



2015-16 Strategic Impact Grants Awarded



In January, the Schools Fund Board awarded the final round of Strategic Impact grants for the 2015-2016 school year, bringing this year's total to over **\$195,000**. [You can check out the full list of grants here.](#) Strategic Impact Grants are larger grants

serving the grade, department, school, inter-district, or District level. The grants involve teacher collaboration on a project or coordination with an outside organization.

This year's grants—which include Community Partnerships with organizations such as Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley Symphony, Community Resources for Science, and others—supported projects in a wide range of subject areas. Over \$69,000 went to STEM projects and over \$62,000 went to Arts programs. We're also funding Language Arts and Student Support projects, including lots of Professional Development. [Review the full list by subject area here.](#)

2016 Spring Luncheon: Let the Music Play

The 2016 Spring Luncheon is on **Friday, May 6**. This year's theme is *Let the Music Play*, honoring the BUSD music program. You can get a jump start on this year's Luncheon by sending in your [Sponsor Commitment](#) form or purchasing [individual tickets](#). Don't



miss out on this annual community event! We hope to see you there!

Friday, May 6, 11am–1:30pm

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Summer Fellowship Applications Due February 29



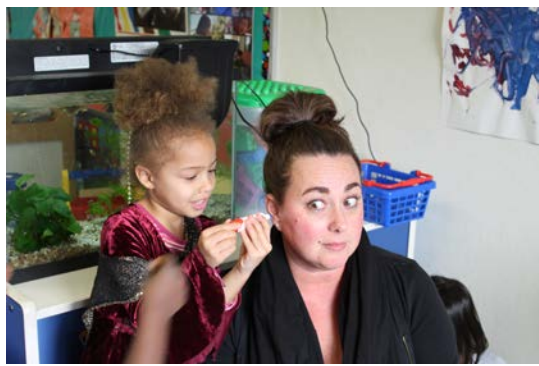
Applications for 2016 [Teacher Summer Fellowships](#) are now open. The deadline for applications is **Monday, February 29 at 5pm**.

Summer Fellowships began in the summer of 2012, and since then the Schools Fund has funded about six fellows each summer. Teachers choose their own projects, and grants serve to broaden personal and professional experiences. Fellowships also provide teachers with additional professional development opportunities beyond those that standard budgets and time might allow.

You can read more about last year's Summer Fellows [here](#).

On the Blog: Classroom Visits

This semester we're visiting classrooms throughout the schools to observe and experience some of the many Schools Fund Classroom Grants awarded in the fall. This month [we were able to visit Robert MacCarthy's](#) (Mr. Mac) 6th grade science classroom to observe his use of the FOSS Diversity of Life kits, which is part of a Strategic Impact grant given to all 6th grade science teachers at Willard.



We also visited Joni Miller's preschool classroom at Franklin. She received a Classroom Grant for community career costumes and materials to teach her students about the various professions that help our communities function: police officers, firemen, chefs, construction workers, etc. [Read all about our visit here.](#)

Amazing Grants on Friends & Family



Our crowdfunding site, [Friends & Family](#), has some amazing grants looking for funding right now. You can help Berkeley High students participate in the FIRST Robotics Competition by donating to [Stephen Salser's robotics team grant](#). You can support reluctant readers at King Middle by donating to [Steven Conley's book grant](#). Megan AbramsonWard wants to provide [cooking sessions for her second grade](#) classes at Thousand Oaks.

Our biggest Friends & Family grant to date is George Rose's [Willard Middle School Mosaic Tile Mural](#). Students have already designed the mural, which will adorn 800 square feet and reflect the spirit of the school community. In addition to donations, Mr. Rose is also looking for volunteers to help with the project in the summer. [Email him](#) for additional information.

Film Screening: Most Likely to Succeed

Oxford Elementary School invites you to a screening of the critically acclaimed documentary film, [Most Likely to Succeed](#) on **Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30pm** at 1130 Oxford Street. Schools and organizations across the country have been hosting screenings of the film, bringing communities together for powerful conversations about the future of K-12 education in America.

There will be a donation box at the door to help cover the cost of the film (but no one will be turned away for lack of funds). **Please RSVP to Ann Reidy at aereidy@gmail.com.**

Donor Spotlight: Fourth Street Shops—Abrams/Millikan

This month's Donor Spotlight is the [Fourth Street Shops—Abrams/Millikan](#), who developed properties on Fourth Street in the 1980s, creating a vibrant shopping corridor that attracts visitors from around the Bay Area. The company continues to manage the diverse, unique, and high-quality shops in the area.



Fourth Street Shops—Abrams/Millikan have been donating to the Schools Fund since the 1990s and have been generous sponsors of the Spring Luncheon for over a decade.

Teachers: Take a Field Trip with CRS



Community Resources for Science (CRS) has teamed up with Chabot Space and Science Center to present a [Spring Field Trip for teachers](#) on Saturday March 19.

You'll receive free admission to the science center, delicious breakfast nibbles, and have the opportunity to peruse offerings from about two

dozen science providers. Discover science resources—from field trips, to in-class programs, to in-class programs, to lesson plans, to professional development and more. Chabot will also provide behind-the-scenes access to some of their displays, classroom programs, field trip offerings, and more.

[Register here!](#)

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