



*Building a Bright and Successful Future for All Students
Through Financial Support and Community Involvement*

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SEF GRANT GIVERS BUS TOUR TO DELIVER GRANTS NOV. 9

Educators across the district to be surprised with nearly \$35,000 in grant awards

SPRINGFIELD, Ore.— Educators across the district will be surprised Monday by a busload of cheering board members, community members and students bearing the Springfield Education Foundation’s Innovative Educator grant awards.

WHO: Springfield Education Foundation, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

WHAT: 2015 Grant Givers Bus Tour

WHEN: Monday, November 9, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

2015 Summary

- 17 Innovative Educator grants awarded totaling about \$34,846.
- 14 schools, 17 educators and 2733 students impacted.

Innovative Educator grants award up to \$3,000 per educator to teachers to provide resources they need to implement creative academic programs that promote and inspire learning. A foundation committee of volunteers and SEF board members reviews all grants through a blind process.

All of the projects funded through SEF grants are tied to specific curriculum outcomes. These grants support math, science, arts, music, literacy and other academic subject areas. At the end of each year, these award-winning educators report back to SEF with specific results such as increased student attendance, participation and test scores.

This year’s awards bring the amount SEF has awarded in Innovative Educator Grants since 2004 to \$294,702. Projects receiving awards this year include aquaponics in a school garden; Chromebooks for science; writing curriculum; Chinese art; math manipulatives; blacksmithing; afterschool string quartet; behavior monitoring materials; and renewable energy.

Visit www.springfieldeducationfoundation.org, or contact Ronnel Curry, executive director, at 541-726-3243 for more information or to schedule a media visit.

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Media Opportunities: Media are welcome to attend any part of the tour, which starts at 8:00 a.m. at the District Transportation Office at 1890 42nd Street.

A detailed schedule of stops will be available upon request. An embargoed list of awards is also available upon request. Call Deb Jolda at 541-726-3325 for suggested locations.