

Mill Valley School District



Strategic Plan Leadership Grants 2015-2016



Through a generous \$25,000 contribution from Kiddo!, the District is pleased to offer Strategic Plan Staff Leadership Grants for the 2015-16 school year. The purpose of these grants is to provide leadership development opportunities for Mill Valley School District staff, enhance curriculum and instruction across the District, and foster innovation.

The following proposals submitted by our teachers have been approved:



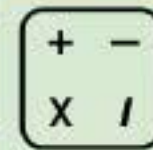
Maker Space

Create a "Maker Space" that provides hands on creative ways to encourage students to design, experiment, build and invent as they deeply engage in science, math and engineering.



Global Teacher Inquiry

A cross-curricular collaborative to investigate how to best utilize the global competence matrix and Common Core to move students deeper into critical thinking, growth mindset and content.



Math Curriculum Development

Math teachers will be provided with the space to create support classes for students who face learning challenges. They will update and develop curriculum as necessary.



Alternative Seating

Acquisition of alternative seating furniture for pilot classrooms. Possible expansion to more classrooms depending on results.



Reading Resources

Teachers in grades 3-5 will acquire reading and writing materials to support the Common Core reading standards and the Columbia Teachers College Reading Workshop.



Mindful Schools Curriculum & Development

A two-year project that will consist of bringing a professional Mindfulness instructor to the classrooms to provide professional development and develop curriculum.



Coding

Teaching coding concepts to 3rd graders using an online programming platform called Tynker.



Mindfulness in the Schools

Teachers will participate in online professional development classes on mindfulness with the goal of developing the Mindful Schools Curriculum.



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