

Innovative Teaching Grants

\$38,587 Awarded August 2018

- **Tara Lovelady and Alysse O'Brien (Nimitz Elementary)** - \$3,079 grant to start DrumTastic, a program that is getting nationwide attention for combining music and physical education to create high-energy, movement and rhythm learning experiences for students.
- **Melissa Hoyne (Nimitz Elementary)** - \$2,750 grant to combine exciting reading curriculum with technology to develop engaged, motivated young readers.
- **5th grade Teaching Team (Starkey Elementary)** - \$3,500 grant that will allow students to utilize iPads for independent, differentiated learning in math, science, and reading.
- **Paula Newell (Hal Peterson Middle School)** - \$1,000 grant to purchase video cameras, headphones and microphones that will be used by students in 21st Century Digital Learning Classes to produce digital content for HPMS.
- **Traci Walker (Early Childhood Center)** - \$2,500 grant that will introduce STEM on the playground by giving KISD's youngest students the opportunity to design and engineer creations on an outdoor magnet wall.
- **2nd Grade Teaching Team (Tally Elementary)** - \$3,500 grant that will create a technology-based interactive listening to reading center that will be used by students in daily reading rotations.
- **Stacie Cockrell (Nimitz Elementary)** - \$650 grant to purchase Brackitz a STEM based activity center for her first grade class room.
- **Brittany Moss and Bruce Kryzer (Starkey Elementary)** - \$2,800 grant to purchase STEM activity kits that will give 4th grade students the opportunity to build walking robots and electric-powered draft motorcycles.

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- **Denise Smith (Hal Peterson Middle School)** - \$800 grant provided that will be used to purchase math escape room breakout kits.
- **Sherry Whitton (Nimitz Elementary)** - \$725 grant to start a Purina Mills Chickens in the Schools Program in Lifeskills classes.
- **Cheryl Higdon (Tally Elementary)** - \$1,900 grant to purchase light weight chairs and desks that are specifically designed for Special Education classrooms.
- **7th grade reading team (Hal Peterson)** - \$2,200 grant to introduce graphic novels in reading classrooms.
- **Dana Dunagan (Early Childhood Center)** - \$892 grant for a highly-rated nurturing skills program called Baby Doll Circle Time.
- **4th grade teaching team (Tally Elementary)** - \$3,469 grant to purchase 10 laptop computers that will be used by students to display their work digitally to parents and others through secure social media.
- **Renee White (Hal Peterson Middle School)** - \$2,000 grant for Special Education students to open a Spike Shack at Hal Peterson Middle School.
- **Jodi Werner and Autumn Whatley (Tivy High School)** - \$3,350 grant to purchase Moby Max, a technology-based customized instruction and progress monitoring program for Special Education students.
- **Crystal Stahl (Nimitz Elementary)** - \$750 grant to enhance first grade reading library.
- **Peggy Thompson (District-wide)** - grant of \$2,722 to purchase STEM materials for fourth grade science teachers at all KISD elementarys.