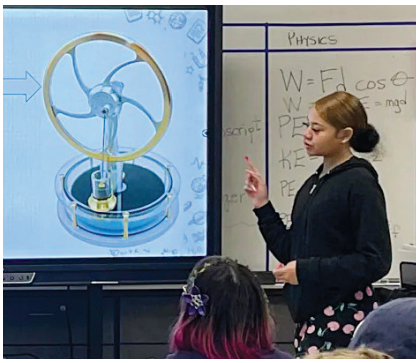






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2025~2026



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Mercer Island High School

Grant Title	Description/Impact
Stage Combat Workshop	This grant funded a theatre professional to teach stage combat and fight choreography, preparing students for a dynamic and successful production of Twelfth Night.
Youth Theatre Northwest Improv Workshop	Workshop for students to work with a professional improviser to improve their confidence in a creative setting.
Special Effects Makeup for Winter Play	Guest artist from theatre community to teach special effects make-up for students in the play Radium Girls.
Jazz Symposium	Professional jazz coaches worked with 80+ MIHS and IMS students, strengthening musicianship and ensemble performance.
Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band Triple Door performance	Guest artist worked with 90 students, sharpening technique, deepening musical interpretation, and preparing them for a high-level performance at The Triple Door.
Japanese Taiko Drummers Artist-in-Residence with MIHS Percussion Ensemble	An eight-week residency immersed percussion students in Taiko drumming, combining music, movement, and Japanese cultural learning.
London Parade Scholarship	Scholarships enabled students to participate in the 2026 New Year's Parade in London.
Improved Etching	Purchase new etchant solutions for Metal Jewelry classroom to elevate the creative experience and learning.
ASL Interpreters for all MIHS Stage Productions	ASL interpreters made three performances accessible to hearing-impaired audiences while connecting MIHS students with professional interpreters.
Dance Choreography for the Mean Girls Musical	Choreographer elevated the production by strengthening technique, performance quality, and student confidence.
Crest Broadcasting Booth	Recording studio equipment empowered Crest students to create podcasts and broadcasts on campus while expanding collaboration with MIHS media programs.
Student Art Gallery	Gallery materials transformed student work into a professional exhibition space, inspiring over 100 students to think bigger and develop a cohesive artistic voice.
MIHS Choir Pianist	Having a skilled pianist to accompany the choir allows the singers to be showcased in the best light possible resulting in high quality performances.
MIHS Choir Coaching	Providing instruction from highly qualified voice and choral faculty enriches the choir experience. Exposure to diverse teaching styles and artistic perspectives broadens students' musical understanding and deepens their technical skills.
Press Booth Acoustic Treatment	The soundproofing project will significantly elevate the quality and professionalism of every broadcast ensuring clear, consistent audio as students deliver play-by-play and color commentary for local sports events.
Stock Market Games Fee	The Stock Market Game gives students hands-on experience with investing and financial literacy. Students build and manage virtual portfolios, applying business, finance, and marketing concepts in a real-world simulation.
NYT and WSJ Subscriptions	Provide full online access to the reporting, analytical, and opinion articles of the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. Students use the publications to connect course materials—such as government functions, public opinion, and policy—to current real-world issues.

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Islander Middle School

Grant Title	Description/Impact
IMS Band Music Consultants	Provides enrichment to band program and allows for students to hear the work of professional musicians as well as receive personalized instruction.
IMS Bands Endangered Instrument Specialist Program	Provides highly trained teaching specialists on less-commonly played instruments thus increasing the size, diversity and quality of school band and orchestra programs.
Artist-in-Residence for Orchestra	Partnering with a local mariachi band provides 5th–8th grade orchestra students with an immersive, culturally enriching learning experience. The event also fosters collaboration with IMS choir participating and 5th graders and Spanish classes invited to attend.
Orchestra Coaching	Coaching from experts within the Seattle musical community provides small group sectional and chamber music students with high-quality, specialized instruction that deepens technical skills, musical artistry, and ensemble collaboration
Scholastic News in ELA Classes	Bi-weekly subscription to Scholastic News provides students with access to engaging, age-appropriate nonfiction texts that support literacy growth and civic awareness.
Dialectical Behavior Training for two MIYFS counselors	Training in DBT therapy gives counselors tools that work well for neurodivergent students.
Choir Accompanist & Coaching	Hiring a professional pianist ensures high quality music which allows students to better showcase their voices.
Wolf Haven Workshop	The Wolf Haven presentation provides students with engaging, hands-on learning experiences that deepen their understanding of wolves, including their diet, behavior, and ecological role.

