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Aurora East Educational Foundation hands out \$36,000 in grants to help students

AURORA – The <u>Aurora East Educational Foundation</u> handed out nearly \$36,000 in grants to 30 educators this week. The purpose of the AEEF Educational Grants Program is to allow innovative ideas to be tested and the education of East Aurora youth to be enriched through those ideas. Past activities have been very successful and have made the educational experience of East Aurora students even more rewarding.

Funding for the grants was made possible through donations, employee contributions, the Foundation's annual golf outing and staff variety show.

"There was an overwhelming interest in mini grants this year," said AEEF Chairman Larry Malaker. "We had 38 applications and we want to thank everyone that expressed an interest. East Aurora is fortunate to have so many dedicated teachers."

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

| E.I.E.I.O | Stacey Martin | Waldo |
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| Live, Love, Math | Kelly Tsioupros | Waldo |
| Lift & Learn | Nick Kopke | Waldo |
| iFly, youFly, math clubFlies! | Brenda Denovellis / Amber O'Mary | Waldo |
| Chances AreA Project on Probability | Brenda Denovellis | Waldo |
| Life Without Geometry is "Point" Less! | Nicole Neu | Waldo |
| Comprehensive Musicianship Projects | Joe Kulick | East High |
| Choices & Consequences | Jaclyn Montroy | East High |
| The Military eBook Collection | Mary Spevacek | East High |
| Transportation to USHLI Conf. | Jean Jolley | East High |
| Sing it and Ring it | Lisa Gawlik | Cowherd |
| Health Education Resources | Darrin Vogt | Cowherd |

| Tubano Drums in the Classroom | Patricia Peterson | Cowherd |
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| IMSA Fusion – Go Medieval | Karen Henderson | Simmons |
| Learning by Doing: ESL Students on the Go with iPADS | Denise Salemi | Simmons |
| "24" Tournament | Joe Matuch | Simmons |
| Social & Emotional Curricula | Adam Campos | Johnson |
| Multi-Sensory Room | Melissa Miller / Olivia Drahos / Jennifer Park | Krug |
| Bardwell School Mural | Lisa Johnston | Bardwell |
| Social Emotional Learning | Janette Richelia | Bardwell |
| 101 Dalmatians | Eliseo Martinez / Nancy Griffin | Bardwell |
| Multi-Modal Learning through the Intro of Virtual Realty | Evelyn Moy | Magnet |
| Spark Imaginations w/Electrical Circuits & 3D Pen Printing | Julie Gervais | Magnet |
| Say Goodbye to Traditional Chairs | Amanda Schoenfielder | Dieterich |
| Peace Jam – Youth Leadership Conf. | Sue-z Bruno | Gates |
| Illinois Educational Adventure to Springfield | Marissa Mendoza | Gates |
| Social & Emotional Learning Materials | Krystina Haas | Brady |
| 2016 Summer Enrichment Program | Pamela Keith | Brady/Wayside Cross |
| 2016 Afterschool Learning Enrichment Program | Pamela Keith | Brady/Wayside Cross |
| 2016 Neighborhood Baseball | Pamela Keith | Brady/Wayside Cross |

The Aurora East Educational Foundation plans to post the next applications for mini-grants during the 2016-17 school year.

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NOTE: Photos of all the recipients are available on the District's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/EASD131

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