

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 **Somerset 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 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:** Somerset 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. **31% of Somerset teachers have achieved National Board Certification.** Students benefit from their teacher’s expertise and love of learning in Somerset classrooms every day. The Foundation has invested over **\$950,000** to help Bellevue lead the 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. Foundation donors have provided more than **\$2.25 million** in these school enrichment grants over multiple years including many grant awards to **Somerset teachers** for art, field trips, author visits, and more. See the table for this year’s grants.

2017-18 AE&I Grants	Teacher	Award
Washington State History & Ecology—A Dramatic Exploration Through the Eyes of Salmon	Sarah Geren-Ziegler	\$700
In classroom sessions with Geologist Bob	Melinda Pederson	\$250
The Dramatic Story of American Independence	Grace Waylen	\$700
Our Revolution—Story of a black family’s experience during the colonial conflict with Britain	Patty Shelton *Shared Grant	\$1,700
Island of Hope—An Immigrant Family’s Risky Journey to America	Patty Shelton *Shared Grant	\$1,700
Klondike: The Last Adventure	Patty Shelton *Shared Grant	\$1,700
Become your own Hero with Dan Gemeinhart (award-winning author)	Keith Onstot *Shared Grant	\$9,500
A visit with author Oliver Chin to take a magical journey through Asian culture, history, and cuisine	Charlene Lee *Shared Grant	\$5,500

- 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.

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