

## Grants Awarded in 2018



We are most grateful for the grant awarded by the Palo Alto Community Fund again this year. With these funds we can initiate the upgrade of our student's iPads right now at St. Elizabeth Seton School, and with additional sponsor and community support we hope to upgrade iPads for every grade level in a timely fashion.

Our students are being introduced to more technology each day in the classroom in an effort to enhance their learning. iPads have become a key part of the core curriculum; projects, classroom instruction, quizzes, open discussion groups and more. Your grant allows us to inject newer technology with more teaching/learning capabilities – **thank you Palo Alto Community Fund.**

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St. Elizabeth Seton School combined two grants to purchase an exciting new series of Middle School Science Textbooks complemented with iPad APPS for interactive learning. Materials are on order and we're excited to start this new program in our next school year! This particular program offers an engaging and challenging curriculum that is fully aligned to the newly released California and NGSS Standards. We're especially excited to have a program with paced instruction and teaching tools that allow for real-time individual performance monitoring – **Thank you to the PA Holiday Fund and The Thomas Merton Center** for making this possible.



Awarded by the Palo Alto Rotary Fund, we are now able to add to our literacy program with a Bi-Lingual Book Bag Program. Our Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd Grade students will benefit from this grant as will many students that follow them in years to come. *A gift that keeps on giving!* Each class will receive thirty

red book bags that each contain different bilingual picture and easy reader books; a comprehension challenge card and a journal. Each week the students will take a bag home, read with their family, complete the challenge card and make their journal entry. The next week a different book bag will be taken home and so on. Along with family participation we aim to further a passion for reading while developing language and comprehension skills. This program will launch in September 2017 – updates will be posted. **Thank you Palo Alto Rotary Club.**



The building and fully equipping of a game shed (**Fit-Kit**) will be made possible by a grant awarded from the PACF – Our Fit-Kit project will begin in September of 2017 with a team of students who with a project leader will be tasked with the design, equipping and operation of the shed. Responsibility and full ownership will be given to students. An operating process will be put in place to manage equipment checked in/out during recess and after school, and to maintain and ensure respect for all equipment being used. *Thank you PACF of Palo Alto.*

*We thank you for all the support from our local community!*

*We couldn't do all that we do without your help!*