

EC-P Elementary School receives \$65,000 technology grant

Students and teachers at Elmore City-Pernell Elementary School will experience learning in new and innovative ways thanks to a \$65,000 grant from the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust (OETT).

The school will receive \$40,000 to purchase new technology equipment in addition to professional teacher development training valued at \$25,000.

The grant application was made possible by administrator Sheila Riddle's inclusion in the K20 Center's Phase One Leadership Program.

The outline for the grant was assembled by a local Learning Team that included Ms. Riddle, J.R. McCaskill, elementary teachers, and members of local organizations including PTO and the ECP Foundation for Excellence.

Elmore City-Pernell is focused on transforming into a high-achieving, STEM-ready learning environment.

This vision is being powered by 65 iPads, covers and two carts for storage and transportation purchased through the OETT grant for grades 3 through 6.

In total, OETT is awarding \$1.2 million to 19 Oklahoma schools in 2014.

"Through the OETT grants, we are focused on creating long-term change in our schools," said Phil Berkenbile, OETT Board of Trustees chair.

"Our goal is to improve



Elmore City-Pernell Elementary teacher Cathy Johnson, left, and ECP Elementary Principal Sheila Riddle with the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust awards grant.

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overall student achievement and learning through the use of technology and getting the technology in the students' hands."

OETT was established in 2001 as a result of an agreement between then-attorney general, Drew Edmondson, and AT&T Oklahoma. As part of the agreement, AT&T contributed \$30 million OETT.

Since its creation, the trust has distributed more than \$16 million to 207 schools.

The professional development that is provided with the grant has reached more than 5,000 teachers and impacted more than

75,000 students.

The mission of the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust is to equip Oklahoma common and CareerTech students with the technology and technological skills necessary to compete in the global marketplace.

The trust provides funds for equipment, infrastructure, leadership and professional development to implement and advance integration of technology into classroom instruction.

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