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Islander Park Elementary School

Grant Title	Description/Impact
Native Storytelling and Art Lesson with Artist in Residence	Native American artist does storytelling and art lessons to teach students about indigenous people whose voices and perspectives are typically excluded from curriculum.
Power Pollinators	Botanical Garden Learning Lab allows students to review plant parts by dissecting a flower and to learn about the life cycle of plants allowing for more impactful hands on learning.
Pacific Science Center Field Trip	By connecting classroom learning to real-world experiences, students deepen their understanding of key science concepts including plant and animal structures, energy, Earth's changing surface, and waves and information transfer.
Wind and Water Change the Earth Research Books	Students choose a National Park and park feature to research. These reference books help them write their final report using Book Creator which allows all students to create a highly polished final product.
Toys in Science	Students learn to build toys and simple machines with everyday materials. They observe how different materials behave and why certain materials are chosen for specific purposes.
Math Games	Purchase various engaging math games to help make learning math more interactive and fun.
Imagine Children's Museum Field Trip	This field trip provides students with an opportunity to experience a workshop that supports classroom science learning.
Science on Wheels: Planetarium	Students experience a Mobile Planetarium which builds on the sky patterns unit of study. This helps them connect their knowledge from science and literacy curriculum to the real-world and hands-on exhibits.
Woodland Park Zoo Field Trip	This field trip experience helps to reinforce lessons in science, literacy, and social-emotional learning through engaging, real-world applications.

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Lakeridge Elementary School

Grant Title	Description/Impact
World Language Books for Library	Create a section of foreign language books for the library to include Mandarin, French, German, Tagalog, and more Spanish. Providing books in students' native languages or languages spoken at home will increase their sense of belonging in our community.
Native Storytelling and Art Lesson with Artist in Residence	Native American artist does storytelling and art lessons to teach students about indigenous people whose voices and perspectives are typically excluded from curriculum.
K-2 Creative Movement	A guest creative movement instructor engaged students in dynamic activities that build focus, concentration, and body awareness.
Bollywood Dance Artist In Residence	The Bollywood dance instructor allows Lakeridge to meet the 4th grade dance standards while also celebrating the people and cultures of East Asia.
Sensory Tools for Literacy Instruction	Multisensory manipulatives and activities to activate the whole brain during literacy instruction. By offering tactile, visual, and auditory opportunities, barriers are removed for students with language gaps, learning differences, and processing challenges.
Books for New Classroom Library	Purchase a mix of engaging novels with diverse characters and nonfiction books to support reading program and connect to science topics.
Gamifying Math	Creative math and logic games foster a positive attitude toward mathematics by transforming skill practice into engaging, play-based learning.
Math and Language Games for Classroom	Purchase various games to enrich daily math and literacy instruction for students to learn in a more creative setting.
Grade 3-5 Math Manipulatives and Resources	Variety of materials to help all students deepen their understanding of math concepts. Includes dry erase poster sheets, probability spinners and polyhedra dice sets.
Nutrition Education from a registered nutritionist	Nutrition Education lessons introduce students to a variety of fruits and vegetables and allows for guided exploration of new foods through smelling, touching and tasting.

