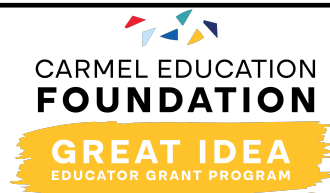


Carmel Education Foundation

Spring 2026 Great Idea Grant Awards



Grantee	School	Project Title
Laura Erli	Carmel High School	If only we had some brains.
Sid Swartzendruber	Carmel High School	If only we had some brains.
Zachary Bonewit	Carmel High School	If only we had some brains.
Joshua Gish	Carmel High School	If only we had some brains.

PLTW students will complete numerous coding-based projects throughout the year, particularly in Principles of Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, and the EDD capstone course using VEX robotics brains.

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Carol Bohney	Creekside Middle School	Dignity of Doing: Bridging the Gap from Abstract Learning to Real-World Success
Libby Powell	Creekside Middle School	Dignity of Doing: Bridging the Gap from Abstract Learning to Real-World Success

The Dignity of Doing provides students with hands-on, real-world experiences that build independence, functional communication, and life and employment skills. Through activities focused on daily living, emotional self-care, and vocational readiness, students develop confidence and skills needed for meaningful participation in their communities.

Grantee	School	Project Title
Kelly Douglas	CLLC	From Doodles to Polished Goods

The Carmel Learning Center (CLC) will use a Cricut Maker 4 and Heat Press to design and produce tangible items and also allow students to combine creativity and technology to produce these items. These experiences foster confidence, creativity, and real-world skills, with long-term goals of creating products for the school community and charitable fundraising.

Grantee	School	Project Title
Katrina Wagner	Forest Dale Elementary	Tuff Tray Sensory Exploration

This grant provides funding to purchase a Tuff Tray and a variety of learning materials, including some sensory items to the preschool at Forest Dale Elementary. The Tuff Tray is a versatile, durable play surface that supports sensory exploration and child-led learning while allowing teachers to design activities aligned with early childhood learning standards, both indoors and outdoors.