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Here's a small taste of our accomplishments:

- ★ \$72+ million raised for public schools
- ★ 70% improvement in students' science achievement
- ★ 55% improvement in students' eating habits
- ★ 28 Food Forests installed with daily lessons engaging 23,570+ students in these outdoor eco-labs
- ★ 208,000+ students and teachers recognized for their artwork
- ★ 34% increase in students' college enrollment attained as part of a national demonstration project
- ★ \$19.9+ million in free supplies provided, benefitting 3.1+ million students
- ★ \$2.9+ million granted to teachers to foster student achievement in 5,000+ classrooms
- ★ 232,124+ Food Forest harvest bags provided to low-income students' families
- ★ 2,728 business professionals recruited to step into the shoes of a teacher for a day
- ★ 18,000 teachers encouraged to use and share best practices for student success

The Education Fund Supports Teachers And Their Classrooms

The Education Fund designs and implements initiatives that involve the entire community in improving Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Since 1985, The Education Fund has had one mission – to maximize every child’s potential. By raising student achievement, particularly for children from financially disadvantaged homes, we raise the hopes and improve the future for entire families.

The Education Fund’s initiatives are strategic in their efforts to improve learning opportunities for all children. One of The Education Fund’s programs that provides strategic services to support our schools is featured in this publication, *A Celebration of Teaching*. Throughout these pages, recipients of The Education Fund’s **Ideas with IMPACT** Innovator, Adapter, Civics Podcast, Edible Gardens and College & Career grants are recognized for their efforts on behalf of our public school students.

Ideas with IMPACT Innovator Grants

Innovator Grants allow foundations, organizations, and businesses, both big and small, to invest directly in the classroom. This investment provides the capital needed by teachers to try out new, creative ideas that support student achievement through enriching, hands-on, active learning experiences for students.

Ideas with IMPACT Innovator Grants are sponsored by the P.L. Dodge Foundation, Suncoast Credit Union, Assurant, FPL, and The Lucy Petrey Fund.

Ideas with IMPACT Adapter Grants

What makes **Ideas with IMPACT** possible is great teachers! The program is fueled by teachers who offer fascinating, hands-on learning strategies that engage students and are then sustained by thousands of teachers who are willing to expand their repertoire as **Ideas with IMPACT** Adapters.

The ideas disseminated through the *Ideas with IMPACT* catalog and the Idea EXPO - The Teacher Conference are now being implemented in classrooms throughout the county through the awarding of 79 Adapter Grants for the 2022-23 school year.

Ideas with IMPACT Adapter Grant donors include Suncoast Credit Union, Ford Motor Company Fund, Assurant, FPL, Amazon, Miami Bayside Foundation, Midway Ford, Robert Russell Foundation, and Jack Chester Foundation.





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Each year, one or more Innovator Grants will be awarded through The Lucy Petrey Endowment Fund. The selected grant(s) will embody Lucy's principled values, spirited leadership, and irrepressible commitment to our public schools.

Everyone Has a (Migration) Story

AP Geography becomes personal for students as they research and then create an audio/visual narrative of their own family migration stories. Exploring the social, political, and economic factors that motivated their family's permanent moves, students also learn how these factors impact global migration. Students are exposed to several primary source narratives of migrants from all over the world and those that have shaped the cultural landscape of this country. Analysis of census data, current migration patterns, and mapping skills are utilized as students discover common themes of humanity, tolerance, and compassion.



We need stories that inspire and connect us, rather than tearing us further apart; stories that paint a hopeful picture of the future we share, and stories told by migrants themselves. – Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Michelle Kelly

Ronald Reagan Senior High School

Foundational Knowledge for Academic Success

High school students recharge their knowledge of math concepts and achieve mathematical fluency using Chromebooks, with digital learning platforms that allow each student to learn with customized lessons and activities. Students benefit from the differentiation and personalization that establish pragmatic solutions to learning gaps.

Gareth Pearson

Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School

Get Ready, Set, Go: Race to Language Development

ESOL students race to develop their language skills through flipbooks, sorting games, and crafts that foster new language retention. The project helps build and apply word skills to understand, speak, and read English through an engaging and effective process.

Lissette Ramos

Kinloch Park Elementary

Building STEAM in 3-D

High school students plan, design, and build an efficient wind turbine using a 3-D printer and laser cutter. This hands-on project includes STEAM concepts, environmental studies, and the importance of clean energy sources.

