

Carmel Education Foundation

Spring 2025 Great Idea! Student-Led Grant Awards



Grantee	School	Project Title	CCS Mentor
Sofia	Carmel High School	Pen Pals for World Language	Molly Edwards
<i>Students will write letters to international students focusing on the developing the same target languages. Students will also expand their own cultural understandings by meeting their peers from around the world.</i>			

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Kaiwen	Carmel High School	2025 Carmel Aerospace Engineering Outreach and Exploration Project	Zac Bonewit
Ankur	Carmel High School	2026 Carmel Aerospace Engineering Outreach and Exploration Project	Zac Bonewit
Ian	Carmel High School	2027 Carmel Aerospace Engineering Outreach and Exploration Project	Zac Bonewit
Daniel	Carmel High School	2028 Carmel Aerospace Engineering Outreach and Exploration Project	Zac Bonewit

Through a series of outreach events in Carmel High School and Carmel Middle Schools, this project aims to increase interest in aerospace engineering among younger students, and allow older students to try aerospace engineering hands on. This project intends to conduct extensive outreach events in middle schools and high school, where students can try launching model rockets, building flyable aircraft, and fly first-person-view drones, making students passionate about aerospace engineering,

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Boden	West Clay Elementary	WCE Fishing Club	Samantha Gaw
Zane	West Clay Elementary	WCE Fishing Club	Samantha Gaw
Trip	West Clay Elementary	WCE Fishing Club	Samantha Gaw
Tyler	West Clay Elementary	WCE Fishing Club	Samantha Gaw

Our goal is to teach kids a skill (fishing) that they can use to play outside in thier community rather than spending time on devices.

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Sujay	Towne Meadow Elementary	Chess Club	Nathalie Wheeler
Yususf	Towne Meadow Elementary	Chess Club	Nathalie Wheeler
Ian	Towne Meadow Elementary	Chess Club	Nathalie Wheeler

The goal of this project is to create a chess club in order to help students that might not have interests in sports or other activities a chance to be involved and further their logical and critical thinking skills.

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Bexley	Prairie Trace Elementary	Let's Get Hawks To Soar Indoor	Amanda Spurgeon
Jorie	Prairie Trace Elementary	Let's Get Hawks To Soar Indoor	Amanda Spurgeon

This project will equip the school with ways to stay physically active when they are moved to indoor recess. During indoor recess are less choices for movement and kids often sit and read, play on chromebooks, stay in a seat the whole time.

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Archisman	Prairie Trace Elementary	Nature Walk	Holly VanTreese
Navtegh	Prairie Trace Elementary	Nature Walk	Holly VanTreese
Ranbir	Prairie Trace Elementary	Nature Walk	Holly VanTreese

This project will engage students in an educational nature walk where they will identify and label local tree species, fostering environmental awareness and appreciation for biodiversity within the community.