

News Release

Aurora East Educational Foundation awards \$31,000 in mini grants

The Aurora East Educational Foundation (AEEF) has awarded \$31,391 in grants to District 131 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 students in District 131 even more rewarding.

“A record number of applications were received for this year, and 39 out of 52 grant applications were awarded, for a total of \$31,391,” said Aurora East Educational Foundation Chairman Bill Deligiannis.

“Over the last four years the AEEF has provided over \$143,000 in student scholarships and mini grants for educators within District 131,” said Deligiannis. “The AEEF has also assisted District 131 in securing \$1,235,000 in grant funds.”

The AEEF wishes to thank all those who submitted applications and encourages future participation. The following are the projects that were funded for this cycle of the AEEF Educational Grants Program:

School	Staff	Title of Grant
Bardwell	Eliseo Martinez/Nancy Griffin	Journey of the Noble Gnarble
	Eliseo Martinez/Isabella Crawl	Full STEAM Ahead!
Krug	Aishia Jefferson	Community Based Instructional Trips for Life Skills
	Alma Colton	Life Skills Cooking
Gates	Susan Cunningham	Kid Design Engineering
	Jennifer Betcher	Lions and Tigers and Lionell Messi, Oh My!
	Marissa Mendoza Sue-Z Bruno	Illinois Historical Adventure to Springfield Peace Jam Leadership Conf.
Waldo	Jennifer Sullivan	Skills for Emotional Regulation
	Donna Los	Tell Your Story
	Amber O'Mary	Waldo Spreads Peace
	Brenda Hacker	Life Skills Cooking Projects
	Michelle Holterhaus/Mary Scheffler	The Waldo Wake-Up
	Michelle Holterhaus	Cheerleading
	Kelly Tsioupros	If Walls Could Talk
East High	Master Chief Allen	Dubois African American Honor Society
	Kathleen Sandacz	Expansion of Special Olympics

	Martha Valcin	French Club
	Abigail Shields	Band – ON2 Drum Slips
	Joe Kulick	Latin Jazz Support & Resources
Magnet	Michael Swanson	Don't Fear: The Reindeer Run is Here
Hermes	Terri Cassidy	Curiosity Nights in the Hermes Library
Benavides	Joe Bastian	All Aboard the Coding Train
	Joe Bastian	First Lego League Jr.
Simmons	Erin Trejo, Stephen Cortez, Luke Gerhard, Sheryl Cornelissen, Sandy Katula, Regana Jones	Team Trejo Field Trip
	Jay Shipinski	Students Hold the Key to Chromatic Keying
	Karen Henderson	Pumpkin Math
	Denise Salemi	Kinesthetic Language and Critical Thinking Development
Oak Park	Cheryl Kent	Filling in the Gaps of Literacy
	Jennifer Kmiec	Tech Club Takes on Tech Careers
	Cynthia Benavides	Reading is Contagious
	Janel Jaros	JJ Girls Club
Cowherd	Lorraine Anessi	iPads for Classroom Engagement
	Angelica Klasinski-Ahng	Apple iPad Tech Extension for 7 th Grade Science
Johnson	Saul Olivas	Every Step Counts
Allen	Rochelle Krueger	Mindful Movement Yoga
	Susan Gotsch	Allen Sensory Room
Beaupre	Brian Griffin	Engineering Club
	Brian Griffin	XKids – Math Enrichment Club Using Splashmath