Yarinet Rivera

Hialeah Gardens Senior High School

Painting the Silk Road: A STEAM Unit

Students embark on a fascinating journey as they learn silk painting techniques, the history of the Silk Road and other ancient trading routes, and the impact of cultural exchange on the advancement of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics throughout history.

Alina Rodriguez

*Miami-Dade Public Schools
District Office*

Mindfulness and Horses

Exchanges with horses at a therapeutic riding center encourage at-risk students to connect with nature as they deepen their self-confidence, inner strength, resilience, and interpersonal relationships.

Teresa Rodriguez

C.O.P.E Center North

Food for Thought

Culinary students study agriscience in a hydroponics lab that grows nutritious microgreens, herbs, and vegetables. The organic produce is incorporated into cafeteria lunches, exposing students and faculty to healthier food choices and wellness throughout the school.

Oscar Roque

Robert Morgan Educational Center

The Art of Printmaking Around the World

Elementary students explore printmaking techniques through the lens of art history, covering various periods and cultures worldwide. They discover how printmaking has evolved throughout several historic eras around the world.

Silvana Soriano

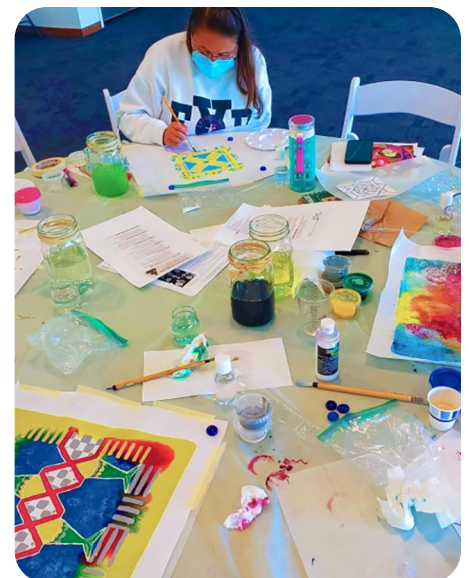
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We Built this 'Interactive' City

Critical thinking skills and a 3-D printer allow students to imagine an improved community, adding aspects to improve the city's overall effectiveness and harmony. Studying key people, events, and activities, they learn about the importance and history of civic engagement to help them realize that creativity can spark change within their community.

Dr. Precious Symonette

Miami Norland Senior High School



Florida Emancipation and African American Citizenship

High school students examine school culture, history and citizenship, identity and belonging in this project that focuses on the history of Florida and African American citizenship. Activities foster a growth mindset, build on literacy skills, and provide space for students' voices.

La-Shanda West

Cutler Bay Senior High School

Let's Do Lunch

Transitioning autistic students learn critical vocational and community skills, focusing on meal planning, shopping, and preparation. Students learn how to make shopping lists, properly store groceries, do prep work for cooking, set the table, and other basic skills for independent living.

Cynthia Dahl

Homestead Senior High School

Geocaching – A Real-Life Treasure Hunt

PE instruction enters the 21st Century with a GPS-driven scavenger hunt. Students combine physical activity with deductive reasoning, map skills, communication, and collaboration to find hidden objects. The worldwide Geocaching phenomenon increases academic achievement in math, science, social studies, and literacy.

Sheryl Henderson

Palm Springs Middle School

STEAM Masks for Superheroes and Villains

Theater and technology students engage skills from dramatic arts, science, technology, engineering, and math in the design and creation of theatrical masks for original stage characters. Students study the dynamics of the hero, the anti-hero, and the villain in traditional and modern literature, then work together in groups to develop characters, a storyline, and costuming.

Colleen Mahoney

Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School

YOU Matter: What Makes Me Different Makes Me Limitless!

Connecting mindfulness practices to Star Wars characters and themes help students benefit from mental health "fitness" activities they may otherwise eschew. Learning the "Jedi" value of slowing down and doing breath-work, allows students to relate mindfulness to familiar movie characters, thus understanding its value firsthand. Seeing strong, respected movie characters participating in mindfulness activities will give children the courage to embark on this journey.

Teresa Murphy

Bob Graham Educational Center

Electric Cars and Environmental Preservation

SPED and General Education students learn how to use 3D printing to create miniature electric cars, while learning about the earth's atmosphere and how electric cars can reduce emissions and individual carbon footprints. Journaling their thoughts helps reduce anxiety about the future of our planet, a leading cause of concern in young people.

