

Westwood Elementary's Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation Grant Overview 2019-2021

1) **Soul Shoppe** (Anti-bullying/emotional intelligence curriculum/program):

Includes year-round workshops designed to teach students important social-emotional skills to thrive in the elementary school environment and throughout life. Trained Soul Shoppe facilitators present grade-specific material tailored to the grade level and school needs, and assisting school staff with follow through within the classroom. In-class activities are combined with take-home materials to provide follow through with the students at home. **Cost: \$15,000** – used multiple academic years per entire school. Consumable and non-consumable resources to be used in the classroom and at home with families.

2) **5th Grade Science Camp - Science Technology, Engineering, Math** (STEM and nature-focused):

Overnight camp for all 5th graders, including moderate to severely handicapped classes as well as the deaf and hard of hearing students. Camp features include: night hikes, tide pooling, beach study, conservation, all meals, housing, and supervision. The 5th Grade Science Camp is part of the 5th Grade Outdoor Education program. It is an extremely important aspect of the 5th grade experience, as it helps prepare our students to transition into middle school. This includes bringing them out of the classroom, a place for exploration and experimentation, to a more communal environment that encourages engagement and collaboration. This is done through hands-on experimental approach to science education at Camp Loma Mar. **Cost: \$15,000** Science Camp: Overnight camp for all 5th graders, culminating elementary education experience.

3) **Xylophones for the music department.** Xylophones are an essential component to the successful teaching/delivery of the music program at Westwood Elementary. Currently the school has old and/or unusable music equipment. Many mainstream and special needs students greatly benefit from this type of music curriculum. The music teacher at Westwood Elementary has witnessed incredible results in students' growth and self-esteem with a program called Orff Schulwerk, in which students learn to play instruments in order to acquire music skills. In addition, as stated on their website found here, <https://aosa.org/about/what-is-orff-schulwerk/>, "Active music making is the core of this philosophy, supporting both the conceptual and affective development of children". **Cost: \$10,437** Music instruments/xylophones: 4 Sonor Palisano Xylophone Pack, 4 Sonor Meisterklasse Alto Glockenspiel, 4 Sonor Meisterklasse Soprano Glockenspiel).

4) **Accelerated Reader Program** (Online reading program/assessment tool): A highly engaging and motivational on-line learning tool and assessment piece. The program measures each students' individual reading progress and helps to determine instructional reading level. Many students feel increased motivation to become independent readers with their participation of this program. **Cost: \$1,600** Accelerated Reader: License for the entire school population for one year.