

EPAK

EAST PALO ALTO KIDS FOUNDATION

GRANTING OPPORTUNITY IN EVERY CLASSROOM
2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

READ...ENGAGE...INSPIRE.

Since 1993, the East Palo Alto Kids Foundation (EPAK) has been a community-based, volunteer organization whose mission is to promote educational opportunities and academic success for students by awarding grants to teachers of East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park.



EPAK at a Glance

- Serves approximately 4,500 students from 11 schools in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park.
- Supports quality educational experiences through grants for literacy, science, math, the arts and technology.
- Awards grants directly to the teachers who will be implementing the projects.
- Is governed by an all-volunteer board of directors from East Palo Alto and the surrounding communities.
- Addresses the serious educational funding gap in our community.

President's Message



Lee Dinneen
EPAK Board President

Each month, the EPAK board receives countless thank you notes, cards and colorful hand-drawn pictures from students at the 11 schools we serve, brimming with gratitude for EPAK's work and for your generous donations. **These students' worlds are richer because of EPAK: in the past year alone, we**

granted \$237,000 to 245 teachers, which funded books and technology for classrooms, field trips, equipment for science, math, PE and art instruction as well as tools for teaching students with special needs.

But the gratitude flows the other way, too. Perusing those thank you letters, I am grateful that EPAK's efforts can help ignite these students' love of learning. One kindergarten teacher at

Brentwood Academy described how she was able to bring a student who started the year not being able to read any letters up to reading at grade level through practice with EPAK-funded texts. Magic happens when you give children the resources they need: minds are expanded and imagination is kindled. Whether it's by enriching classroom lessons with field trips, opening up the new places, people and ideas from the pages of a book, or exposing a whole new world within a world from under the lens of microscope, **EPAK grants enable children to discover and follow their dreams.**

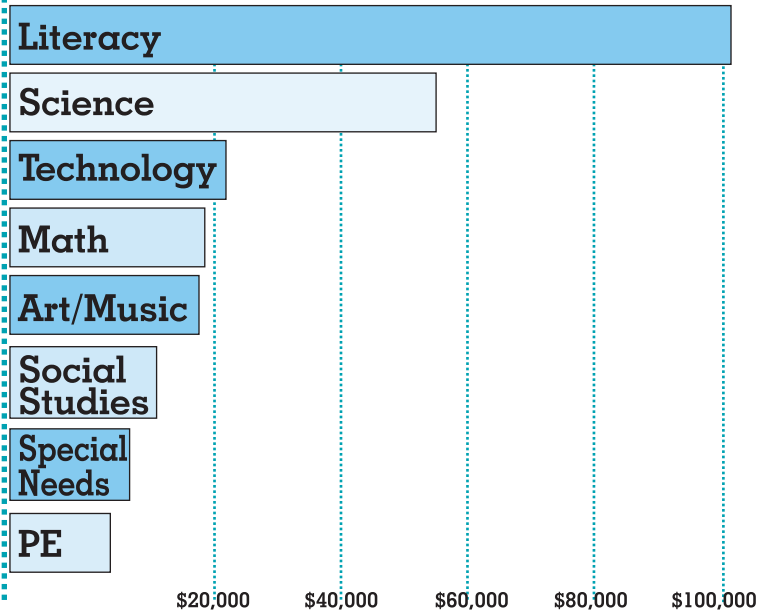
You ignite a love of learning when you support EPAK. As I reach the end of my first year as EPAK Board President, I'm more than ever convinced of the importance of our work. And like those students, I am filled with gratitude for your generosity. In an area where so many of us take so much for granted, **together we are delivering resources to the students and teachers who need it the most.**



Our Impact 2014-15

Grants awarded: \$237,000

Top Grants Requested:
Literacy and Science




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"In my first year teaching I came into the classroom and found how limited the supplies, resources and tools were in East Palo Alto," said Erin Gonce, first-grade teacher at Brentwood Academy. "With my first EPAK grant that year, I purchased books. My students had a wide range of ability and EPAK provided the grant for me to purchase textbooks to meet their needs. Without EPAK that year, I would never have had the money necessary to teach literacy effectively in my classroom."



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“When one of my students started kindergarten she did not know any letters and she had never been to preschool,” said Sarah Hackett, kindergarten teacher at Brentwood Academy. “I started by teaching her letters and basic sight words and quickly began reading with her in a small group with Level A texts. (provided by EPAK grant). She ultimately left kindergarten reading at grade level. The students are willing to do the work, and when we have the right tools to teach them effectively, magic happens. I am so, so very grateful for EPAK!”

Financials

Our operating expenses were 6% of revenue for the 2014-15 fiscal year

Revenues

Donations	\$230,311
Other Income	\$ 79
Total Revenues	\$230,390

Expenses

Grants

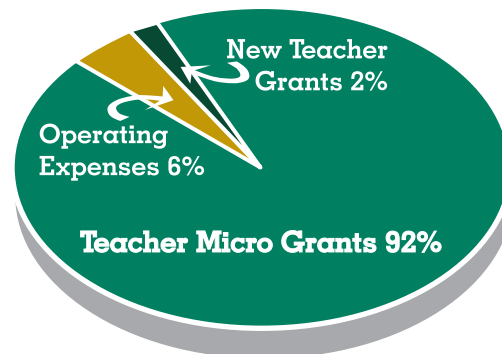
Teacher Micro Grants	\$233,581
New Teacher Grants	\$ 3,900
Total Grant Expense	\$237,481

Operating Expense	\$ 16,497
Total Expenses	\$253,979
Change in Net Assets	-\$23,589

Assets & Liabilities

Cash	\$179,640
Liabilities	\$ 0
Total Net Assets	\$179,640

Expense Breakdown



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It is through the generous and dedicated support of our donors that EPAK executes its vision and has moved into its third decade of serving the children of East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park. Our strong base of diverse contributors makes EPAK a stable and trusted partner for all schools in the area. Without our donors, teachers and students would not have the educational opportunities other communities take for granted. **We appreciate your generous and continuing support.**

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“Every student who has learned about reading in my classroom has EPAK to thank,” said Dyan Haxton, fifth-grade teacher at Willow Oaks. “EPAK grants have paid for all my best books and about 75 percent of my classroom library.”

“Thank you EPAK for filling classrooms with quality literature for students to read, to engage, and to inspire,” said Viviana Espinosa, Academic Dean at Costano Elementary School.



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