

# 2020-2021 GRANTS FOR GREAT IDEAS



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## OUR PURPOSE

The Tyler ISD Foundation is an independent non-profit corporation promoting quality education in the Tyler ISD. The Tyler ISD Foundation was created by the community in 1990 to provide additional support for the Tyler teachers, students, staff, administrators, and family members associated with the public school system in Tyler. The work of the Foundation is simple: we seek funds in order to grant those funds in meaningful and impactful ways within Tyler ISD.

# 2020-2021 GRANTS FOR GREAT IDEAS

Grants for Great Ideas are awarded to educators for innovative ideas that support student achievement and classroom enrichment. They can be awarded to the district, a campus, or an individual or team of educators.

## **BELL ELEMENTARY - "THE BEAR CAVE" - \$2,145.73**

The Bear Cave will be a sensory room designed to provide a therapeutic space with a variety of equipment and visual aids, targeting students with special needs and students needing a space to create a win-win situation through self-regulation with personalized sensory input.

**Educators:** Adrienne Barnes, Tamara Johnson

## **BIRDWELL ELEMENTARY - "STEAM EFFECTIVE PRACTICES II" - \$1,000.00**

Provide funds to support Phase II of the new STEAM effective practices program which provides high quality, arts-integrated, TEKS-based classroom experiences for 1st and 2nd grade students.

**Educators:** Bethany Moody, Kemle Fallad, Susana Castro, Lisette Valle, Rafael Tomas, Patricia Ramirez, Maria Romero, Kelsey Sparkman

## **BIRDWELL ELEMENTARY - "LET US FLY" - \$4,245.00**

Equipping future-ready students with coding knowledge and various technology skills through the use of drones and aerial robots.

**Educators:** Sarah Hancock, Itxiar Munoz, Alejandro Zapico



## **BIRDWELL ELEMENTARY - "HERITAGE & CULTURES FROM AROUND THE WORLD" - \$675.00**

Purchase of materials to support the first year of dual language 6th grade with a focus on world cultures and biliteracy.

**Educators:** Sarah Hancock, Itxiar Munoz, Jannet Zavala, Jennifer Thompson, Ignacio Vargas, Marko Pranjko

## **BOSHEARS CENTER - "MAKING ART ACCESSIBLE!" - \$994.39**

Purchase of adaptive equipment and specialized art supplies to enable ALL special needs students (and all the students in the elementary department) to access art activities with an increased level of independence.

**Educators:** Shanda Warren

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## **CALDWELL ARTS ACADEMY - "CALDWELL MUSIC LAB" - \$5,000.00**

Bring instrumental curriculum to Caldwell students that provides both in school and after school instruction for piano and guitar supporting Caldwell's vision to offer an advanced setting for instrument education.

**Educators:** Bobby Markle, Phil Rumbly, Donna Schorr, Cindy Dempsey, Jan Snook

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## **CALDWELL ARTS ACADEMY - "SHOOTING STARS SOUND STUDIO" - \$4,979.00**

The Shooting Stars Sound Studio is a production and recording studio designed to let students write, create and produce music in a professionally designed setting.

**Educators:** Bobby Markle, Donna Schorr, Phil Rumbly, Cindy Dempsey, Jan Snook



## **CALDWELL ARTS ACADEMY - "BUDDING STARS" - \$4,846.15**

Purchase equipment allowing expanded studies in plants, integrated art displays, insect sanctuaries for biodiversity, and community displays for communicating native flora arrays. Additionally, students would work alongside local master gardeners and Texas State Park experts to understand the environmental importance of biodiversity, waste composting, native vs non-indigenous plant impact and energy conservation.

**Educators:** Bobby Markle, Leah Philleary, Courtney Johnson

## **CALDWELL ARTS ACADEMY - "YOGA, MINDFULNESS & BREATHING STUDIO" - \$3,318.00**

Provide yoga training and supplies to support a new initiative to use yoga to equip youth with evidence based mental health tools to help them navigate the stresses of life.

**Educators:** Bobby Markle, Leah Philleary, Courtney Johnson

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Through the generosity of our donors, sponsors, and community, the Tyler ISD Foundation was able to award \$89,392.13 in Grants for Great Ideas this year.

## **CALDWELL ARTS ACADEMY - "UNTOLD STORIES" - \$2,000.00**

Provide funding for guest artists, performers, and supplies to support the Untold Stories annual project that finds culture and art connections to express stories that have impacted local, regional and national communities.

**Educators:** Bobby Markle, Jennifer Vaughn, Angela Jennings, Julianna Wynn, Meika Fallon

## **CALDWELL ARTS ACADEMY - "CALDWELL E-CAMPAIGN" - \$4,949.00**

Purchase equipment to develop the current gaming program and digital arts programming at the campus, allowing students to begin building their own equipment and to explore coding and game creation.

