

Woodridge Elementary Bellevue Schools Foundation Education Investments for 2015-16

- Woodridge receives support for Project Readiness Kindergarten & 1st Grade Early Literacy Intervention. Students receive extra attention from a skilled instructor who works on individual goals for each child. In 2014-15, with the benefit of this intervention, **97% kindergarteners met or exceeded year-end benchmarks**. The Foundation provides **\$301,500** to help students in schools with high poverty develop into strong readers through this program.
- **K-12 Computer Science Initiative** is bringing computer science curriculum and enrichment to Woodridge students. Through a partnership with Code.org, this new, multi-year initiative will provide professional development for classroom teachers to improve their computer science knowledge and instructional skills. Bellevue Schools Foundation has committed to raise **\$80,000** for Year 1.
- Bellevue Schools Foundation is investing **\$200,000 in Elementary STEM** with curriculum to engage students in engineering challenges and provide after-school STEM enrichment in robotics and coding at no cost to families. Teachers will receive ongoing professional development in STEM.
- **Enrichment & Innovation Grants** are offered to Woodridge teachers. Grants are awarded in early November. In 2014-15, Woodridge received five Enrichment & Innovation Grants.
- Woodridge receives extra support for student music programs. Bellevue Schools Foundation is investing **\$25,000** to purchase new instruments and repair damaged instruments so that students can play a band or orchestra instrument in 5th grade.
- Woodridge receives support for **Volunteers in Bellevue’s Education System (VIBES) mentors for students**. Bellevue Schools Foundation will provide **\$120,000** for trained volunteer mentors to improve students’ academic and social skills for school success. In 2014-15, **31 VIBES mentors served Woodridge students and an additional 120 VIBES mentors served the Summer Scholars program**. VIBES will support over 5,000 students and place over 600 volunteers in schools and in summer programs.
- Woodridge teachers received support for **National Board Certification**. Students benefit from having great teachers. **Twelve National Board-Certified teachers** bring their expertise and love of learning to Woodridge classrooms. The Foundation has invested \$895,000 to help the Bellevue School District lead Washington State in total National Board–Certified teachers.

2014-15 Grant Awards	Teacher	Grant
Bringing Washington State History to Life Through an Exploration of the Washington State History Museum.	Debbie Greisen	\$500.00
“Baseball saved us” – Enriching Washington State Social Studies through Musical Theater	Linda Peterson	\$300.00
“Listen while they read: Connecting Struggling readers with great books”	Linda Peterson	\$545.00
Budding Writers, Budding Scientists: A School Visit with Author Elizabeth Rusch	Karinn Figdore *Shared Grant	\$3000.00
Island of Hope – An Immigrant Family’s Risky Journey to America	Patty Shelton *Shared Grant	\$1,700.00

Additional programs funded by Bellevue Schools Foundation:

- **Early Learning: \$35,000**
The Foundation is providing support for families who are not able to afford the cost of BSD preschool but



do not qualify for Head Start or state-funding. Research shows that high-quality preschool significantly improves school readiness and impacts students' academic success.

■ **Middle School Social/Emotional Learning (SEL): \$75,000**

The Foundation is investing in innovative social/emotional learning (SEL) to support all students in our middle schools. Middle school success in SEL will help students develop skills for a positive and productive life.

■ **Positive Intervention at Highland: \$38,000**

Positive behavior intervention and academic help for students who need it to prepare for college preparatory skills classes. This intervention has been highly effective in helping at-risk students at Highland Middle School achieve academic breakthroughs.

■ **Project-based Learning (PBL) Advanced Placement (AP) Physics 1: \$20,000**

PBL will engage International & Big Picture students in real-world problems as they learn a rigorous introduction to college-level physics in high school. The Bellevue Schools Foundation is excited to partner with The George Lucas Educational Foundation, University of Washington, and district science curriculum developers for this PBL AP Physics I course.

■ **AVID - Advancement Via Individual Determination: \$35,000**

Students with the will and potential to succeed receive study skills coaching and encouragement through AVID, a nationally-recognized program offered at every middle and high school. In addition, AVID study skills will be taught to all 7th – 12th grade students in English, Social Studies, and Science classes. Bellevue Schools Foundation has provided over \$700,000 to bring AVID to Bellevue schools and continued annual support for teacher training, licensing and AVID coaches.

■ **AP Capstone Diploma**

This innovative program prepares high school students with independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. In 2015-16, AP Capstone will be piloted at Bellevue and Sammamish High Schools.

■ **College & Career Next Steps Initiative: \$125,000**

Our schools work to prepare students for academic success in college or another post-secondary education program. But that is not enough. Students need help to apply and transition into post-secondary education opportunities. The Foundation is supporting a lead district college counselor, professional development for secondary school counselors, college application and financial aid workshops, and *Naviance*, an online college & career tool for all high school students that connects students, families, and counselors.

■ **Sammamish Leads with Interlake, Big Picture, Tillicum, and Odle: \$38,500**

Innovative summer program developed by the i3 program at Sammamish High School will offer real-world problem-based challenges for students from five schools with partners such as Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Microsoft, Intellectual Ventures, and more.

■ **Community Engagement: \$15,000**

Education forums and outreach for families and the greater Bellevue School District community.