Dr. Renata Novak

Jose De Diego Middle School





**HML North Region
Daily Living Quad**

Exceptional Student Education (ESE) students participate in a Daily Living Quad program that teaches life skills, including housekeeping, hygiene, and safety. Students learn employable skills to prepare them for the workforce and to live independently.

Bianca Radice
*Hialeah-Miami Lakes
Senior High School*

**Independent Living
Sensory Room**

Rocking chairs, ambient lighting, and manipulatives create a safe and peaceful environment for students on the autism spectrum who have sensory processing issues. Sensory rooms enable students to experience and gain the knowledge and skills needed for post-high school independent adult living.

Vanessa Radice
*Hialeah-Miami Lakes
Senior High School*

**My Little
Desk Pet Shop**

Kindergarten students experiencing post-pandemic behaviors such as anxiety, speech impairment, and withdrawal benefit from creating their own Desk Pet Shop of miniature animal figures. By caring for their pets in simulated feeding, grooming, and play exercises, students develop empathy, heightened awareness of their surroundings, a sense of purpose, and responsibility.

Maria Mora
Wesley Matthews Elementary

Mathsters of the Calcu-Verse

Relatable cultural references foster student excitement and interest in math as students create “superhero” characters with algebra tiles created with a 3-D printer. Students master the graphing calculator, solve word problems, learn algebra tile methodology, and solve equations.

Dr. Walter Busse
Miami Beach Senior High School

**Digging Deeper with
LCD Microscopes**

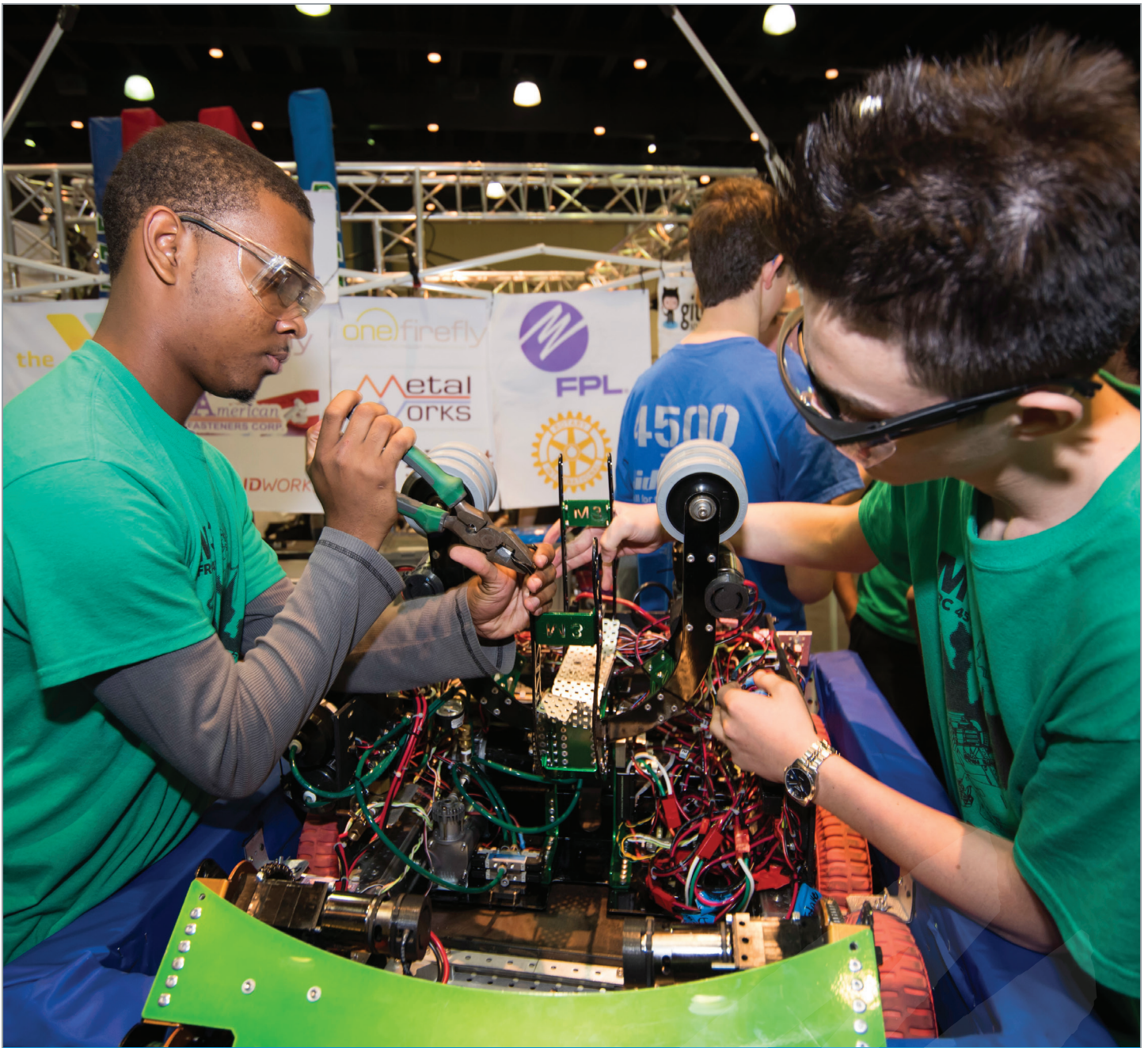
New technology allows students to use LCD microscopes outdoors to study insects and soil composition, sparking curiosity and interest in STEM. The microscopes will be shared throughout the school, enabling every student and teacher to use them.

