

Poudre School District Foundation 2012 Supporting Partnerships in Innovative Education Grants (SPIE)

School	Grant Title	Recipient(s)	Award	Description
Blevins Middle	Classroom Focus: Medicine Balls in Science	Katy Williams	\$520	Medicine ball research has shown that students of all cognitive levels can benefit from sitting on medicine balls during class because it involves their whole body. This project is aimed at improving mental focus for students as they engage their brains and bodies in learning - improving both mental and physical health.
Blevins Middle	Capstone Differentiated Reading	Heidi Lovaas	\$3,547	Introducing students to the nature of science so they can begin their own research will be done by providing students with a variety of high interest books about researchers and inventors and their accomplishments.
Boltz Middle	Tune Up with Mics!	Phuong Nguyen	\$300	Tuners with clip-on microphones that only pick up the instrument that they are clipped on will be purchased for this project. This equipment tells the student what note they are playing and also changes the specific instrument's relative pitch to concert pitch.
Cache La Poudre Middle	Recording and Beyond	Tony Gezzi, Stan McReynolds, Griff Bibbey	\$4,779	This project utilizes a hands-on, traveling music studio cart with advanced and professional scale tools to record audio and video. This student driven activity will be assisted by Darren Kramer, Denver based professional musician.
Fort Collins High School	Telemotor Enrichment Program	Michelle McMillen - Reffner	\$4,800	Gifted and talented students will have an opportunity for career-education exploration under the guidance of a mentor. Students will research their interests and identify challenges within their chosen field. Students will also develop a plan of action involving the academic and career steps needed to meet their future goals.
Irish Elementary	Celebrate Reading!	David Autenrieth, Jeannie Craft, Maggie Rodriguez	\$3,036	Celebrate Reading will help students engage through the use of AR (Accelerated Reading), a computer based program, where students acquire points for reading and taking comprehension quizzes. Student names will be randomly drawn quarterly from all those who have met their goals. Those students will be taken by bus to a book store to celebrate with their parents and purchase a book.
Laurel Elementary	IXL Math Program	Pamela Murphy	\$2,050	This project will bring the proven, successful computerized math program, IXL, to K-5 classrooms in order to improve math instruction school-wide. The IXL program will enhance math instruction and support the transition to standards-based math.
Lincoln Middle	Lancer Proud Parent ELA Parent Involvement	Graciela Autenrieth	\$1,611	This project is aimed at increasing English Language Learner's (ELL) parent involvement at Lincoln. Parents of ELL students will be oriented to the school system and shown how they can support their children academically, socially, and behaviorally at home.
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Linton Elementary	Tip Toe Through the Tulips with Ukuleles	Suzanne Harbour	\$500	The purchase of six ukuleles will be used in English Language Acquisition class to teach rhyme, language, and develop writing skills in English.
McGraw Elementary	Light Up McGraw	Mallory Harrison	\$2,000	The installation of a quality lighting system in the McGraw gym for performances, concerts, and other special events will be done. The project includes lighting equipment as well as the permits for installation and electrical work.

O'Dea Elementary	Improving Common Core ELA Speaking and Listening Skills	Lesa Bak	\$4,820	This project will focus on meeting the Speaking and Listening Standards in the new Common Core English Language Arts (ELA) Standards and support Core Knowledge curriculum. This will be done by implementing the use of iPads and associated software to create podcast and slideshow presentations with 2nd-5th-grade students.
Polaris High School	Spheres of Influence Project	Sarah Bayer	\$4,946	Students will design their own service learning project aimed toward improving either the geosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, or exosphere. Because of the dramatic impacts that humans have had on all four spheres, students will design, execute, and measure their impact of their projects.
Poudre High School	Geometry in Construction	Justin Koehn	\$5,000	Geometry In Construction is a program that pairs the math learned in geometry with real world training. Students will learn a year of geometry curriculum while building a construction project, either a shed or an entire house, to benefit a family who has been impacted by the High Park Fire or the 2013 floods.
Poudre and Rocky Mountain High School	Career Cab	Cassie Poncelow, Nicole Wilgenbusch	\$901	Career Cab will provide an opportunity for hands-on Career Planning and Development for high school students at PHS and RMHS. Students will explore different career opportunities through visits to local companies and post-secondary education and training opportunities. This project will give students a firsthand look at jobs and the skills and training needed to obtain them.
PSD Early Childhood Program	Second Step Kit Implementation	Ann Fenton	\$4,774	Multiple recent research findings indicate a strong correlation between pro-social skills in preschoolers and higher literacy skills for end-of-year first graders. Through the purchase of updated Second Step social-emotional development kits, we intend to crosswalk best Second Step activities with our Teaching Pyramid Model currently used to assist children in increasing pro-social behaviors.
Riffenburgh Elementary	Book Room	Barbara Carr	\$4,820	Riffenburgh is becoming an International Baccalaureate school, and additional guided reading books will be purchased because all students learn at different paces. As a part of the inquiry process, teachers need additional books to help support inquiry regarding the units they study.
Total			\$48,404.00	