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Arlington Education Foundation Announces Dawn Grant
Inaugural Grant Awarded to Stratton School

Arlington Education Foundation (AEF) has announced the creation of the Dawn Moses Memorial Innovations Grant, named after the beloved AEF Board Member Dawn Moses who passed away in 2012. The 'Dawn Grant' is awarded annually to the Innovations in Education grant that embodies Dawn's spirit - creative, rigorous and deeply attentive to the needs and interests of teachers and students. According to AEF President Rebecca Steinitz, "We are particularly excited that the inaugural Dawn Grant is being awarded to a project at the Stratton School, where Dawn and her family were active community members."

The 2014 Dawn Grant has been awarded to the Stratton School grant *Studies in Shadow Puppetry: Connecting Science, Social Studies, and the Arts*, a Spring 2014 Innovations in Education Grant. As part of the grant, all Stratton first graders will study the science of shadows and the history and significance of shadow puppetry. They will then create their own shadow puppets and shadow puppet play, with the help of two parents who are theater professors. The first grade teachers look forward to permanently incorporating this program into their curriculum.

"Our family and friends are touched and grateful that the community has chosen to celebrate Dawn in ways that are meaningful and tangibly recall her commitment to education" commented Dawn's husband, Jim Moses. Dawn Moses joined the Arlington Educational Enrichment Fund (AEEF) board in 2005, and then became a founding member of the AEF Board when AEEF and the Arlington Schools Foundation (ASF) merged in 2010.

AEF Innovation in Education Grants are small grants (\$500-\$3,000) awarded to support innovative teaching and learning projects in the Arlington Public Schools. AEF works to support and advance public education in Arlington 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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