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FOUNDATION AWARDS NEARLY \$29,000 IN MINI GRANTS

(Aurora) – The Aurora East Educational Foundation (AEEF) has awarded \$29,000 in grants to staff who applied for funding through the AEEF Educational Grants Program.

The purpose of the AEEF Educational Grants Program is to allow innovative ideas to be tested and the education of our youth to be enriched through these ideas. Past activities have been very successful and have made the educational experience of our students even more rewarding.

“As always there was an overwhelming interest in mini grants this year, 36 to be exact and we want to thank everyone that expressed an interest and encourage staff to apply as the grant cycle becomes available. East Aurora is fortunate to have so many dedicated staff members that continue to look for ways to enrich our students’ educational opportunities,” said Lisa Morales, foundation member.

The following are the projects that were funded for this cycle of the AEEF Educational Grants Program:

<u>Project/Program</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>School</u>
Creating Dynamic ESL Pathways to Bi-Literacy	Denise Salemi	Simmons
Robotics & Engineering Club Showcase Project	Leslie Ward	Simmons
Rock On!	Karen Henderson	Simmons
French Horn – Band	Eric Stade	Simmons
Monarch Book Club	Rachel Pinkepank	Hermes
Business Job Shadowing	Jeffrey Mleczo	East High
Mentoring Program	Jacki Glenn, Kim Kereluk, Sheena Seranella	East High
Choices & Consequences	Jacki Montroy	East High
USHLI Leadership Conference	Jean Rowe	East High
Ambassadors Conference	Jean Rowe	East High
Percussion Methods Course & Winter Drumline	Joe Kulick	East High
Scootpad for Success	Stacey Martin	Waldo
Fidget Widget	Stacey Martin, Beth Frost, Morgan Olzen, Michelle Holterhous, Deb Yeates	Waldo
Classroom Library Expansion	Linda Lang and Mike Adams	Waldo
Plants for Classrooms and Common Spaces	Melissa Galan	Waldo
Health & Wellness Enrichment	Allison Cable	Waldo
Take Learning into a Whole New Dimension w/ 3D Printing	Julie Gervais	Magnet
Unlimited Chili 5k Run/Walk	J. Aguilar, A. Campos, E. Delgado, S. Ramirez, J. Rivera, E. Rodriguez, M. Swanson	Magnet
National History Day Project	Shawna Strausberger	Magnet

Sensory Room	Krystina Haas, Alexandra Zepeda, Joanna Nazos	Brady
2017Neighborhood Baseball League	Robin Sterkel	Brady/Wayside Cross
2017 Summer Camp Enrichment Program	Robin Sterkel	Brady/Wayside Cross
2017 After School Learning Enrichment Program	Robin Sterkel	Brady/Wayside Cross
Kids Design Engineering	Susan Cunningham	Gates
Peace Jam–Youth Leadership Conference	Sue-z Bruno	Gates
Right Supports for Students	Catherine Piehl and Glenda Rosado	Rollins
Music in Motion	Eliseo Martinez	Bardwell
Disney’s Cinderella	Eliseo Martinez and Nancy Griffin	Bardwell
Fine Motor Finger Fun	Jodi Eppenstein	CSC