

Spring 2019 Grants

The Tomball Education Foundation awarded nearly \$35,000 in grants to teachers across Tomball ISD in its second eTrain celebration of the 2018-2019 school year.

ERIN THAEMLITZ, KATHERINE VAN SLIGTENHORST, ANGELA HOWELL CREEKSIDE PARK JUNIOR HIGH

The celebration began at Creekside Park Junior High when Erin Thaemlitz, Katherine Van Sligtenhorst and Angela Howell were honored with a \$4,700 grant for additional Chromebooks and Kajeets, a mobile-hotspot, that will enable all students to access home Internet for increased student success.

FIRST GRADE TEAM | CREEKVIEW ELEMENTARY KARLA SOTO, TIFFANY MAJOR, SUZANNE LANE, HANNAH PLUCHECK, STEPHANIE SCOTT

The Education Foundation then headed to Creekview Elementary where they honored the first grade team with a \$5,000 grant for The Gift of Age: Bridging the Generational Gap. This grant will enable first graders to begin fostering a relationship with the elderly in the community while using their life principles and the expectations learned through Great Expectations.

NANCY NEWTON | TOMBALL HIGH SCHOOL

Nancy Newton from Tomball High School was surprised on the E-Train with a \$4,986 grant for Virtual Reality Expedition in the Classroom. This enhanced technology will benefit the SPED classrooms and is used to place 3D objects in the classroom for students to observe.

STACIA SEAGROVES | OAKCREST INTERMEDIATE

Oakcrest Intermediate's Stacia Seagroves was surprised with a \$3,275 grant for Young Broadcasters Production Studio, a mobile studio that features an iPad Pro, live streaming capability, green screen and podcasters kit. This program will allow for a weekly student production and news program for the school as well as expand and enhance the school's Student News Club.

CASSONDRA BULACLAC | TOMBALL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

The train continued to Tomball Memorial High School to honor Cassondra Bulaclac with a \$1,500 grant for PCR For All - Bringing Modern Biotechnology into the Biology Classroom. This technology will enhance and amplify small amounts of DNA into larger amounts to be analyzed. This will immediately benefit the AP and dual-credit Biology students.

CONNIE PAGE | TOMBALL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Connie Page from Tomball Memorial High School was awarded a \$2,623.95 grant for Real Care Geriatric Stimulator which is a program that comes with a 13-hour curriculum that will be used in both Health Science Theory and Certified Nursing Assisting Practicum. The purpose of this project is to help participants learn the many challenges of aging and develop a sense of empathy and sensitivity towards the geriatric population.

VALERIE PRICE | CANYON POINTE ELEMENTARY

Valerie Price from Canyon Pointe Elementary was surprised with a \$3,626 grant for the use of additional makerspace materials and Let Off Some STEAM which infuses technology into learning experiences and fosters play and open-ended learning.

JESSICA TUTTLE & GINA MOLINAR | WILLOW CREEK ELEMENTARY

From Willow Creek Elementary, Jessica Tuttle and Gina Molinar were awarded a \$5,000 grant for Sprouting Minds, an outdoor garden and greenhouse that will offer a fun place to provide opportunities for hands-on learning, observation and experimentation. It will inspire student growth socially, emotionally and academically.

LAURIE TAYLOR | LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

Laurie Taylor from Lakewood Elementary was awarded a \$4,090 grant from the Education Foundation for Authors and Animators, an interactive learning experience, that will encourage creativity and teach the “how-to’s” from a published author.