



Students from East Palo Alto Charter School



School bells are ringing for EPAK's students in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park. With the excitement of the first day of school comes a variety of needs for teachers with high hopes for student achievement. EPAK supports teachers in one of the lowest income school districts in our area. Over 90% of the students qualify for free and reduced lunch, and 59% are English language learners. Last year EPAK "dreamed big" and gave out over 400 teacher grants in all, including 14 "special grants" for long term, big impact projects.

A new Kindergarten teacher reported in June,

*"EPAK funds helped to transform the new classroom into a fun and exciting learning environment for kindergarten students. Various learning materials brought out students' creativity and made the learning enjoyable. Thank you, EPAK."*

Another stated,

*"My EPAK grant helped me provide high quality materials to my students throughout all parts of the day. The grant made a huge impact for my students"*

*during reading groups. Math and Science were some of the other content areas affected by my EPAK grant."*

EPAK grants make a difference. One teacher reported, *"Knowing I can apply for an EPAK grant keeps me in teaching."* California is among the top ten states in the country facing an acute teacher shortage. You can help!

Remember your own anticipation of a new school year? **Please support our teachers with plans and dreams for their students. Our most vulnerable kids need your help. Your gift is an investment in the future of our community.**

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East Palo Alto Kids Foundation (EPAK) believes that all students deserve an inspiring, engaging, and tailored classroom experience. For 30 years, we have provided grants to teachers to enhance educational opportunities for students in the Ravenswood City School District (RCSD) and public charter schools in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park.

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