

Our schools are experiencing increasing difficulty accessing funding for even the most basic educational needs and materials. The education “extras” in our schools are no longer supported by school district budgets.

Enrichment and experiential learning, including music, art, culture, and science, makes school more challenging, meaningful and enjoyable for students. Support for the arts and innovative classroom projects helps spark a love for learning.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Bellevue Schools Foundation offers school-based grants to teachers and staff to enhance the education experience for their students and provide opportunities for innovation in the classroom. This competitive Arts, Enrichment & Innovation Grants Program funds innovative projects that extend the regular curriculum, encourage higher-level thinking skills, or enrich students through culture, art, music, field trips, or other activities.

To date, the Foundation has invested more than **\$2.3 Million** in Arts, Enrichment & Innovation Grants to support projects that engage and capture the imagination of students in each of our public schools. Bellevue Schools Foundation encourages teachers to partner with colleagues in Bellevue’s Title 1 (low-income) schools to bring arts, enrichment, and innovation to children who may not have access to these experiences outside of school.

Music grants, awarded separately in the past to purchase needed music instruments or support professional clinicians, are awarded through the Arts, Enrichment & Innovation Grants this year. Grant guidelines and applications are available at the Foundation website.

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Each grant project has its own measurable outcomes that are established by the project lead. Each project funded by these small grant programs requires a final report that provides project outcomes.

Budget: \$85,000

Timeline: September 2018 – June 2019



New York Times’ best-selling author Kazu Kibuishi conducted workshops at 17 schools.



A school-based grant gave students hands-on experience collecting plankton on a one-day oceanographic fieldtrip on Puget Sound.