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Arlington Education Foundation Awards \$22,950 to Arlington Schools
Largest Ever Award for 'Innovations in Education' Grants

Arlington Education Foundation (AEF) has awarded \$22,950 in 'Innovations in Education' grants to the Arlington Public Schools – the largest amount ever awarded for this grant category. Nine 'Innovations in Education' grants were awarded in December, touching students at all levels:

- ***Listen Edition! To Bolster Critical Thinking Skills:*** Listen Edition!, which curates public radio stories, will enhance critical listening and thinking skills in middle and high school history and science.
- ***Creative Non-Fiction Writing:*** Non-fiction author Nicola Davies will link creative and non-fiction writing. Bishop students will use informational and fictional texts during the writing process.
- ***Imagine, Program and Share with Scratch Animation:*** Headsets will facilitate multi-media computer programming as part of introductory programming at Ottoson Middle School.
- ***Let the Children Play! :*** The school blacktop will be enhanced with recess game graphics and a map of the U.S., to help make recess a positive experience for all Hardy students.
- ***Weather Station:*** A wireless weather station will enrich the Stratton fourth grade weather curriculum and provide students with data to use in science, math and English language arts.
- ***Online Learning Cohort:*** The High School will offer an online course in sound engineering through Coursera, as part of a pilot to test potential online learning models.
- ***World Language Advanced Placement Vertical Teaming:*** Professional development will strengthen collaboration, align the 6-12 curriculums, and better prepare Advanced Placement students.
- ***Digital Imaging Workstation:*** A professional digital imaging workstation for the High School Visual Arts Department will enhance digital photography, film and animation courses.
- ***Making Thinking Visible: Technology for Digital Humanities:*** A mini-lab in the High School Media Center will support critical thinking, metacognition and collaboration in humanities classes.

“As a result of an increase in community donations, we are thrilled to award the largest amount for 'Innovations in Education' grants in AEF's history. This set of grants includes a wide array of projects; from playground programs, to innovative teaching strategies, to new technology offerings. AEF is proud to bring these innovative programs to the Arlington Schools” said Rebecca Steinitz, President of AEF.

For the past three years, community donations have enabled AEF to award \$100,000 annually in grants to the Arlington Public Schools. AEF works to support and advance public education in Arlington, Massachusetts and funds system wide initiatives and creative new projects to enhance the educational experiences of Arlington's teachers and students. For more information on AEF's current and past grants, or to donate, visit www.arlingtoneducationfoundationma.org.

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