



*Our students will lead and shape the future*

## News release

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### **48 teachers and teacher teams earn \$33,000 in Everett Public Schools Foundation grants**

*Grants will support learning of more than 12,000 students in kindergarten through high school*

How does a school foundation decide which classroom grants submitted will be awarded each year?

“It’s a difficult decision,” responded Executive Director of Everett Public Schools Foundation Kristie Dutton. “At the center of each grant proposal are the seeds of amazingly thoughtful ways to build and enhance what is already happening in schools. Our challenge is to evaluate the information provided, study each proposal, consider how the proposal fits in with the district and Foundation goals and engage our board team in the decision making process.”

The group Dutton mentions includes 10 Foundation board members who spend 15 to 20 hours reading and scoring the requests. “The array of subjects and strategies detailed in the grant proposals is awe-inspiring each year. We have such talented, creative, innovative and dedicated teachers.”

After hours of reading, discussing and weighing options, the board members decided 48 projects from 21 of the district’s 28 schools were this year’s awardees.

“Each year we see more grant proposals which include leveraging technology to help students learn everything from reading to math, to art, to music,” Dutton noted.

Students will learn about human anatomy and the heart with digital heart rate monitors purchased with a Foundation grant. An elementary classroom will learn about building a business from the ground up. Another will augment math learning with a study of current events. The grant titles range wildly and include *Hatching Readers*, *E-books for Empty Nooks*, *Alternative Energy Challenge*, *Gaining Empathy for those who Struggle with Assimilation and Survival in a Foreign Culture*, *Endless Routes to New Galaxies for Tweens*.



*The annual Foundation Breakfast showcases results of past grants. Student groups entertain, inspire and greet guests. The 2016 breakfast is March 9 at 7 a.m. at Xfinity Center. [Register online](#).*

“Next spring we will celebrate the results of the 2015-16 grants. At our March 9, 2016 annual breakfast, students will showcase some of last year’s grants. It is so rewarding to see the ways our communities’ generosity to the Foundation helps in our schools’ classrooms.”

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