportation for students to perform community service at various locations around the Vancouver area

iTech Preparatory – Physics students to experience the High School Education Program at iFLY culminating in a zero-gravity flight experience

Lieser Campus – OMSI assemblies; equipment for History Club and Sensory Tools

VPS Elementary Schools – Transportation for the Safety Patrol students to Oaks Park

The Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools is an independent, 501(c)3 educational non-profit corporation established in 1988 to support Vancouver Public Schools (VPS). Governed by a volunteer board of directors made up of business, community, and education leaders, the Foundation creates opportunities to cultivate and inspire student success. As an educational non-profit entity, the Foundation serves students at all 37 VPS schools, providing direct aid to students facing learning barriers due to economic need, as well as financial assistance for learning enrichment and mentoring programs that cannot be funded by the school district. The Foundation for VPS is supported by donations from school employees, parents, students, community members, and businesses. Visit www.FoundationforVPS.org for more information.