



Congratulations to CEC's 2020 Bright Ideas Grant Recipients

Fleeta School is receiving a total of \$3,475 in grant funding. **Ashley Richburg** - \$500 for Listen Up! A whisper phone system designed to help students enhance reading comprehension and fluency; **Angelina Driver and Angela Patterson** - \$1,475 for Assistive Devices for Early Learning - Assistive seating, standing desks, coredisks and more to help create a more positive learning environment for students; **Victoria Wilson and Heather Myers** - \$1,500 for Pre-K Outdoor Centers - Create an outdoor area where students can use their creativity to develop multiple skills and achieve state standards related to nine different dimensions.

Straughn Elementary is receiving a total of \$800. **Astrid Evers and Shawna Hall** - \$800 for Breakout EDU - An innovative program that brings an escape room concept into the classroom. Teachers will have access to 1,500 plus standard-aligned learning games that require students to use the 4cs (collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity) and their social emotional skills.

Straughn Middle School is receiving a total of \$3,250. **Sonia Wallace** - \$750 for PAWS Sensory Room - Will use special sensory equipment to stimulate mental activity in a relaxing environment that promotes interaction for special needs students; **Shanda Gordon, Ellen Sikes and Stacy McLaurin** - \$1,000 for Paw Print-n-Press - Students will use their creativity to design various vinyl works such as shirts, cups and other items to sell to the public. They will learn to budget for a business and build communication skills; **Ann Holt, Ellen Sikes and Angelia Holiday** - \$1,500 for Choose Kind Campaign - Students will pledge to Choose Kind on the Random House website and promote kindness by challenging each class to become a Certified Kind Classroom using the incentive jar and marbles. Copies of the Wonder book will be purchased for classrooms as well. A kind student of the week will be chosen and given incentive prizes.

Pleasant Home School is receiving a total of \$6,555. **Linda Patton** - \$750 for Kids and Kitchen Mentors - A project that will provide training for high school food and culinary

students at PHS and help prepare them to share and teach the skills they learn with elementary students; **Trinity Riley** - \$750 for Flexible Seating and Interactive Flipcharts for Kindergarten - Flexible seating helps keep students engaged while improving their academic and social performance in the classroom. Flipcharts include multiple activities that include letter recognition, rhyming words, blending sounds, grammar and much more; **Erin Watkins** - \$750 for Art Supplies and Flexible Seating - Art is known to increase classroom performance by enhancing brain function and it will give students more opportunities to express themselves in a more comfortable setting; **Jennifer Withrow** - \$650 for Creating Powerful and Innovative Communications - Students will be creating numerous creative-writing pieces along with programs, flyers and photo essays and will showcase their essays, poems and programs; **Bailey Bryan** - \$655 for Flexible Seating and Interactive Flipcharts for Kindergarten - Flexible seating helps keep students engaged while improving their academic and social performance in the classroom; **Jessica Gibson** - \$750 for Hydration System for Playground - The Sports Cool Powered Team Drinker is a portable, battery operated water cooler with six spouts that will help students stay hydrated and focusing on their physical education activities; **Jennifer Luckey and Leigh Lee** - \$750 for Creative Expression in Pre-K - Expose students to an extended variety of art media that will be meaningfully integrated into their learning experiences. The media purchased will help enhance creative expression and representation of ideas across the curriculum; **Sarah Sasser and Cashieria Sims** - \$1,500 for Living History Program - Build a character closet of costumes to help students represent the character they choose to research and present in our Living History Program.

Kinston School is receiving a total of \$5,550. **Erika Whigham and Jennifer Sanders** - \$750 Meeting the Mentors - Purchase non-fiction books for high school library to assist senior English students with their research paper and multimedia presentation for a career path they will choose to pursue; **Faith Caylor** - \$500 for Seats for Science - A flexible seating initiative for fourth grade science students.

Will purchase stools, wobble seats, seating balls, mats, lap desks and small work and storage stations so the students can sit and spread out their projects comfortably while working under the AMSTI program; **Dawn Smith, Lougener Wyrsoedick and Daniel Hart** - \$1,500 for Bulldog Buddy Benches - Students in the Kinston Afterschool Program and the Kinston Jr. Beta Club will engage in a recycling program to collect bottle caps and turn them into Bulldog Buddy Benches; **Sandy Reeves and Jenelle Glass** - \$1,400 for Sphero Robotics Education & Coding - This program is designed to inspire curiosity, creativity and invention through connected play and coding; **Kelly Flowers and Lee Grossenbach** - \$1,400 for TI Rover - Students will participate in group activities to program TI graphing calculators so that Rovers may be controlled to complete given tasks.

Home School (Jamie Kelley) is receiving \$350 for the Animation Course - An online drawing and animation course taught by a former Disney animator who currently works for Sony Pictures Animation. This is a 12-week online course that is live and interactive.

Red Level Elementary is receiving a total of \$3,550. **Marilyn Daniels** - \$750 for Flexible Seating - Provide seating options for sixth grade students that will allow students to take charge of their learning by choosing where they learn best; **Tori Adams and Kriston Bush** - \$1,400 for Talented Tigers - A visual arts program for rural elementary students that will help them develop artistic skills and appreciation for the arts which helps with confidence; **Heather Griffin and Jenny Henderson** - \$1,400 for Incorporating Robots, Coding and STEAM - To implement more project-based learning, help students connect learning to the real world and help them develop critical and creating thinking skills.

Red Level High School is receiving a total of \$1,470. **Keron Kyzar, Dawn Kelley, Traci Locke, Todd Smith and Jamie Snider** - \$1,470 for BOLT: Balls Offering Learning with Technology - This project incorporates the use of Sphere Bolt, an app-enabled robotic ball that provides endless STEM opportunities for students.