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Northwood Elementary School

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Native Storytelling and Art Lesson with Artist in Residence	Native American artist does storytelling and art lessons to teach students about indigenous people whose voices and perspectives are typically excluded from curriculum.
Tumble Tunnel Mat	Builds on the popular parkor obstacle course by adding two folding mats to create a new challenge and to keep students engaged in movement.
PE Equipment Replacement	Stop watches, posters and new parachute for PE classes to enhance cooperative play.
SEL Recess Supports	Support students' social emotional learning with recess tools. This allows for students who require SEL support to engage and interact with their neurotypical peers by engaging in fun and exciting recess activities.
Solids, Liquids, and Gasses Toy Workshop	Hands-on building experiences focusing on the topic of Solids and Liquids. This program integrates inventive projects with the "hard science" concepts that are emphasized in the classroom.
Books for Small Groups and Book Clubs	These texts will be used in small group instruction so that students have access to a wider range of books to develop their reading skills
Spelling Bee	Opportunity for students to participate in Scripps National Spelling Bee program which promotes literacy and provides opportunities for students to bolster their study skills while also expanding their lexicon.
KidsQuest - Field Trips to Go	Children's Museum educator taughts students about exploring changes in matter through creative experiments and demonstrations using every day kitchen materials.
Magnets and Motion Toy Workshop	Toymaker conducts hands-on workshop on Magnets and Motion that supports and extends the science and math curriculum and interweaves whole-group discussion and hands-on building.
Toys in Science	Students learn to build toys and simple machines with every day materials. They observe how different materials behave and why certain materials are chosen for specific purposes.
Hibulb Cultural Center Field Trip	Students learn about Tulalip Tribe history, traditional cultural values, and spiritual beliefs. This field trip also brings together Washington State Social Studies standards in civics, geography, economics, and history.

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West Mercer Elementary School

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Native Storytelling and Art Lesson with Artist in Residence	Native American artist does storytelling and art lessons to teach students about indigenous people whose voices and perspectives are typically excluded from curriculum.
Village Theater: Skills for Theatre... Skills for Life	Through high-quality arts learning experiences with Village Theatre, students gain foundational theatre skills including projection, diction, body awareness, collaboration, and creative expression.
Neuroscience of Attention Conference	Student Success Team attended conference on topics such as ADHD and executive function to learn new tools and strategies to support teachers and students.
Literacy Tool to Enhance Phonics Program	Magnetic phonics kits for all Kindergarten students enhances adopted curriculum and improves classroom experiences by having tiles with a wider range of options for building words.
Seattle Children's Theatre Field trip to see "Ada Twist, Scientist and Friends"	An off-campus musical experience broadened students' learning beyond the classroom by introducing essential life skills such as audience etiquette, navigating a theater environment, and traveling together by bus.
Museum of Flight Field Trip	Provided the opportunity to engage in more collaborative conversations about aircraft design and history. Students learned more about challenges scientists have faced through the development of air and space travel.
Living Voices - Winning Her Wings Play	A performance of Winning Her Wings: Home Front/War Front deepened students' understanding of World War II by highlighting the contributions of women who built, flew, and fought for change.
Pacific Science Center Field Trip	This field trip exposed students to a variety of science concepts that are studied throughout the year and gave them the opportunity to explore the planetarium.
Museum of Pop Culture Field Trip	Through gallery exploration and hands-on learning, students deepened connections to science and literacy curriculum in an engaging, real-world context.

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Special Education

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Lakeridge	Sensory Room	Create a sensory-friendly general education classroom that supports the diverse learning and regulation needs of all students.
IMS	Sensory Room	Create more physical spaces in the school for students with special needs to have their sensory needs better met and increase capacity to make personalized sensory kits for students.
All schools	SSALD Video Game Trucks	This video game truck rental is to encourage older kids with disabilities to attend SSALD's Community Day. This is an inclusive day designed for kids with disabilities and open to all kids.
West Mercer	Executive Functioning/ ADHD Staff Training	Executive Functioning/ADHD training for staff focused on understanding and strengthening strategies in the classroom.