

# SPECIAL AWARDS

## **Glass Slipper Award** *for Innovation*

JACKI CROSSINGHAM  
INDUSTRY TOURS AND COMMUNITY  
CONNECTIONS

## **Dave & Laurie Wall Award** *for Math & Science*

BETSY DALESSIO  
FARMIN/STIDWELL STEM SQUAD

## **Lesley Goffinet Award** *for Literature*

MEAGAN HOFMEISTER  
WORDS MATTER: ENRICHING AP LANGUAGE  
WITH ESSENTIAL NON-FICTION

## **Betty Ann Diehl Award** *for Music & Arts*

ZABRIELLE DILLON  
EXPANDING THE ARTS

### **PAFE MISSION**

To promote excellence in education and broad-based community support for the Lake Pend Oreille School District. As an independent organization, we will create and sustain an endowment to provide resources in support of effective teaching, learning and school management.

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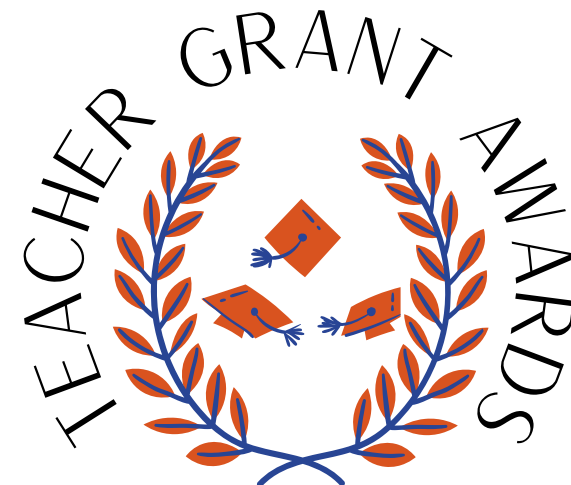


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2025-2026



*Celebrating our  
Lake Pend Oreille School District  
Educators*

Grant recipients will  
be receiving a total of  
**\$117,634**  
for the 2025-2026  
school year!

## 2025- 2026 Teacher Grant Awards

### **Buster School Bus Safety Program – James Koehler, District Wide \$1,780**

This funding assists in the maintenance of Buster the Bus, a fully animated robot, and provides educational materials for elementary students as they learn the basics of bus safety.

### **Pend Oreille Water Festival – Abby Leisy, District Wide \$1,600**

This grant supports hands-on watershed education for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, combining in-class lessons with an outdoor field trip to promote environmental awareness.

### **Healthy Hawks – Christine Davis, Sagle Elem. \$473**

PAFE will support weekly extracurricular team-building and sports activities that build physical, emotional, and social skills.

### **Kaleidoscope – Amy Stephensen, District Wide \$2,500**

This grant assists in the delivery of foundational visual arts instruction and creative expression opportunities for grades 3–6, in partnership with POAC.

### **Growing Financial Literacy– Nichelle Gau, Farmin/Stidwell Elem. \$920**

This funding will purchase store items for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students to learn about budgeting, saving, and spending using classroom currency.

### **Growing Our Own – Loraine Gee, Farmin/Stidwell, Kootenai & Southside Elem. \$3,000**

Local high school students who are interested in a career in education can gain experience in the field as paid tutors in the after-school program in subjects such as reading, math, sight words, etc.

### **AcaDeca Explores The Roaring 20s– Becky Haag, Sandpoint High School, \$3,100**

These funds provide extra study materials for students as they research the 1920s and prepare for academic competitions at all levels.

### **STEM Squad – Betsy Dalessio, Farmin/Stidwell Elem.\$4,500**

This grant funds after-school STEM enrichment for hands-on learning.

### **Northside Arts Integration – Shantelle Gillis, Northside Elem. \$4,744**

PAFE will purchase materials and instruction for student art projects that will be displayed in the school and the community.

### **Woodshop Bandsaw – Amanda Johnson, Sandpoint Middle School \$2,085**

This funding allows for the purchase of a second bandsaw to give more students hands-on experience in safety protocols and creating woodworking projects.

### **STEMagination Learn and Play! – Nicole Huguenin, Farmin/Stidwell Elem. \$449**

These funds will provide STEM toys for K-2 learners with disabilities, enriching the educational experience with skill development, creativity, and problem-solving.

### **Sagle SOAR's With Reading – Ashley Delucchi, Sagle Elem. \$5,000**

This grant provides free take-home books as rewards, promoting reading and supporting positive behavior in all students.

### **Drama Alive 2.0! – Alissa McGonigal, Home School Academy \$2,304**

PAFE will fund props, costumes, and a theater field trip to enhance the homeschool student drama program.

### **Words Matter – Meagan Hofmeister, Sandpoint High School \$1,159**

This grant funds field trips that deepen students' understanding of nonfiction literature through real-world learning experiences.

### **Literature Circle Book Set – Kristine Clopp, Southside Elem. \$501**

PAFE will purchase book sets for 3rd –6th grade students to support collaborative reading and group discussion activities.

### **Stem Goes Outdoors at SOLE – Jennifer Smith, District Wide \$8,000**

This grant contributes to the funding of a 3-day outdoor program teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade students about local watershed ecology through experiential learning in partnership with SOLE.

