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## **Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation Announces Innovative Student Grant Awards and Education Innovative Grant Program Deadline of March 5, 2015**

**Pleasanton, CA / February 24, 2015** - Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation is pleased to announce the PPIE Innovative Student Grant awards for 2014- 2015. Fourteen (14) Pleasanton Unified School District students from the elementary, middle and high school levels were awarded a total of **\$5,002.00** in funding for a variety of student-initiated projects (see list below).

The next PPIE grant cycle is for the PPIE Innovative Education Grant Program for Pleasanton Unified School District employees. The deadline for applying is March 5, 2015 and applications can be downloaded from the website at [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org).

Innovative Education Grants fund projects and needs that are student-focused, promote creativity and innovative thinking, and offer expanded learning opportunities to students. Last year, PPIE awarded over \$45,000 in Innovative Education Grants, the largest single cycle award in the grant program's history.

"The high level of interest last year was driven in part by increased need for technology in the classroom due to the transition to common core curriculum," said Susan Hayes, PPIE Executive Director. "As students and teachers integrate technology into their school experience, the more curious and interested they become in testing the limits of their imagination."

The Innovative Grant Program is made possible in great part by a generous grant of \$30,000 from the Oracle Giving Foundation to fund projects within the Science, Math, Engineering and Technology categories.

### **PPIE Foundation Innovative Student Grant Awards 2014-2015**

#### **Donlon Elementary School "Bringing Science to Life with a 3D Printer" for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

\$500.00- Jake Morgan, Student; Amy Theberge, Teacher

#### **Mohr Elementary School "Soccer Club" for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

\$350.00- Senyi Yang, Student; Susan Huggins, Teacher

#### **Valley View Elementary School "After School Science Club" for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders**

\$400.00 – Tanner Croddy, Student; Maestra Dawes, Teacher

#### **Hart Middle School Mathcounts Student Handbooks & Workbooks**

\$100.00- Asim Biswal, Student; Caryl Daly, Teacher

#### **Hart Middle School "Christmas for Seniors"**

\$400.00- Robert Gan, Student; Nicole Langer, Teacher

#### **Amador Valley High School "Every Fifteen Minutes"**

\$500.00 – Katelyn Kramer, Student; Sarah Finn, Teacher

#### **Amador Valley High School "Green Screen Room"**

\$202.00 – Harrison Misfeldt, Student; Eric Scherer, Teacher

#### **Amador Valley High School "Math Team Operations Fund"**

\$250.00 – Christina Ji, Student; Cy Ogle, Teacher

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**Amador Valley High School “AVHS Healthy Eating Initiative”**

\$500.00 – Jamila Campwala, Student; Sebastian Bull, Teacher

**Foothill High School “Model United Nations Mock Conference”**

\$500.00 – Abigail Kirk, Student; Michael Leitz, Teacher

**Foothill High School “FHS Latin Club”**

\$350.00 – Edith Lee, Student; Eric Heinitz, Teacher

**Foothill High School “American Mathematics Competitions”**

\$250.00 – Suhansiny Naik, Student; Scott Gorsuch, Teacher

**Foothill High School “Foothill Science Olympiad”**

\$400 – Suhansiny Naik, Student; Rochelle Morris, Teacher

**Foothill High School “Backyard Harvest”**

\$300.00- Justin Silliman, Student; Jim Clark, Teacher

**About Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation**

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation was established in 1987 to enhance learning experiences for students of the Pleasanton Unified School District through a partnership of businesses, schools and the community. To find out more about PPIE-sponsored Grant Programs and other foundation activities, log onto [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org).

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