

BEAVERTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION
BEF KIDS COUNT GRANTS
2011

Learning Team Summit

Recipient: Andrew Witt
School: Aloha High
Grant Award: \$10,000

Learning Team Summit is an after-school enrichment program that builds on the school's ninth grade Learning Team, an in-school academic intervention program in its fourth year. Summit students participate with their teachers in after-school enrichment activities that relate directly to their academic goals. These include team building, goal setting, reading, discussion, a service project, and escalating series of outdoor experiences (e.g. training hikes) that lead to a culminating achievement – a “summit”/mountain climb. Learning Team Summit provides students with learning experiences that will increase academic achievement, facilitate transition, and enhance long-term educational outcomes.

Making Math Count -- Closing the Achievement Gap

Recipient: Gretchen Linder Rowell and Heidi Pimm
School: Greenway Elementary
Grant Award: \$5,000

Funding provided through the BEF Building STEAM 4 All Program

The Making Math Count program will provide additional math instruction and practice for third through fifth grade students, many of whom lack the support and resources to practice math concepts they are learning in class. Struggling math students will receive assistance outside the normal school day, including guided use of computer technology to support the Everyday Math program.

Summer Science Scholars

Recipient: Erika Heslin and Jan McCall
School: Kinnaman Elementary
Grant Award: \$10,000

Funding provided through the BEF Building STEAM 4 All Program

Grant funding will continue this successful BEF funded summer program for a second year. Summer Science Scholars is an intensive, inquiry based program targeting students who not only have difficulty performing at grade level, but who also risk regressing over the summer months. Students will participate in the continued expansion of the school community garden created during last summer's program, by adding an outdoor classroom. The community gathering space will increase efforts in the area of sustainability. Students will participate in targeted, small group instruction, independent and cooperative literacy practice and math fluency activities. This type of enrichment program will engage students in authentic learning that will bring them closer to proficiency.

W.O.L.F. Camp (Wondering, Observing, Learning, Fun)

Recipient: Lori Laws, Traci Mulligan and Ann Nordstrom

School: McKay Elementary

Grant Award: \$9,870

Funding provided through the BEF Building STEAM 4 All Program

Imagine a child who has never been to the zoo, hiked a forest, or dug in the dirt to look at bugs. Efforts to engage this child at school fall flat because the child has no background knowledge to help him/her access curriculum. The goal of this grant is to address the lack of background knowledge of at-risk students. The most effective way to do this is to take them to see things for themselves. This summer program will integrate reading, math and science and will be taught in a fun and creative way culminating each week with real life learning on a field trip.

Targeting with Technology

Recipient: Adrienne DeMichele

School: Raleigh Hills K-8

Grant Award: \$6,854

Funding provided through the BEF Building STEAM 4 All Program

Targeting with Technology is a summer program that will serve second through fourth grade students who are struggling to perform at grade level in reading and mathematics. Highly skilled classroom teachers and a technology specialist will provide an engaging curriculum infused with technology. The goals of this program are to build skill knowledge and to prevent regression in both reading and math over the summer months.

Literacy Learning: Linking June to September

Recipient: Jennifer Vanderschuere and Cheryl Ames

School: Springville K-8

Grant Award: \$8,276

The goal of this summer program for struggling readers in kindergarten through second grade, is to accelerate literacy learning by providing an instructional link between the current academic year and the upcoming school year. Students will receive literacy learning in small group instruction, and through continued reinforcement of “Daily Five” literacy behaviors, including independent reading and reading with a partner.

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