Karen Gant
Lake Stevens Elementary School

**STEM-ulous Books
STEM-ulate Learning!**

Storytelling inspires student interest in STEM while helping low readings increase reading skills. A comprehensive school-wide STEM library of books will create a foundation for project-based learning and help the school achieve STEM designation status.

Navia Gomez
Dante B. Fascell Elementary



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3-D Printing for Creative Coding

Students build a 3-D model home by coding with Tinkercad in this STEAM project incorporating art and design, engineering, coding, 3-D modeling, problem-solving, creative and analytical thinking, and other 21st-century skills.

Mark Godinez

South Dade Senior High School

Robotics for All

This service-learning project provides exposure to careers in Robotics, Engineering, IT, and other tech fields in the South Dade area and seeks to narrow the gender and minority gaps in the tech workplace. Students design a game field for Robotics competitions and use their field to train other students.

Mark Godinez

South Dade Senior High School

STEM Outreach

Bonds develop as high school students proficient in robotics mentor middle school students and help them create and program robots for competitions. This robotics and engineering club seeks to expose students to possibilities in STEM careers.

Shawn Waring

South Dade Senior High School



STEAM-ing to Success with Robots

Duplo LEGOS and touchscreen iPads are the perfect combination for autistic kindergarteners to learn how to program robots. Basic coding with robots promotes collaborative learning among their peers.

Ellen Skidmore

Gulfstream Elementary

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Triumph Over Tragedy: Musical Memoirs of the Holocaust

Students connect music to history while learning and performing choral music based on the Holocaust. The lyrics provide a view into the lives of those who suffered and those who persevered, bringing to life the emotions felt by every child during a war. The project will culminate with a visit to the Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial.

Deborah Mar

Southwood Middle School

Ideas with IMPACT Adapter Grants

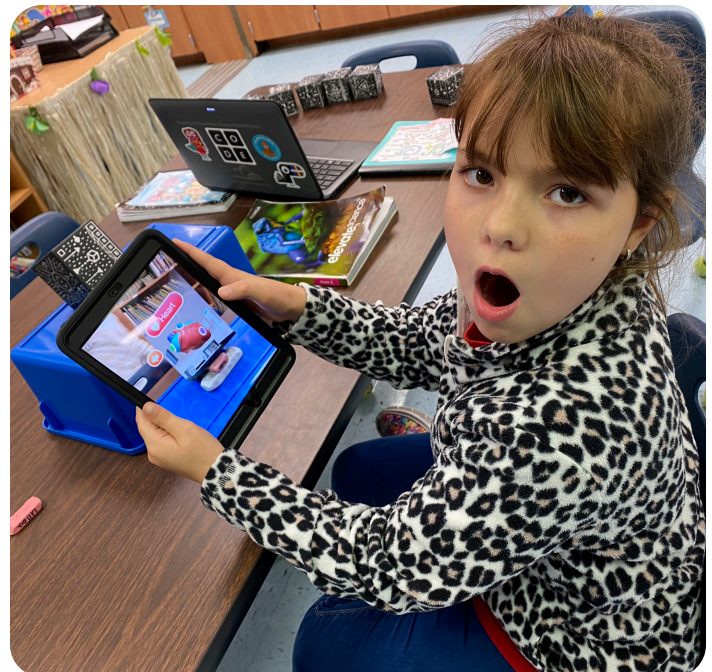
The inspiration for Adapter Grant projects originates from The Education Fund’s annual *Ideas with IMPACT* catalog and **Idea EXPO Teacher Conference**.

