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Dear Eastlake Teachers,



We hope your school year is off to a great start. At the Eastlake Educational Foundation (EEF), our mission is to provide educational resources and programs that support Eastlake public schools, ensuring students can succeed in a technology-driven world.



EEF is excited that we can extend an invitation for you to apply for a Teacher Mini Grant. We realize how challenging it can be to bring STEAM principles and activities to your classroom, and believe the EEF Teacher Grants could help fund your innovative ideas utilizing technology.



This year the grants will be \$175 each. A grant could assist with professional development for yourself, help bring an online field trip to your class, provide a teaching device, or software. In past years, teachers have even teamed-up to pool their grants to fund a bigger item and that is more than okay with us.



The grant application is very simple and can be found here <https://eefkids.org/programs/teacher-mini-grants/>. The deadline to apply is October 23, 2023. You will be notified if you were selected for the grant by October 31, 2023. In order to jumpstart the year, we ask that all mini grant items be purchased by December 30, 2023.



Since 1995, we have helped our public schools excel, in fact, it is the sole reason our non-profit exists.

To give you some background, here is a short list of our core programs:

- Annual Technology Grants for 7 Eastlake schools (averaging \$15,000- \$20,000 per school)
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) resources and programs in schools and in the community
- Develop and enrich an ecosystem of partnerships benefitting our community, such as the official partner for Eastlake Alumni & Friends Association, Eastlake High School's official alumni organization
- Host the EASTLAKE +, A Positive Podcast
- Annual Teacher Mini Grants to fund teacher's ideas for innovation in the classroom
- Educational Forums for students and parents (examples include Cybersecurity, SEL, Distance Learning, College and Career Planning)

We believe that the foundation of "our" potential accomplishments will be found in the power of our combined efforts. "Our" partnership is of critical importance and we feel fortunate to be part of the Eastlake school culture focused on student learning, commitment to high expectations, innovation, and collaboration.

Here's to a great school year!

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Let's connect at eefkids.org