

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 **Bennett Elementary School**:



- **Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Mathematics (STEAM):** Last year was 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 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.
- **National Board Certification:** Bennett 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. **13% of Bennett teachers have achieved National Board Certification.** Students benefit from their teacher’s expertise and love of learning in Bennett 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.
- **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 **Bennett 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
Become your own Hero with Dan Gemeinhart (award-winning author)	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 19 th 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

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