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Again, let us say thank you for your support over the years, your continued support this year and in the future. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events! In the meantime, have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Susan Scarborough, Chair
**Innovative Teaching Grants**

**Fighting Failure with Phonics**

$20,000.00 was awarded for the purchase of two wireless laptop computers and the Discover Intensive Phonics Program to serve approximately 24 at-risk readers at a second grade level. This software program supports district curriculum, balanced literacy, and has a built-in assessment to measure student growth. Zelida Redfield, Michelle Redmond, and Rita Vanderwerf, second grade teachers, will implement this project at Woodland Elementary School.

**Discovery Middle School Heatwave Club**

$1,000,000 was awarded to 25-30 students in grades 7-9 the opportunity to continue their growth in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) through an after school club. The club expands on Project Lead The Way (PLTW) classroom instruction by providing students an experience in hands-on, real world environments in pre-engineering.

**Partners in Reading**

$1,865.00 was awarded for the purchase of take-home books and book bags for children in the Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) program. The Leveled Literacy Intervention program is a small-group, early intervention program designed for young children who struggle with reading and writing. This project could potentially serve 80-100 kindergarten students each year. In addition, it would provide information sessions for parents on how to use the materials and become engaged in their child's literacy progress. District LLI teachers at all six District 206 elementary schools will implement this project.

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The Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation supports educational excellence and a passion for learning by partnering with our community.

We accept a variety of different types of gifts including those are called outright and deferred gifts.

**Minnesota Community Foundation**

Through its affiliation with the Minnesota Community Foundation, we manage the fund, Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation offers a full range of planned giving vehicles and access to gift planning assistance. Your contribution will have a long-term, ongoing value to the school community.

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**Scholarships**

**Endowment provides scholarship**

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**Student Showcase Celebration**

The 1st Annual Student Showcase celebration, sponsored by the Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation and the JHS Student “A” Club, was held April 29 at Woodland Elementary School. Over 500 community members were in attendance. The purpose of the event was to showcase the creative works and talents of students across a variety of performing arts and academic areas.

The illustration showed the breadth of talent and creativity of students through musical and drama performances, technology demonstrations, exhibits, and presentations. In addition, over 250 pieces of artwork created by students in a wide variety of media were on display at the event.