### **IXL to Success – Trish Butler, Kootenai Elem. \$1,375**

PAFE will purchase licenses for 3rd–6th grade students to receive personalized Language Arts practice through IXL's adaptive online platform.

### **Ovations – Amy Stephensen, District Wide \$2,500**

This funding assists in bringing in professional performers to teach workshops, enriching performing arts education across the district in partnership with POAC.

### **Industry Tours – Jacki Crossingham, Sandpoint High School \$2,900**

This funding provides for educator field trips to local employers to align teaching with workforce needs.

### **Just-Right Books, A Just-Right Start – Michelle McNelley, Washington Elem. \$9,349**

This funding replaces well-used books with age-leveled texts to support early literacy in K-2nd grade classrooms.

### **IXL Your Writing Game – Danielle Packard, Sandpoint Middle School \$2,750**

PAFE will purchase licenses for students to improve their writing and reading through interactive, personalized online IXL lessons with real-time feedback.

### **Project Drum Set – Aaron Gordon, Sandpoint High School \$900**

This grant funds the purchase of a new drum set for daily use in band and choir.

### **Growing Our Own 2– Loraine Gee, Farmin/Stidwell, Southside & Kootenai Elem. \$4,860**

These grant funds allow for the employment of high school students as paid tutors, gaining experience in education by assisting students in the after-school programs.

### **Outdoor Expeditions! – Amanda Balera, Sandpoint Middle School \$2,460**

This grant provides hands-on outdoor field trips to connect students with nature and foster environmental awareness.

### **Monticola Supply Refresh – Allison Sletager, Sandpoint High School \$2,456**

This grant funds the purchase of updated photography equipment to improve quality and creativity in the yearbook.

### **Expanding the Arts– Zabrielle Dillon, Sandpoint High School \$2,431**

PAFE will fund the materials needed to introduce wood carving into the art program, enhancing student creativity and craftsmanship.

### **Digital Art – Amy Stephensen, Clark Fork Jr/Sr High School \$2,500**

PAFE will provide iPads and Procreate software for students to explore digital design, animation, and graphic art techniques.

### **Egg-cellent Readers – Krystal Travers, Kootenai Elem. \$1,600**

This grant funds an online reading program that builds foundation K-2nd grade reading skills.

### **Focus on the Future – Holland Walker, Forrest Bird Charter School \$1,212**

PAFE will fund the purchase of cameras to help students build photography skills in order to document school life creatively.

### **Bow and Beyond – Timothy Kerrigan, Farmin/Stidwell Elem. \$2,684**

These funds introduce archery to PE, outdoor Ed, and therapy classes to build coordination, confidence, and focus.

### **Enhanced Well Being – Dawn Schatz, Clark Fork Jr/Sr High School \$360**

PAFE will provide fabric covers to fluorescent lights to reduce student stress and create a calmer library space.

### **Happy Numbers – Jennifer Majors, Northside Elem. \$1,573**

This grant funds an adaptive online program that provides personalized, step-by-step math instruction.

### **Pawsitive Space – Heather Henry, Farmin/Stidwell Elem. \$380**

This funding provides the materials to create a calm area with tools and resources to support student self-regulation and emotional wellness.

### **X-tra Amazing Learners! – Tracey Karst, Southside Elem. \$825**

PAFE will purchase the licenses for this digital platform allowing the 2nd–5th grade students to strengthen Language Arts skills through interactive learning.

### **Music Enhancement Program – Sigrid Ribeiro, Washington, Southside, Farmin/Stidwell & Kootenai Elem. \$9,084**

PAFE will purchase a portable PA system and risers to be shared between four elementary schools in order to improve music classes and performances.

### **Nessy Reading and Spelling – Jennifer Majors, Northside Elem. \$2,730**

This grant funds the purchase of an individualized, online reading and spelling program that tailors the instruction to each student's needs.

### **Creating a Calm, Joyful and Flexible Learning Environment – Ana Palanuik, Southside Elem. \$2,500**

This funding will create a sensory-friendly learning space with flexible seating and calming tools for students with exceptionalities.

### **Hear Ye, Hear Ye: Amplifying Learning Loud and Clear! – Kere Delahanty, Hope Elem. \$3,769**

This grant provides a classroom audio system to ensure all students hear clearly, improving engagement and accessibility.

### **Cardio Machines – Keith Delahanty, Clark Fork Jr/Sr High School \$7,988**

This funding enables the purchase of a treadmill and stationary bikes to support student fitness and physical health.

### **Kindle EBook Readers – Mikell Zimmerman, Forrest Bird Charter School \$2,400**

This grant provides Kindle devices to improve reading engagement, digital literacy, and academic performance.

### **International Relations – Conor Baranski, Sandpoint High School \$2,500**

This grant contributes to the support of SHS students attending a top Model UN conference, where they simulate global problem-solving.

### **Stop the Bleed Kits for Classrooms – Kristina Gavin, District Wide \$1,933**

PAFE will provide emergency bleeding control kits for every classroom to improve school safety preparedness.

### **Empowering STEM Education – Lynette Leonard, Southside Elem \$2,500**

This grant supplies iPads to expand learning in robotics, coding, data collection, and animation.

# Congratulations!