



During the month of May we celebrate the dedicated teachers and volunteers who instruct our East Palo Alto Kids Foundation community of students.



One of these educators, a recipient of an EPAK grant in 2024-25, spoke at EPAK's April "Meet the Teachers" event at Bloomhouse in East Palo Alto.

**Becky Z.** inspires students to read at EPACS as a volunteer librarian (*pictured above*). Thanks to her, the K-8 students at East Palo Alto Charter School have access to books on their campus, including a new selection of Spanish language books. She spoke passionately about her search for "just the right books" for students. Becky reaffirmed her gratitude for her EPAK grants which allow her to purchase books for a wide variety of student interests. Becky wrote recently, "With the grant money we have really been able to upgrade the quality and quantity of books which has led to increased use of the library by both staff and students."

Fourth grade teacher **Misa Y.**, shown here with below counselor **Michelle G.** from EPACS, purchased additional classroom books and started a book club to encourage students to transition to longer chapter books. This EPAK supported mission resulted in a colorful student “thank you” poster brought to Bloomhouse.



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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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