



Greetings from EPAK!

Thirty years ago EPAK began with a clear goal: we believe all students deserve an educational environment with opportunity and promise. Our aim is to lessen the disparities that exist between neighboring school districts. Your support means teachers in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park can create welcoming and safe classrooms where all students can thrive.

**Your donation, large or small, has a direct impact.**

It contributes to twice yearly grants to teachers, \$750 for teachers to use on high impact projects, and \$375 to help new teachers set up their classrooms for success.

Kipp Valiant teachers describe the effect your donations have:



*"I am thrilled to report the incredible impact that the EPAK grant had on our makerspace and our students at East Palo Alto Middle School. My goal has always been to foster creativity, critical thinking, and social-emotional learning (SEL) among our students. With EPAK funds, we were able to make significant strides towards these objectives."*

*"Thanks to the EPAK grant I was able to purchase books and other educational games in Spanish for my students. My students now have access to a variety of books written by Hispanic, Latino and Black authors. It is extremely beneficial for a child's literacy to have access to books in their first language. Thank you so much for helping me build my library."*

**EPAK is piloting a Special Grants program this year to offer larger grants and with your help these high impact, long term projects can continue.** One middle school music teacher received a grant to invest in much needed instruments to expand the band program. More students were able to join and had access to quality instruments throughout the year. The mission of the project is to continue to build a strong music

program, foster a lifelong appreciation for the arts, and support social and emotional learning. This project embodies the spirit of EPAK and demonstrates how your donations directly support our students and teachers.

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**Thank you for considering an end of year donation to EPAK.**

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Our best wishes to you and yours this season and in the new year.

*Jeannine Marston*

Jeannine Marston, Board President

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