The Liberty ISD Education Foundation is pleased to announce this year’s grant winners. Seven grants were awarded in this cycle to teachers for all 4 LISD campuses. These grants are funded through contributions to the **Liberty ISD Education Foundation** by individual donors, businesses, corporations and community service organizations as well as through profits from our fundraising events. This year’s seven grants total $28,555.02. Since 2007, the total is $255,268!

**Upcoming Foundation events:**

* Foundation Gala Concert featuring ***The Royal Dukes Band*** in April of 2022
* **7th Annual Liberty Freedom Ride** cycling event in February, 2022.

To contact the Foundation or for more information about joining in our efforts, visit our website at **libertyeducationfoundation.net** or call Bruce Wright, Foundation Executive Director at 936-641-0367. The various projects funded in this year’s cycle are listed below by campus:

**INNOVATIVE TEACHING GRANTS**

Liberty Elementary School

**Art in Action – Michelle Casey $2640**

This grant funds a digital art curriculum that teaches students to draw, paint and sculpt. This grant is funded in part by *The Vara Martin Daniel Teaching Grant for the Fine Arts, The Laura Jane Hartel Endowment and the Rick Mearns Grant.*

**Lego Education EV3 expansion and competition – Alex Morrison $4638**

This project strengthens the robotics program allowing more students to participate in STEM level learning. This grant is funded in part by *The JoBeth Willoughby Teaching Grant, The Jana Marie Buchanan Grant, The Norman and Brenda Dykes Endowment*, *and The Miles Foundation Grant.*

Liberty High School

**After school Robotics program – Richard Ewing and Jerry Lacefield $5898**

This grant creates an after-school robotics program that encourages competition in UIL academic competitions.This grant is funded in part by *The CW and Aggie Castle Family Endowment, The JoAnn McGuire Endowment,* *The C.A. (Abe) Miles Endowment, The Liberty County Farm Bureau Endowment and the Liberty Lions Club.*

Liberty Middle School

**3D Augmented Reality Sandbox (Topography) – Elisha Lemelle $7479**

This project uses a 3D sandbox to help students read and use topographical maps. This grant is funded by *The Baxter W. Dunagan, Sr. Endowment* and The Dawn Forticq Endowment.

**Gizmos: Online Inquiry in the Classroom – Malissa Phillips $2494**

Gizmos is an online laboratory that allows students to participate in labs that the district cannot afford to purchase. This grant funded by *The Mildred Arnold Endowment, The Dr. Reese and Sara Brown, The Nora Miles Endowment*, and *The Dahlia McManus Endowment.*

San Jacinto Elementary School

**For the love of learning – Dina LaChapelle $574**

This grant supplies hands on activities for very young learners. *This grant funded by The M.J. Joe Leonard Endowment.*

**Innovative Learning for Early Childhood Special Education – Kayla Harman $4832**

An interactive whiteboard is the center of this grant aiming at helping special education students succeed in the STEM area. *This grant is funded by The Jeffrey Family Teaching Endowment and The First Liberty National Bank Endowment.*

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