**Educators:** Katy Lee, Bobby Markle, Jolain LaMott



## **CLARKSTON ELEMENTARY - "CARDIO DRUMMING" - \$5,000.00**

Purchase supplies needed to allow Cardio Drumming to occur on campus. Cardio drumming combines music with an intense cardio workout by using an exercise ball, a base to hold the ball, and drumsticks.

**Educators:** Joelle Yates, Joshua Terrell



## **CLARKSTON ELEMENTARY - "PTC - A SENSORY INTEGRATION CLASSROOM" - \$750.00**

Purchase sensory integration equipment, furniture and supplies for the PTC classroom.

**Educators:** Natalie Weber, Shelby Costner, Stephanie Stanton, Tara Hinton

## **DIXIE ELEMENTARY - "BOOK VENDING MACHINE" - \$5,000.00**

Purchase a book vending machine to serve as an incentive for students to increase positive behaviors. Students would be able to earn tokens for educational achievements, good behavior, and by reading other books, and then use these tokens to "buy" books from the vending machine to keep.

**Educators:** Kimberly Simmons, Kristopher Reece, Kimberlee Baiza, Crystal Porche



## **DIXIE ELEMENTARY - "C-PENS FOR SUCCESS" - \$5,000.00**

Purchase C-Pens to assist students in becoming more confident, independent readers by allowing students to scroll the pen over text and hear the words on the page as they follow along.

**Educators:** Elizabeth Jones, Jasmine Owens, Milette Parker

## **DIXIE ELEMENTARY - "DIXIE STEM ACTIVITIES" - \$5,000.00**

**K - 2nd Grade** - Creation of a fully loaded mobile STEM station that will provide math and science activities that are specially designed for K-2 students.

**Educators:** Nadia De la Cruz, Mariana Arenas, Ashley Pinke, Sydney Lugo, Sheree Poisson

**2nd Grade** - Equip students with individual STEM bins to allow them to problem solve, think inventively and imaginatively, build fine motor skills and more.

**Educators:** Keila Stephens, Ashley Segura, Deborah Guyton, Jamie Ruiz, Eulogia Ramirez Owens, Milette Parker

**3rd Grade** - Assemble a series of STEM carts with different themes on Life Science, Earth Science, and Physical Science to incite curiosity and questioning techniques among third grade students.

**Educators:** Leanne Temple, Kristin Kervin, Gloria Davis, Mario Moreno

## **HUBBARD MIDDLE SCHOOL - "MUSIC THERAPY FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM" - \$1,500.00**

Purchase instruments to add music to the school sensory area to create a multi-sensory experience whereby music is used for therapeutic results.

**Educators:** Nola Beard, Cedric Newton, Michael Oglesby



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29 funded grants - 21 Tyler ISD campuses impacted - over 9,400 students impacted

## **JACK ELEMENTARY - "TAKING LEARNING OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM" - \$5,000.00**

Purchase Google Expeditions VR and AR Kits for use in the school Makerspace area allowing access by all students and grade levels on campus.

**Educators:** Rachel Drennan, Ashley Hefley



## **JONES ELEMENTARY - "CROSS TOWN CONNECTIONS" - \$2,500.00**

Engage 4th grade students from Jones and Rice elementary schools by connecting students as pen pals. Students will read the same novel allowing them to dive into discussions, collaborative projects, and application of academic TEKS with their pen pal.

**Educators:** Shayla Kemp, Bethany Chancellor

## **MOORE MST MAGNET SCHOOL - "MULTICULTURAL FAIR" - \$1,000.00**

Support the Moore MST First Annual Multicultural Fair (FAMF) aimed at obtaining increased and extended parental involvement at the campus level, as well as educating parents and students on the various cultures represented at Moore.

**Educators:** Kristina Hastings, Lisa Hamlett, Audra Morrison

## **MOORE MST MAGNET SCHOOL - "ULTIMAKER S5 PRO 3-D PRINTER" - \$5,000.00**

Purchase a 3D Printer to support the seven different STEM courses offered at the school.

**Educators:** Lauren Bowers, Amy Jones, Morgan Lucas, Patricia Spence, Dana Smith, Melissa Woodfin, Kenya McCullough

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS - "TYLER ISD LITERACY BUS" - \$5,000.00**

The Literacy Bus is an interactive bus that will provide high-quality literacy resources to encourage family reading throughout the TISD community year-round. The goal is to expand access to literacy development initiatives for low-income students by providing literacy activities and parental engagement in order to increase academic performance of students in Reading and Language Arts.

**Educators:** Jennifer Hines, Christy Hanson, John Bagert, Gary Brown, Robert Grant, Joseph Jacks



## **OWENS ELEMENTARY - "FUTURE READY MAKERSPACE" - \$4,996.33**

Purchase supplies to equip the Library Makerspace allowing all students to create and problem solve. Elements of our Future Ready Library will include interest based clubs such as coding, robotics, engineering, etc.