The ***Ideas with IMPACT*** catalogs offer innovative projects and teaching strategies developed by Miami-Dade County Public School teachers and tested in their classrooms. Curriculum guides are written and workshops are held by the teachers who developed the projects to help other teachers adapt the ideas to their own classrooms.

The how-to curriculum idea packets and information on Ideas with IMPACT grants are available at www.educationfund.org.



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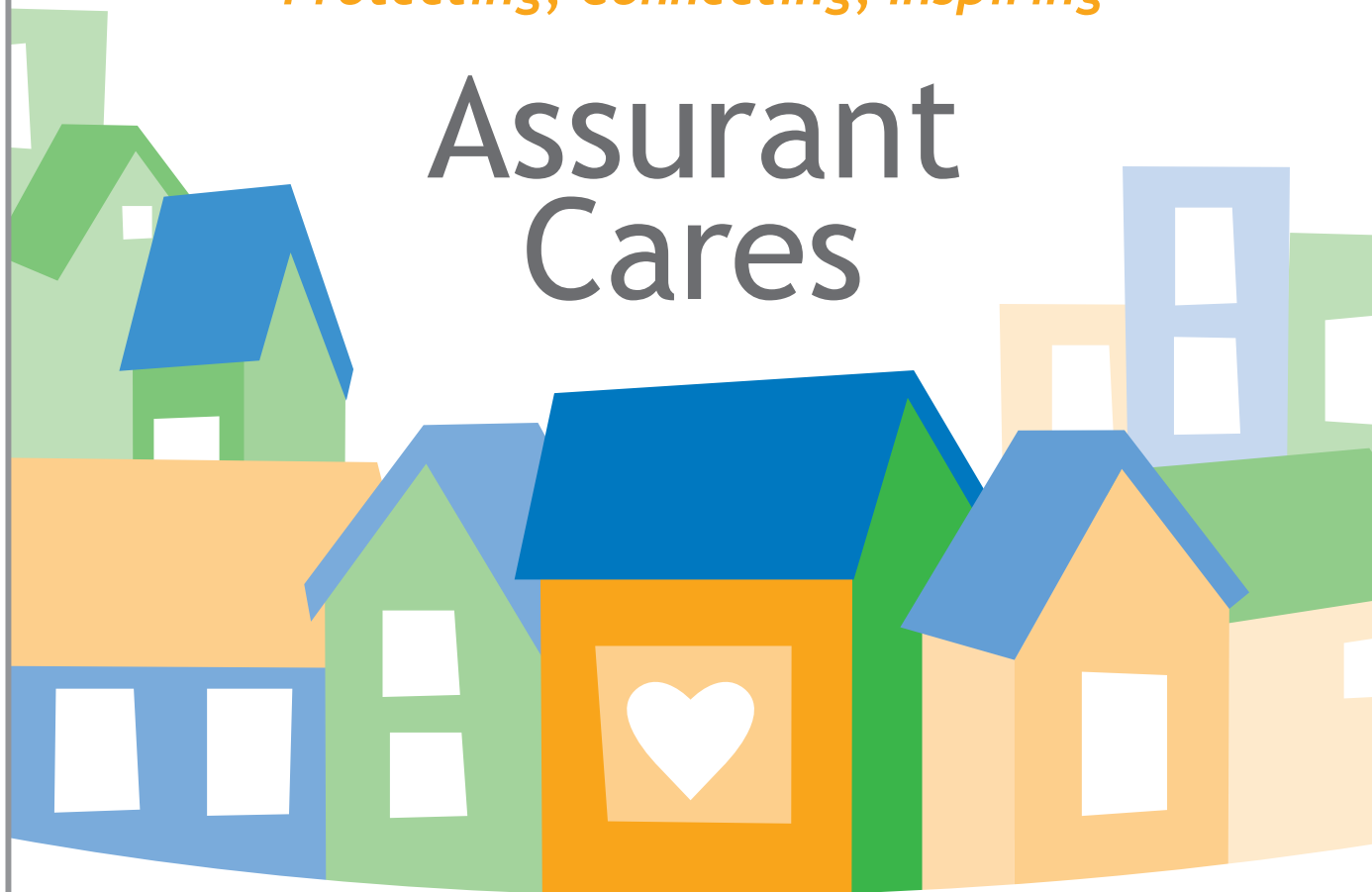
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Sponsored by the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Family Foundation, Civics Podcast Grants inspire and teach students to use their voices for good via the process of creating and broadcasting audio and video podcasts.

