

Bellevue Schools Foundation supporters are investing **\$1 million** this year in programs that transform education and support students. Here are some of the ways these investments support kids at **Ardmore Elementary School**:



- **Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Mathematics (STEAM):** This is year five of a multi-year **\$1 Million** investment to innovate the 20-year-old elementary STEAM curriculum, provide professional development for classroom teachers, engage families in STEAM learning, and support after-school robotics and coding activities for students.
- **K-12 Computer Science Initiative:** Bellevue's K-12 computer science initiative is one of the first-in-the-nation integrated K-12 computer science/computational thinking curricula. At the elementary school level, we are training teachers and piloting computer science lessons in language arts, math, science, social studies, and special education to develop interest and ability for students underrepresented in secondary and college-level computer science classes, like girls, and develop students' critical thinking skills. To date, Bellevue Schools Foundation donors have invested **\$400,000** in this cutting-edge initiative.
- **Early Learning:** Bellevue Schools Foundation donors are providing tuition assistance to preschool-age children experiencing homelessness so they can enroll in district Early Learning Centers. State funding falls short of needs for early learning in our community. Young children experiencing homelessness need high-quality early learning in a nurturing, full-day program. These 3 and 4-year-old children benefit tremendously from the evidence-based curriculum and access to social services. Donors have provided nearly **\$300,000** to help our neediest early learners.
- **Project READiness Early Literacy Support:** Ardmore receives support for Project READiness Early Literacy in Kindergarten and 1st Grade classrooms. Instructional Assistants funded in Ardmore classrooms give teachers time to provide individual and small group instruction in literacy. Foundation donors have invested **\$2.4 Million** in Project READiness Early Literacy support to help students at Ardmore, and other Bellevue high-needs elementary schools, develop into strong readers who are ready to learn.
- **National Board Certification:** Ardmore teachers received support for their National Board Certification. National studies show that the quality of a child's teacher makes the biggest difference in the quality of their education. **16% of Ardmore teachers have achieved National Board Certification.** Students benefit from their teacher's expertise and love of learning in Ardmore classrooms every day. The Foundation has invested over **\$950,000** to help the Bellevue School District lead Washington State in total National Board-Certified teachers.

(Read more about Ardmore Arts, Enrichment & Innovation Grants on the next page)

Visit the Bellevue Schools Foundation website, www.BellevueSchoolsFoundation.org, to learn more about educational programs at the elementary, middle, and high school level.

- **Arts, Enrichment & Innovation (AE&I) and Music Grants:** Teachers can apply for grants to fund music, field trips, and more. Bellevue Schools Foundation donors have provided over **\$2.25 Million** in these school enrichment grants over multiple years, including many grant awards to **Ardmore teachers** for art, field trips, author visits, and more. See the table for this year's grants.
- **Volunteers in Bellevue's Education System (VIBES) Mentoring Program:** Donors have invested over **\$1.65 Million** in VIBES mentoring to support students in academic and personal growth. Last year, VIBES mentors guided over 4,500 students in Bellevue's public schools.

2017-18 AE&I Grants	Teacher	Award
Books for Justice	Joy Anderson	\$750
Mercer Slough Field Trip	Inna Bobick	\$900
Books that look like Us	Maria Manca	\$650
Become your own Hero with Dan Gemeinhart	Keith Onstot *Shared Grant	\$9,500
Island of Hope - An immigrant Family's Risky Journey to America	Patty Shelton *Shared Grant	\$1,700
Klondike: The promise of riches and a new life during the gold rush stampede of the 19th century	Patty Shelton *Shared Grant	\$1,700
Our Revolution - The story of a black family's experience during the colonial conflict with Britain	Patty Shelton *Shared Grant	\$1,700
A visit with author Oliver Chin to take a magical journey through Asian culture, history, and cuisine	Charleen Lee *Shared Grant	\$5,500