



**Plano ISD Education Foundation Grant Patrol Surprises 120 Teachers with \$68,000 in Grants**



The Plano ISD Education Foundation "Grant Patrol" made surprise visits to 120 teachers in their classrooms on Thursday, November 12, to present \$68,000 in 54 grants for innovative instructional programs. Foundation directors, sponsors, district staff and parent leaders presented the grants in person, arriving at schools in vehicles provided courtesy of Park Place Lexus. Murphy Middle School Teachers Kristin Gray and Laura Foster reacted to the surprise visit that they and colleague Tina Christian received on November 12 by the Plano ISD Education Foundation Grant Patrol. Congratulations, Grant Winners!

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**Winning Grant Descriptions (PDF)**

- Beverly Elementary School, IC My World**, \$1183.04 - Carole West, Rachel Emmer, Stacey Scott, Allison Bitter (3 Grants)
- Bowman Middle School, Soccer to Student Success**, \$1500 - Karen Rahe and Adrian Rodriguez; *After School Art*, \$350 - Daniel Zock and *Robotics and Beyond*, \$1450 - Adrian Rodriguez
- Brinker Elementary School, Buddies**, \$350 - Alaina Cordina, Debra LaGassa, MariAnn Gattelaro and Alaina Cordina

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**Beverly Elementary School Teachers Carole West, Rachel Emmer, Stacey Scott and Allison Bitter were congratulated by Principal Elizabeth Kirby and John Muns (left) and Harvey Fishero of the Foundation Grant Patrol.**

**(6 Grants) Carpenter Middle School, Education in a "Flash"**, \$1300 - Elisabeth Nye; *Cowboys Boys and Girls Soccer Team*, \$1300 - Rodrigo Hurtado, Chrissi Cawthon and Joe Delarios; *Reading Counts at Carpenter Middle School*, \$1500 - Carol Valdez, Kimberly Seale and Lynn Jorgensen; *Reading Suits Me*, \$1300 - Kimberly Seale; *A Classroom "School Store" to Encourage Middle School Math Students to be Successful*, \$1000 - Barbara Lye and Kerry Babin; and *Audio Book Library*, \$1150 - Chrissi Cawthon, Megan McSherry and Lisa Scott

**(3 Grants) Christie Elementary School, Team Read**, \$1488 - Jennifer Ruth and Beckey Moffet; *Math on the Move!*, \$1398 - Lilly Jensby and Christine Kallman; and *Totally Disgusting Science*, \$1499.05 - Miriam Madill



**Teacher Jennifer Ruth (third from left) was among four Christie Elementary School educators to be surprised by the Plano ISD Education Foundation Grant Patrol today. Joining in the celebration were Ms. Ruth's students and Christie Principal Lorraine Shimizu (center) and Assistant Principal Jane Oestreich (right). Grant patrol members pictured are (l-r) Windon Chau, Duc Truong (Park Place Lexus driver), Stacy Hardin and Mark Ball.**

**Daffron Elementary School, Matching Math Manipulatives with Literature- A Home School Initiative**, \$1300 - Cathy Chomistek  
**(2 Grants) Forman Elementary School, Prescription for Math Success**, \$850 - Martha Preston, Linda Ardon, Ramiro Ardon, Jake Walker and Kris Ollom, and *SOAR into Reading*, \$1500 - Armandina Louis-Charles, Natalie Shanks and Andrea Jaramillo



**Ana Dominguez, Frankford Middle School, is congratulated by Bart Ridley, Foundation Grant Patrol. Frankford Middle School, Puentes Hacia Exito**, \$1500 - Ana B Dominguez, Bonnie Mueller, Nimet Bata and Lois Schock  
**Head Start, Literacy for Young Learners**, \$1150 - Kristi Vest

