

# FY2024

September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024



# IMPACT REPORT

*"IF OPPORTUNITY DOESN'T KNOCK, BUILD A DOOR" - Milton Berle*



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# Our Impact

- 19,500+ Students
- 27 Schools
- 110 Square Miles
- Issaquah, Sammamish, Bellevue, Renton, Newcastle, Unincorporated King County

## Mission

The Issaquah Schools Foundation raises funds to open doors for Issaquah School District students to see beyond their immediate experiences, expanding the boundaries of what they believe is possible.

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## Value

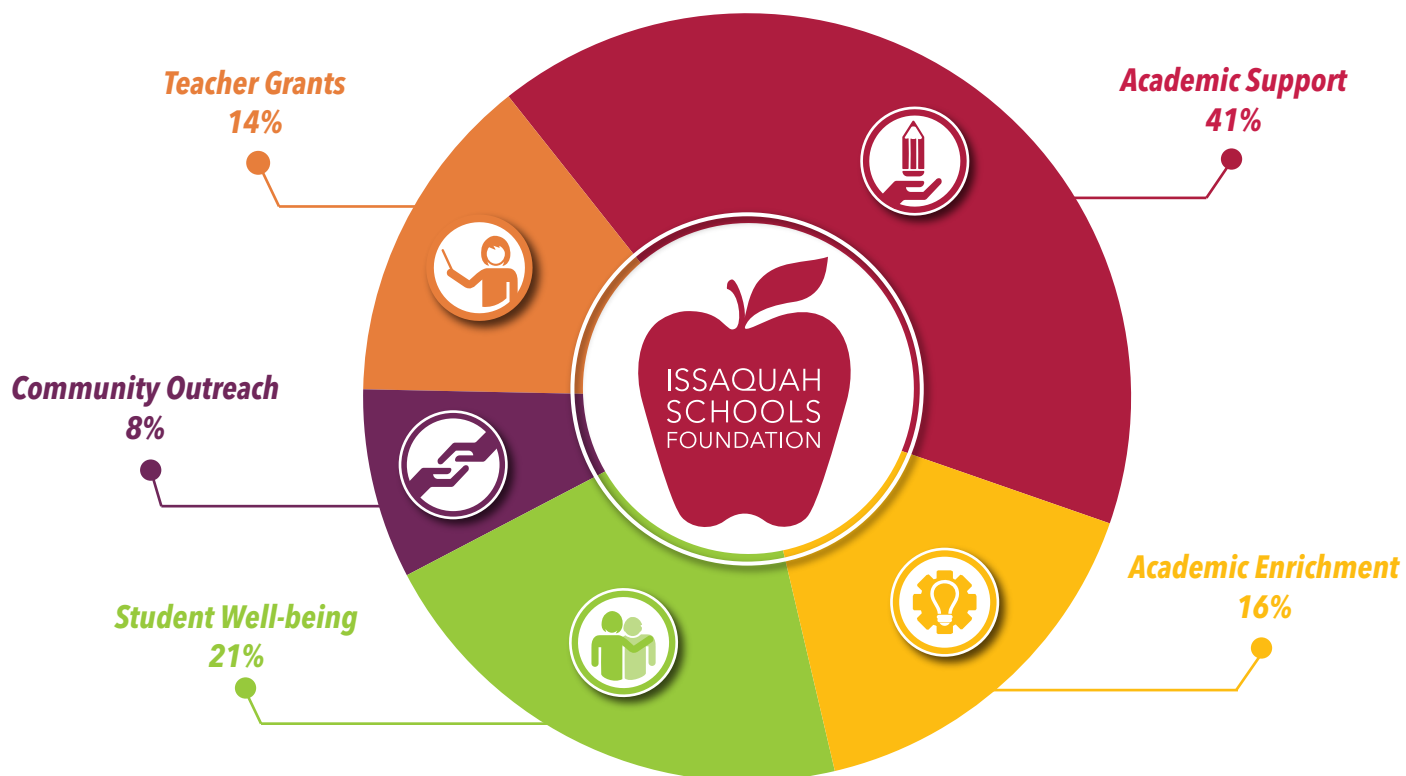
**STUDENTS** are at the **CENTER** of all we do. We recognize that each student is a unique individual with differences in background, experiences, opportunity, and thought, and we strive to impact every student in every school with....

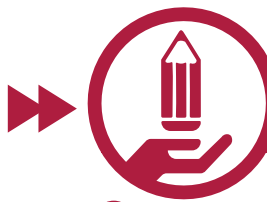
**AGILITY** - the world changes quickly and so do the needs of our students. To best serve them, we must operate with an entrepreneurial mindset, quickly adapting to change, mobilizing resources, and testing new ideas.

**INTEGRITY** - we make decisions with care, thoughtfulness, and conviction, taking seriously the responsibility of investing in our students.

**CONNECTION** - we achieve more together than alone. We listen to and partner with our community, leveraging diversity of thought and experience to help our students see what is possible.

