

# **East Palo Alto Kids Foundation Award Grants 07-08**

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The East Palo Alto Kids Foundation opened the 07-08 school year in the Ravenswood City School District by awarding \$200 to each new teacher so that they could create a learning environment for their in-coming students. There were seventy new teachers with grants totaling \$14,000. The new teachers were very surprised and appreciative!!!

During the fall granting period, EPAK awarded 300 grants for a total of \$146,070. It was the largest number of grants for one funding period. The teachers have written numerous thank you letters thanking EPAK for providing them with the educational resources to enrich the curriculum and to differentiate instruction that meet the needs of their students.

EPAK has also funded four Special Projects:

- A new library at Edison McNair Academy
- A Leveled Book room for Brentwood Academy
- A Parent Participation Program for the Ravenswood Child Development Center
- A second Leveled Book room at East Palo Alto Academy-New School.

EPAK appreciates your generous and continuing support. Without you, the EPAK donors, this could never be accomplished. Thank you from the teachers, students and the EPAK Board.

Following is a summary of what the teachers need to help supplement their curriculum. Materials, books and field trips which the RCSD budgets could not afford.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- California Theatre Center (Elves and the Shoemaker)
- Nut Cracker Ballet (Fox Theatre)
- San Juan Batista (historical)
- Exploratorium (San Francisco)

- San Francisco Zoo and Merry-go-round
- San Jose Tech Museum
- P and T Puppet Theatre
- Coyote Point (Native Americans)
- Sacramento-historical California sites
- Lawrence Hall of Science
- San Mateo County Historical Association
- Sacramento- Railroad Museum and Sutter Fort
- Supreme Court in San Jose
- Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum
- Trip to sustainable gardens (Collective Roots)
- California Bank and Trust (Economic literature)
- Math –Science Nucleus Museum
- Tech Museum-Human Body field trip

#### ART SUPPLIES

- Washable paint
- Aprons
- Brushes
- Art lines and clips
- Stamp pads
- Construction paper (all colors and sizes)
- Modeling clay
- Glitter glue
- Color wheel
- Artist journals and sketchbooks
- Play dough
- Black drawing paper
- White drawing paper
- Air-dry clay
- Oil pastel sets
- Map making materials
- Materials for mummy masks (Ancient Egypt)
- Multi-media varnish
- Sharpie pens
- Thin tipped pentel pen
- Sidewalk chalk

#### MATHEMATICS

- Math manipulatives
- Graphing calculators
- Instant Learning Centers
- Math board from Cuisenaire
- Overhead kits for place value, fractions, decimals and

- percent
- Positive and negative number line
- Math bingo
- Pocket computers
- Computer math games
- Prep materials for “mathletics” for middle school competition
- Subtraction kits
- Algebra videos (will give images to concepts)
- Family Math Book (English/Spanish)
- Time bingo
- Kindergarten math software
- Compasses

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Shark skin ball
- Exercise video
- Electric pump
- Flags and pennies
- 4-team tug-of-war
- Bean bags
- Game boundary
- Soccer balls
- Basketballs
- Volleyballs
- Softballs and mitts
- No-kink hoops
- Roller boards
- Tricycles
- Ball storage units
- Workout mats

#### MUSIC

- Record and Play Musical keyboard
- Piano Wizard
- Flute
- Materials for ribbon dance
- CD's of the Nutcracker

#### TECHNOLOGY

- Lap Tops
- Office Depot Monitor Clip
- Desk jet color printer
- Software for computer instructor

- Math Blaster
- LCD projector
- Classroom CD players
- Print cartridges
- Walkman CD and cassette players
- Digital cameras
- Key board and mouse
- Projector screen
- Document camera
- Level 2 site license
- Televisions, DVD players, VCRs

## SCIENCE

- Super science kit
- Science kits (Discount school supply)
- Sand and water table
- Instant learning science centers
- Power of science chemistry kits
- Elements, mixtures and compounds kit
- Chemistry magic demo-kit
- Chemical reaction kit
- Density cubes
- Hands-on science supply center
- Science discovery chest
- Big screen microscope and AC adapter
- Individual science projects (can work alone or in small group) self directed
- Hands on science discovery kits
- Sets of graduated cylinders
- Owl pellets
- Bill Nye's science videos
- Set up a library for science research
- Micro-lab: physical-chemical properties and gas laws
- Atoms, Ions, and Isotopes study kit
- Supplies: forceps, test tubes, beakers, Petri dishes, electronic scales, test tubes, stop watches
- Prepared slides
- Natural recycling kits
- Study units on decomposition

## GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Scissors, glue sticks, white glue, highlighters, art markers, hole punches, fine point dry markers,

markers for white boards, rulers, pocket boards

## LITERACY

- Library on wheels
- Classroom libraries
- Listening centers
- CD and cassette recorder
- Book browsers
- Leap Frog reading and phonic products (serves 50 students)
- Califone First Stereo headphones
- SEVERAL SETS of leveled books
- Sets of Read-Along books and tapes and CDS
- Daily Language materials
- Vocabulary building games
- Cassette story teller
- Literacy software
- High level, high interest reading stories and books
- Books on tape
- Dictionaries, Thesaurus (English and Spanish)
- ZOO-ZOO story teller (class set)
- Literacy and writing journals
- Non Fiction paper backs
- Accelerated materials to go along with curriculum areas
- Several MAGAZINES were asked for by many different teachers, BMX, Nintendo, Skate Boarding, Sports Illustrated, Teens, Kids, American Girl, Time for Kids, Ranger Rick, Your Big Back Yard, Zoo Animals
- Sets of bi-lingual books
- Paper back story library
- Support materials for Open Court reading
- Novel Study kits
- Scholastic Reading kit
- Comprehension tool kit
- Spanish paperback classic library

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