**Hightower Elementary School, Math Packs**, \$1593.49 - Sara Stewart, Robin Ollison, Susan Juarez and JanDe Eppers  
**(3 Grants) Huffman Elementary School, 4-L Club - K-3**, \$1500 - Andra Harris and Carolyn Curfman; *Bloomin' Minds*, \$1500 - Lindsey Estill; and *Family Science Labs in a Bag*, \$500 - Marci Watson  
**(2 Grants) Jackson Elementary School, ELMS To Go**, \$1500 - Angela Marshall and Liz Steinbaugh, and *Breaking the Barrier. Unlocking Language for all Parents*, \$1500 - Kimberlee Speer and Laura Fix  
**Mathews Elementary School, Pitch Perfect**, \$1500 - Jessica Bauchum and Tammy Kraman  
**McCall Elementary School, Experiments on the Go**, \$3000 - Karla Hughes, Karen Bandy, Kim Kilpatrick, Heather Colomina and Silvia Nunez-Jimenez  
**Meadows Elementary School, Blooming Baby Readers**, \$1500 - Crystal Hume  
**(2 Grants) Mendenhall Elementary School, Science and Reading Morning Adventure Club**, \$1500 - Christine Barrantes, and *Math 2 Go*, \$354 - Rebecca L. Saathoff and Susan Simpson



**Mendenhall Elementary School Literacy Specialist Sylvia Devers celebrated with students Jayla Smith, Jonekwia Barfield, George Caciola and Jihad Jenkins. Murphy Middle School, Cultivating a Love of Reading**, \$1500 - Tina Christian, Kristin Gray and Laura Foster

**Plano East Senior High School, Plano Senior High School, Plano West Senior High School, My College Tour**, \$3000 - Tommy Guynes, Susan Baxkey, Dawn Jackson and Martha Will  
**(3 Grants) Plano East Senior High School, College Prep**, \$1500 - Jessica Chu, Holly Thomas and Katherine Ruzycki; *APUSH visits the Amon Carter Museum*, \$1500 - Lee Ann Yates, Lynda Morrison, Richard Sklar, Richard Walker and Christina Perez; and *The Write Connection*, \$1440 - Katherine Ruzycki, Kristy Alexander, Penny Aguire and Donna Sewell  
**Plano Senior High School, AVID "Clawing our way to the TOP!"**, \$1500 - Aimée Ratliff and AVID Site Team Members

**Saigling Elementary School, Algebra Becomes Child's Play with "Hands-on Equations"**, \$1011.08 - Kelly Threadgill  
**Schell Elementary School, Comprehension Cafe**, \$900 - Cynthia Smith, Michelle Hardy, Hannah Clawson, Madalyn Sierra and Lindsey Aune



**Michelle Massey, Schimelpfenig Middle School teacher, is pictured with student Avan Shabak and Grant Patrol members Stacy Hardin and Windon Chau. (2 Grants) Schimelpfenig Middle School, Friday Afterschool Math TAKS Tutoring Incentives (6th - 8th grades)**, \$650 - Michelle Massey and Linda Vetter, and *Smart Musicians at Schimelpfenig*, \$589.80 - Martha Ball  
**Sigler Elementary School, The Parent Connection**, \$1500 - Andrea Hall and Sherry Stevenson  
**Skaggs Elementary School, Wyatt Elementary School, Explore on Your Own**, \$1484.46 - Sheryl Morris, Lucy Hooker and Judy Johnson  
**(2 Grants) Special Programs K-8, Step Into Reading**, \$1430.98 - Ashley Sanders and Karon Phelps, and *SPC Lending Library*, \$1500 - Rebecca Lara and Karon Phelps

**Stinson Elementary School, Experience Texas**, \$383.90 - Amy Kittelson and Cathy Lawrence  
**(2 Grants) Thomas Elementary School, Books of Hope**, \$700 - Amy Moore, and *ELMS Club (Every Day Language Made Simple)*, \$500 - Carolyn Beall and Sheri Lutz  
**(2 Grants) Van Horn School, Color Connection**, \$375 - Pam Clark, Becky Salonish and Danielle Roys, and *It's a Visual Thing*, \$1500 - Pauline Freeman  
**Weatherford Elementary School, Clever Kinder Kids - Write On!**, \$1500.00 - Sonia Day



**Williams High School, Williams Warriors Writing Camp**, \$1500 - Jill Engelking  
**(2 Grants) Wilson Middle School, Continuing to Fill the Need for ALL Students**, \$1500 Mary Long, and *Wilson's Very History Smart (Wilson's VHS)*, \$1500 - Elena Jones and the Social Studies Department  
Williams High School grant winner Jill Engelking (center) is pictured with Grant Patrol members Rudy Andrea, Monica Shortino and Beth Webb and Williams Principal Sara Bonser.

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