# Your Dollars At Work





## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

### Program Spotlight : **DECODABLE BOOKS**

We believe that one key to helping launch students successfully into their futures is to build solid academic foundations during their earliest years. Studies show that children who develop strong early literacy foundations are more likely to excel in reading, writing, and overall academic performance throughout their lives. That's why, during the 2024 Fiscal Year, **we directed donor funding to bring decodable books to every kindergarten and 1st grade student** in the Issaquah School District. **2,503 students** benefited from the word recognition and phonics learning support offered by these decodable readers. Your support of this critical program delivered HUGE impact, with **82% growth in the number of kindergarten students and 52% growth in the number of 1st graders reading at or above grade level.**

### Your Impact :

**\$120/Month =**  
74 K and 1st grade students  
receive decodable texts



*"My students LOVE the books and I'm delighted to see their phonics skills transfer to authentic reading. Today we read a book about Frank, a city dog who loves to eat trash! We all laughed when Frank came this close to eating a real cheese pizza next to a dumpster! One of my students remarked, "These books are actually funny!" Thanks again for your generosity! "*

*-Ruth Cerna, Challenger Elementary School*



## STUDENT WELL-BEING

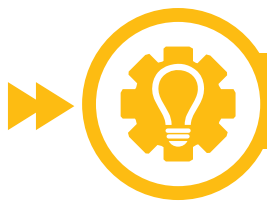
### Program Spotlight : **FOOD SUPPORT**

The percentage of ISD students receiving free and reduced lunch was **12%** last year, a **60% increase in just 5 years.** Food insecurity affects concentration, memory, mood, and motor skills, all of which impact a student's ability to productively engage in learning. You helped provide breakfast snacks at **14 schools** not receiving funds from the ISD breakfast program. Your support also helped pay **\$7,500 of lunch debt** for students eligible for free and reduced lunch and provided snacks for those students attending summer school on scholarship.

### Your Impact :

**\$75/Month =**  
17 Students have their  
unpaid meal debt erased





## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

### Program Spotlight : HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

You helped provide **\$30,000** of support to student clubs at our 3 comprehensive high schools, a **25% increase** in funding from the previous year. Clubs offer students the opportunity to learn teamwork, individual and group responsibility, and inclusivity. They can also reinforce lessons learned in class and help students discover passions. Research even suggests participation can increase students' sense of engagement with their schools, decreasing the likelihood of failure. Clubs matter. Your generosity provided funding to **24** diverse high school clubs, with nearly **1,500 student participants**, **64% more** than the 2023/2024 school year. Clubs included Robotics, Sports Med, DECA, Debate, Rocketry, Math, Key Club, Japanese, and many more.

### Your Impact :

**\$50/Month =**  
26 students' Sports Medicine Club competition fees and supplies



*"Robotics has literally changed my life. I am on FRC Team 1318, the Issaquah Robotics Society, which has received funding from ISF every year. This year I found myself questioning if I would be able to accompany my team to our travel competitions. Fortunately, ISF had my back. I received financial aid that allowed me to join them in these multi-day competitions."*

- Calvin Rodrigue, 2024 Impact Scholarship Runner-Up

### Program Spotlight :

## GIZMOS for SCIENCE EDUCATION

What started as a teacher grant award at one school turned into an incredible science enrichment opportunity for nearly **4,000 students** across **5** middle schools. Gizmos are interactive math and science virtual labs and simulations that help bring powerful new STEM experiences into the classroom. Students were able to observe and experiment with concepts that cannot be done with physical models or within the confines of a classroom. In the 2023/2024 school year, there were nearly **17,830 student log-ins** to these interactive labs, fostering scientific curiosity and deep conceptual understanding amongst ISD 6th through 8th graders.

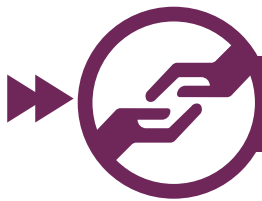
### Your Impact :

**\$25/Month =**  
69 middle school students access to Gizmos



*"One of my favorite Gizmos for physical science is the one that compares weight and mass. Students struggle to see the difference between the two, but when Gizmos takes them to different planets with a spring scale and a mass balance they learn mass is always constant but weight changes with gravity and you hear the "ohhhh, now I get it" echo through the room."*

- Ashley Potter, PCMS Science teacher



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Program Spotlight : CULTURAL BRIDGES

Imagine trying to navigate the US school system if you aren't from this country or if you didn't experience US schools as a child. That's the challenge faced by a significant and ever-growing portion of ISD families. Today there are more than **1,200 students** in the Issaquah School District receiving English Language Development Services and over **95 languages** are spoken by district families. Cultural Bridges provides a bridge to understanding for these families, building relationships between them, their schools, and the broader Issaquah community. With your support, the Cultural Bridges online magazine was published in **8 languages**, with **4 publications** throughout the year. CB Magazine logged over **12,887 visits and reads** from families accessing critical information in their native languages, allowing them to better navigate the school experience and support their students.

## Your Impact :

**\$50/Month =**  
2,000 families access  
native-language online resources



## INNOVATION

### Program Spotlight : TEACHER GRANTS

In the 2023/2024 school year you helped fund **23 Academic Enrichment grants** totaling over **\$54,000** to teachers across the district. These grants benefited classrooms in **5 elementary, 5 middle, and 3 high schools**, as well as our special education students across schools. Foundation grants bring innovation and efficiencies to classrooms, providing a pathway to test new ideas, pilot new programs, and explore innovative teaching methods. Some examples of grants awarded include Issaquah Middle School Royalty Dance and Cheer team uniforms, a Rifton Adaptive Tricycle and inclusive PE equipment to make physical activity accessible to all, and the addition of 3D, Sculpture, and Fiber Art courses reaching **150+ middle school students** each year.

## Your Impact :

**\$90/Month =**  
Academic Enrichment Grant  
to provide a Tig Welder at  
Gibson EK for students  
exploring the Aerospace,  
Engineering, and Robotics fields



*"I was blown away with how excited they all were to learn these skills in Fiber Arts class. They loved showing off their projects and it became a regular occurrence to have them bring friends into the room to show what they were working on."*

- Karen Harmon, Beaver Lake Middle School teacher

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