### **SPARKY'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**



Spark excitement for learning at NEISD

Donate to NEEF Student Impact Grants

Increase my steps by 2.000

Give out more checks to NEISD teachers!





#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

As we bid farewell to 2024 and start 2025, I am grateful for the incredible community surrounding NEEF. Your unwavering support has made this past year another resounding success.

I hope the holiday season provided you with moments of joy in the company of loved ones. Now, as we embark on a new year, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead in 2025. I'm thrilled to announce our upcoming BIG Dreams & BIG Hearts Gala in March. Your involvement is key:

- Sponsorship: Elevate your commitment and support NEISD education.
- Attend the Gala: Join us for an inspiring evening.
- Donate Silent Auction Items.

Your continued dedication is the driving force behind NEEF's achievements. Here's to an extraordinary 2025!

Warmest regards,

Katherine Rocha

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### SPOTLIGHTING ....

2025

Thanks to librarian LeeAnne Arnold, Coker Elementary School has been buzzing with creativity and innovation. She has cleverly integrated storytelling and books into the school's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) lessons, providing students with a unique and engaging learning experience. With a grant of \$5,955.91, she's been able to stock the school's library with books related to STEAM topics and invest in materials like robots, programming activities, and maker/builder items.

During a recent visit from NEEF, students were captivated by the reading of *The Dot*. As a follow-up activity, they designed book covers. Using an app called Quiver on iPads, their dots came to life, transforming two-dimensional drawings into threedimensional creations.

Inspired by the story, third grader Ellie Wilkins felt empowered to draw whatever she wanted, saying, "I got inspired by the book because it made me think I could do anything in the world. I don't need to worry about other people's thoughts." This sense of empowerment is a testament to the power of this grant.

WATCH VIDEO







DIAL PROSPECTIONAL FOUNDATION GALA Presented by LAUREL RIDGE MARCH 01, 2025

# **GRANT SHOWCASE**

NEEF Board members interacted with Encino Park Elementary School's Immersive Educational Environment grant, which transformed the gym wall into a giant interactive think pad. This innovative space engages students with technology, combining learning, movement, and fun to boost recall and participation. Our Board was amazed by its dynamic, interactive approach, showcasing the future of education!

## SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

Weekly Parent Video Message from our Superintendent:

- Dec. 16 Spotlighting the Heroes of Our Schools
- <u>Dec. 9 Efficiency Committee Recommendations</u>
- <u>Dec. 1 Educational Opportunities for Every Child</u>





