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**ARMSTRONG SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION AWARDS \$7,000 IN TEACHER GRANTS  
Non-Profit Group Supports Educational Projects to Reach Over 2,600 Students**

KITTANNING —The non-profit Armstrong School District Foundation announced today that it is awarding \$7,000 in Educator Innovation Grants, which will enable innovative learning experiences for more than 2,600 Armstrong School District students this school year. Educators from across the Armstrong School District submitted numerous quality applications by the June deadline. In the end, the volunteer Armstrong School District Foundation Trustees decided to fund six projects. A team of trustees reviewed and scored each application on a multi-point scale, with criteria matching the grant application questions. Here are the recipients and their projects:

EITC/STEM

**Amazing Agriculture - Trisha Dilick - Grade-Wide Grant \$1,000**

35-40 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students at Elderton Elementary

The goals of this project are to show students how plants grow and change and to help students make connections between Science topics, reading stories, and Agriculture. The students are surrounded by agriculture in their everyday lives, but may not know much about it. This grant will help students gain an appreciation of it and how it impacts their everyday life.

**Click It and Learn – Sue Bowser – District-Wide Grant \$2,000**

1200 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders District Wide

The grant will put a cutting-edge tool in students hands to engage them in their learning and help them review information from lessons and help prepare them for tests. The use of automatic response clickers will allow students instant feedback while reviewing for tests or taking pre-tests and presents a fun way to learn while keeping them interactive in the classroom instruction.

***Grants Awarded***

**Use Your Spoon to Get Fit – John Olinger & Lisa Hileman – Grade-Wide Grant \$1,000**

353 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders at Kittanning Jr. High School

The goals of this grant are to increase students' physical fitness levels, promote a healthy lifestyle, to provide a way for students to have fun with fitness and meet PA academic standards in Language Arts and Health & Physical Education. The funding will allow for the purchase of spooner boards, ultimate fun boards, and balance trainers.

**Connect With K'NEXS – Jamie Swingle – Grade-Wide Grant \$1,000**

Approximately 56 Special Education Students in Grades 9-12 at Kittanning Sr. High School

The use of K'NEX is something that has already proven useful in helping students increase self-esteem and have academic success. This grant will help purchase more K'NEX for special education students and helps them learn by using their dominant intelligence. This specifically will help teach students about simple machines, wheels, axles, inclined planes, mass, and speed, in addition to supplementing the geometry concepts in math classes. This will help with challenging subjects such as physical sciences.

**Transforming Math with Magformers – Barbara Carnahan – School-Wide Grant \$2,000**

1000 K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students District Wide

This grant will allow students to describe and classify plane and 3-dimensional shapes and understand the relationships between them. This will use visual learning to help students make sense of their informal thinking as they progress through the grades of mathematical thinking and will also prepare them for PSSA testing in Geometry.