



FOUNDATION AWARDS INNOVATIVE TEACHING GRANTS

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The Pflugerville Education Foundation's "SurPrize Patrol Team" on Friday presented more than \$34,000 in grants to Pflugerville ISD staff at eight campuses.

The Pflugerville Education Foundation's Innovative Teaching Grants afford PfISD teachers the opportunity to win funding for innovative programs to be implemented within the district in the coming school year.

"PfISD teachers frequently spend their own money to enhance instruction on their campus and in the classrooms. The Pflugerville Education Foundation's goal is to help bridge this funding gap," said Foundation Executive Director Allison Kane. "The Foundation is delighted and proud to encourage new Pflugerville teachers while funding educational innovation. We have such an incredible staff of dedicated, committed and passionate educators in this district and we want to support them in every way possible."



The funds for the grants are made possible through the contributions of PfISD staff, community members, parents, local businesses and corporate partners. For more information, contact Foundation Executive Director Allison Kane at 512-594-0375 or visit www.ThePFoundation.org

Proposals approved for grants were:

Cele Middle School: Performance through Music – \$4,958.05

To purchase wireless listening stations to provide students with quiet instrumental music during testing and other academic tasks

Windermere Primary School: It Takes a Pflugervillage – \$3,147.68

Creating an outdoor classroom to engage students across all content areas as they participate in open-ended exploratory group lessons and play

Pflugerville Elementary School: Elementary Technology Club – \$2,465.80

This club will provide an age-appropriate experience to help these students in choosing their educational pathway. Duties will include teaching students to write code and produce videos.

Timmerman Elementary: Creating Critical Thinkers and Future Leaders from Generation Z – \$4,672.92

Through weekly enrichment activities, students will be challenged to expand their thinking, discover creative solutions for simple to advanced problems, and develop effective group collaboration and communication skills

Murchison and Wieland Elementary schools: SPOT on Vision – \$4,716.90

Providing a handheld, portable device designed to quickly and accurately detect vision issues on students from 6 months of age to adults

Park Crest Middle School: 3D Printing – \$1,963.26

For one MakerBot Replicator Mini Desktop 3D Printer and the materials needed to print creations. The device is designed to support project-based, interactive learning, while allowing teachers to deliver engaging and interactive lessons.

Pflugerville Elementary School: Afterschool Engineers – \$1,006.04

Students are introduced to the world of engineering and are challenged to deeply explore and investigate different types of bridges.

Park Crest Middle School: Percolating Along – \$1,930.95

Students will be taught about local watersheds and how contaminants can enter the water table

Park Crest Middle School: #Gamification – \$5,000

Purchase of 20 iPads, to provide access and mobility to deliver flexible, innovative lessons

Windermere Primary School: Learning and Engagement Go Green – \$1,157.64

For a green screen, to allow students to create imaginative videos, digital images and more

Highland Park Elementary: Ballet Folklórico after school enrichment – \$1,995

To support a new after-school enrichment option at the school

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