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**Arlington Education Foundation Awards over \$12,000 in Grants to Schools**  
*Six 'Innovation in Education' Grants Awarded*

The Arlington Education Foundation (AEF) recently awarded \$12,297 in grants to the Arlington Public Schools as part of the fall 'Innovations in Education' grant cycle. AEF's 'Innovation in Education' grants support innovative teaching and learning projects that augment and enrich the curriculum, encourage leadership, creativity, and skills development and provide a lasting benefit to Arlington's school system.

Awarded at the elementary, middle and high schools, the six grants will fund a wide variety of projects including art, languages, science and student leadership.

**Art. Food. Community:** Thompson students create ceramic bowls in art class for use in a community-wide hunger awareness event to support Arlington EATS.

**Training for Student Leadership:** Leadership training workshops for High School student leaders and teachers.

**Gelli Printing in the Art Room:** Thompson and Stratton students create monoprints from natural objects in art class using Gelli Plates.

**Full Circle Garden:** Brackett Kindergarten gardens (flower, vegetable and Zen) teach students the seasons of the year, plant life cycles, composting, and sensory therapy.

**Ottoson Science Fair Club:** Establishment of a new after school Science & Engineering Fair Club.

**Data Collection & Analysis for Improved World Language Proficiency:** External World Language assessments measure student proficiency and improve instructional strategies.

"We are pleased to support the dynamic programs funded through our 'Innovations in Education' grants" expressed Jane Biondi, AEF President. "Of all of our grant categories, the innovations grants really let individual classroom teachers and school communities bring new and enriching experiences to their students."

Community donations enable AEF to award over \$100,000 annually in grants to 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](http://www.arlingtoneducationfoundationma.org).