



BURBANK ARTS FOR ALL FOUNDATION GRANTS IMPACT REPORT 2014-2015

Since its founding in 2006, the Burbank Arts for All Foundation has given over \$314,000 in supplemental funding in support of its mission to ensure every student in Burbank public schools receives a quality arts education as part of their core curriculum. Grants have funded a variety of traditional arts programs – including visual, media and performing arts – as well as professional development, facilities upgrades, and arts integration into core subjects such as English, Physical Education and Math. The effects of these funds can be seen throughout the Burbank Unified School District.

Below, please enjoy reading about the impact of a few of the many projects funded in the 2014-2015 school year:



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF A MODEL THEATRE PROGRAM

Joaquin Miller Elementary School | Funded Fall 2014



**Alice in
Wonderland**
A Wondrous Magical Journey

Miller Elementary’s theatre program has been growing steadily since its inception last year. This fall, over half of the 4th grade participated in the school’s production of “Alice in Wonderland”, through being onstage, backstage, playing live music and helping paint the sets.

During the course of the production, students shared the valuable skills they learned, such as having courage, gaining confidence, never giving up, articulating when speaking and that it’s okay to make mistakes. These are skills that they’ll be able to carry with them throughout their lives; according to 4th grade teacher, John Ossif: “[The students’] comments help me to remember how much of an impact participation in a theater production can have, and how that impact carries on long beyond the production itself.”

Later this school year, teaching artists from 24th Street Theatre will be leading workshops with the 4th graders, and the 5th grade students will get their turn to work on a production.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

INSTRUMENT PURCHASES FOR A GROWING MUSIC PROGRAM

John Muir Middle School | Funded Fall 2014

Increased enrollment in instrumental music classes means a greater need for new and working instruments. Unfortunately, instruments are expensive and many students are left learning on old, poor quality instruments or sharing with other students, giving less time to be able to practice. Thanks to funding from the Burbank Arts for All Foundation, the Muir Middle School band was able to purchase two clarinets and a cello this fall. These purchases have impacted not only the individual students playing them, but the band as a whole. According to Band Director, Suzanne Snell, *"The students are happy and excited to play new instruments that have better sound quality, without the frustration of playing instruments that need repair. There is an increase in practice due to instrument availability...The increased skills of these students, as well as improved sound quality, strengthens the learning and performing band and orchestra experiences as a whole."*



INSTRUMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Luther Burbank Middle School | Funded Fall 2014

An ongoing project, the Luther Middle School band is continually searching for resources to help repair and replace their instrument inventory. This Fall, Burbank Arts for All Foundation provided a grant that helped fund the purchase of 2 alto saxophones, 1 tenor saxophone, 1 clarinet and 2 trumpets. Thanks to the acquisition of new instruments, the Band students continue to strengthen their skills and grow together as a group.

"The Band students are very intrinsically motivated. They play music for the love of it and are committed to practicing and performing their very best. Having an instrument of their own pushes them to take ownership of their abilities. They often develop a strong sense of responsibility and discipline and they strive to always improve."

-Cathy Kim, LBMS Band Director

HIGH SCHOOLS

SPECIAL ARTISTS WORKSHOP

Burbank High School | Funded Fall 2014



This Fall, all of the Burbank High choir classes were given the unique opportunity to learn from the Taiko group "On Ensemble"! The group came to work with the students to perform and demonstrate drumming techniques that can be incorporated into vocal performances.

According to choir parent, Marianne Winters, *"The*

most successful part of the program was the complete enjoyment of all of the choir students as they participated in the performance.

BURBANK HIGH INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Burbank High School | Funded Fall 2014

To aid the Burbank High instrumental music students in their studies, Band Director Michael Stanley applied for a grant to purchase a Yamaha HD-200 Harmony Director - Instructional Keyboard. The keyboard "demonstrates for students in real time how to adjust notes within chords to play them in tune over the bass note, and show the difference between in tune and out of tune with the touch of a button." This tool has helped students improve their skills and abilities.



Our Burbank students deserve the best Arts Education possible

A growing number of parents, community members, district employees and businesses are working together to replenish arts programs and grow creative learning opportunities for all of our 15,000 Burbank public school students. Together, we can ensure that our students have access to arts today...and arts forever.

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