Student media projects cover a variety of current and relevant topics, including pandemic management, vaping, gun laws, social media, bullying, and environmental issues - but ultimately the students select relevant issues of most concern to them.

This grant provides teachers with the funds necessary for students to produce their media projects and the platforms to share them with their peers, their community, and the world!



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What is The Education Fund Food Forest for Schools program?

The Education Fund is revolutionizing math, science, and nutritional education for students via a first-in-the-nation model, using outdoor eco-labs on school grounds. It started with 51 edible gardens and is now a program with 28 Food Forest and 23 edible garden schools. Food Forests are actual mini-forests with an array of fruits, vegetables, and herbs in the form of trees, bushes, vines, and ground cover spanning up to a quarter acre or more. The winding pathways and tree-covered canopies are great for outdoor classrooms, with harvesting always available for cafeteria meals and homebound use.

For Students

Math and science comes alive for students in the Food Forests (FF), resulting in 70% of students increasing their science scores for 2021-22 (a new math track is rolling out during 2022-23). Children also learn about the super-foods we are pioneering as they participate in daily or weekly harvests - for the cafeteria and their homes. Already, students have taken home 232,124 Harvest Bags and produce has enhanced cafeteria meals 6,000+ times, impacting 1306,985 meals.

For Teachers

We invest in teachers and teacher training both on- and off-site. School land that was once unused is now bustling with student activity each day. In fact, our work changed the school district's Wellness Policy, which now recommends all schools establish edible gardens.

Food Forest for Schools Network Schools

Since edible gardens are an entryway to Food Forest programming for many schools, The Education Fund is pleased to announce that 20 schools new to the program will receive grants to start edible garden programs. These schools will be the foundation of a new aspect of the Food Forest for Schools program - the Food Forests Network. The 20 schools receiving grants will plant edible gardens with their students, teaching them about the seed-to-table cycle, improving their eating habits and increasing their academic performance in science, math, and so much more.



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Broadmoor Elementary

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Ruby Villa

Dante B. Fascell Elementary

Kimberly Clifford

Dr. Edward L. Whigham Elementary

Colleen Sullivan

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Hialeah Gardens Middle School

Vanessa Radice

Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School

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Hibiscus Elementary

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John F. Kennedy Middle School

Julio Casteleiro

Lawton Chiles Middle School

Jenny Datz

Miami Gardens Elementary

Melissa Soto

Miami Heights Elementary

Enid Anglin

Miami Springs Elementary

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Ojus Elementary

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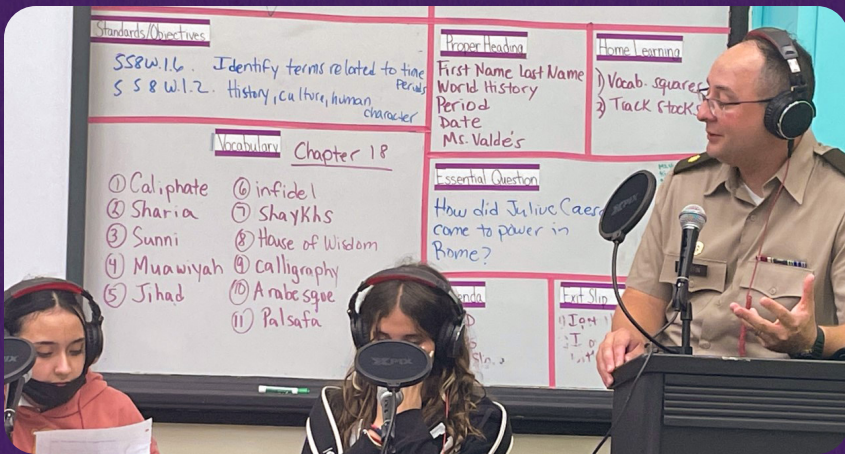


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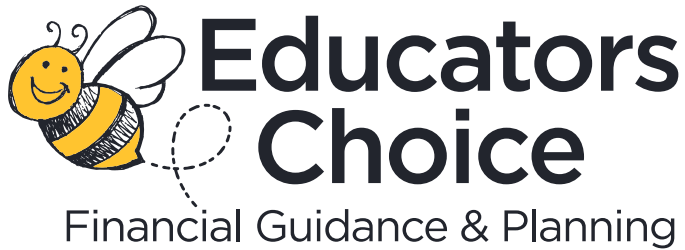
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