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Grants Awarded in 2021

Funds awarded will be used to purchase a large Milk Cooler to support our on-site Food Program. In addition, this grant will purchase ten food carts that will be used to deliver breakfast and lunch to each classroom daily (Pre-K through 8th Grade). Following the COVID-19 protocols, our students remain in their classroom throughout the day (cohorts). School meals currently need to be delivered directly to the class. Each Grade requires a separate cart (labelled by grade) to eliminate the potential of virus transfer between cohorts. *Thank you to the Rotary Club of Palo Alto for helping us to address some very practical and immediate needs at St. Elizabeth Seton School!*

We're delighted to be awarded a grant from the Palo Alto Community Fund. This year their Board has allowed us to apply this grant towards our operating expenses. Tuition, Food Program and continual Technology upgrades are key areas that will be supported by this grant. *We are grateful to have Unrestricted funds to maintain and support our school's mission during this challenging time - Thank you!*

A grant from the Palo Alto Holiday Fund will go directly to upgrading aging school iPads. Not only will this immediately address some reliability issues, but newer iPads with greater capacity will give teachers and students access to newer educational Apps that are now available. *Thank you for helping us to further enrich our program here at St. Elizabeth Seton School.*

Grants Awarded in 2020

A grant submitted to extend our YMCA after school mYfit program was awarded this year. However, due to the impact of COVID-19, it is still unclear what the next Academic Year will look like, both our daily and after school programming. The PACF granting committee has generously stated that this year's award will be unrestricted and can be used for where most needed at the school. We are truly grateful for such thoughtfulness and generosity. There will be a discussion for exact allocation. We do plan to use these funds to ease the financial gap created by COVID-19.

Thank you to all of the Palo Alto Community that have made it possible for St. Elizabeth Seton School to maintain our mission and serve our students and families in *even more ways* during such a challenging time.

Palo Alto Community Fund granted us a Covid-19 Relief Grant in a very timely manner. Because of this grant our children and their families received additional and immediate help as needed (in the form of Grocery Gift Cards etc…). We have also used this money to fund a broader Webcast platform to virtually connect with the whole school community for weekly assemblies, and a virtual 8th Grade 2020 graduation event. Funds also covered some tuition shortfalls for struggling families. *We are blessed to be recipients of such funds that truly helped us out in this time of crisis – thank you!*

Grants Awarded in 2019

Thank you! This grant awarded will allow us to embark on a new venture with our local East Palo Alto YMCA. Together, starting this academic year, we will pilot a new after school sports program on our Seton school campus. Once a week there will be a fun yet rigorous exercise program to introduce a full range of new sports to our students. They'll be given an opportunity to learn the necessary rules, strategies and teamwork to participate in each new sport introduced. A certified instructor from the YMCA will lead the program to work in collaboration with a member of our Seton Staff. This will also be a great way for our children to work on their cardio and overall strengthening in a fun and safe environment. *Thank you, Palo Alto Community Foundation, for providing funds to pilot this new and exciting program here at Seton School!*

& Our Fall Seton News Appeal

We reached our goal! A grant from the Palo Alto Holiday Fund in combination with funds received from a recent Seton News Appeal, has allowed us to update ALL of our science textbooks for Kindergarten through 5th Grade for this 2019-2020 Academic Year. We start this school year with books that align with the NEW Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and outline creative ways to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) into each lesson plan. *Books have been purchased and are already in the classrooms.* These new Interactive science textbooks are both engaging and informative. Our students will benefit from thought-provoking questions and will learn to relate to science concepts in the world around them. An inquiry-based lesson cycle gives active, hands-on explorations of the concepts.

An added bonus is that the science series purchased covers a six-year cycle. With the funds awarded we will have new science textbooks for five more consecutive years. *Thank you to the Palo Alto Community who give so generously to this fund each year, and thank you to our Seton Friends who respond to our Seton School's needs as they arise.*

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 to all that support the Palo Alto Community Fund.*

Grants Awarded in 2017

&   THOMAS MERTON CENTER
Palo Alto, CA

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 Pal Alto Holiday Fund (PAHF)* **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, 1st 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 to the Palo Alto Rotary International 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, Palo Alto Community Fund (PACF).*

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