**Educators:** Ashley Hefley, Bonnie Gervers



## **OWENS ELEMENTARY - "SENSATIONAL MULTISENSORY LEARNING" - \$2,126.78**

Purchase multisensory equipment, furniture and supplies for the dyslexic instruction classroom.

**Educators:** Marcie Fowler, Karla Potter

## **PEETE ELEMENTARY - "GARDEN FOR ALL THINGS GOOD!" - \$1,155.35**

Mobile Outdoor Garden Classroom to provide real life learning experiences for our students that support science and math curriculum components.

**Educators:** Katherine Bailey, Carmen Martinez, Autumn Crymes

## **PEETE ELEMENTARY - "WATER FOR ALL!" - \$2,711.40**

Purchase two water bottle filling stations to allow access to water throughout the school day by students.

**Educators:** Katherine Bailey, Emilie Jones, Allison Knous, Asjah Boyd, Carmen Martinez, Melba Williams

## **TYLER HIGH SCHOOL - "FILMING FOR OUR FUTURE" - \$3,500.00**

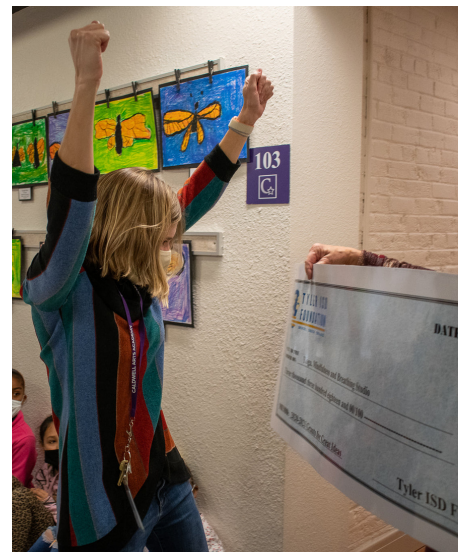
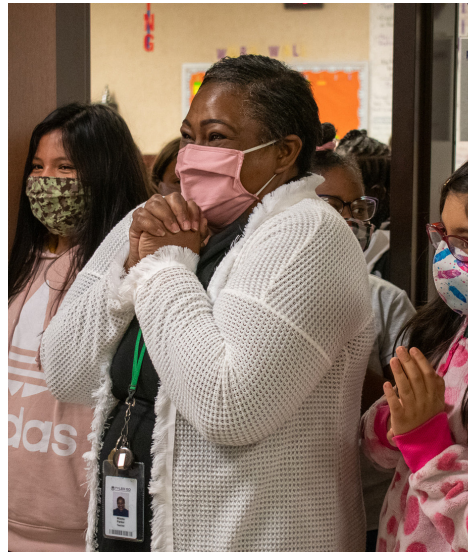
Purchase equipment needed to allow students to compete in the UIL Film competition. Students from both ESL and Special Education classes will synergize in class to develop scripts, record video and audio, and edit video by using the provided equipment and software.

**Educators:** Wesley Sanchez, Carlee Tennison



# GRANT PATROL

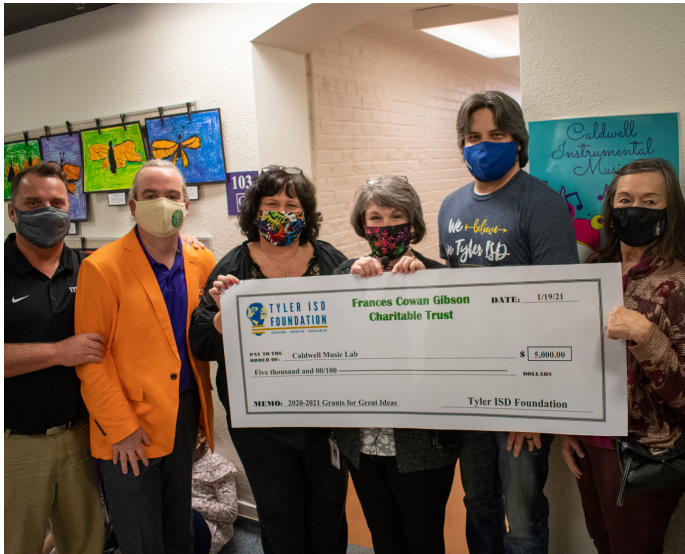
Grant Patrol is the day we notify all of our grant recipients. This year, we had the Tyler High School Cheerleaders and the Tyler Legacy High School drumline to create lots of fanfare and fun as we surprised each campus with some giant checks.





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A special thank you to our named grant partners for your generous support of our students and teachers! We loved having you be a part of this special day.





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