On the cover—Vashon Scientists in the Schools Grant at VHS. During the spring COVID-19 shutdown, biology students, armed with take home kits, did their research individually and took in the field selfies as part of the homework.
About PIE

Vashon Partners in Education is an all-volunteer organization whose goal is to enhance the learning environment in our public schools. **PIE’s mission is simple: we finance grants for activities and materials identified by those closest to the educational process — our teachers.**

Vashon Public School District teachers, as well as staff and community members, are invited to submit grant proposals for specific needs and opportunities not addressed in the district budget. Requests are assessed on educational value, innovation, need and impact. Proposals are evaluated by PIE board members in late fall and **grant money is distributed and used that school year.**

Since 1987, supporters have donated over $1.35 million and helped PIE fund more than 1,350 grants! For more information about PIE, visit our website at [VashonPie.org](http://VashonPie.org).

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**Vashon Artists in the Schools Grant**—The pandemic could not stop VAIS partnerships in the spring, including “3rd grade Biography Puppets with island artist Adam Ende.” Students were sent home materials kits and received direct instruction online from the artist.

“The sudden switch to remote learning was challenging and I was impressed with what the students were able to do and their level of thinking and understanding. Our team could not have pulled this off without the support of PIE. Your flexibility made a huge difference, enabling us to confront the challenge and prepare for next fall as well.”

—Bianca Perla, Vashon Nature Center, *Vashon Scientists in the Schools Grant*

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**Grants from top:** 
- **Cider Press** at CES—students integrate social, math and science skills during cider pressing (granted in 2019);  
- **Preschool Literacy Library at CES**—the new books support ethnic, culture, linguistic and gender-identity diversity and social-emotional learning. The class celebrated their new library with a pajama day;  
- **Civil Rights Legacy — Get on the Bus! at McM**—the original all-ages play by Milo Mowery was performed at McM.

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**NO DONATION TO PIE IS TOO SMALL!**

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**PIE Q&A**

**Many groups raise money for schools. What's the difference between PIE and the Vashon Schools Foundation?**

PIE focuses strictly on providing grants to teachers, to be used in the school year that the funds are donated. The **Vashon Schools Foundation** provides financial support for select education initiatives identified and deemed critical by district leadership, but underfunded by Washington state basic education allowances.

**What kind of grants will my donation fund?**

Your donation will help fund students' favorite classroom enhancements including science equipment, Vashon Artists in Schools, field trips, elective materials, and up-to-date literature for the libraries.

**What percentage of donations are actually spent on grants?**

PIE has an all-volunteer board and has historically spent more than 85% of all donations on grants. The difference is used to cover operating expenses.

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**2019–2020 School Year Grants**

**All Schools**
- Vashon Artists in the Schools
- Vashon Scientists in the Schools
- Stay Home, Stay Healthy Bookshelf

**Chahtaqua Elementary School**
- Preschool Library Literacy
- Kindergarten Literacy Materials
- STEAM Buddies as Beach Naturalists
- Cultural Preservation through Storytelling
- Collaborative Class: Skills Lessons Supplement
- MOHAI Museum Trunks
- WA State History
- 2020 Young Author's Day Play
- Fifth Grade Robotics
- Salmon Hatchery Project
- Sensory Boxes for Classrooms PT/OT
- Methodical Math Mysteries
- Music: Mallet Madness
- PE: Project Learn Frisbee and 4Square
- Library: Gender Non-Conform LGBTQ
- Library: Anti-Bias Education
- Library: Next Gen Science Standards
- Library: Decolonizing Thanksgiving
- Summer Reading Packs
- Stay Home, Stay Healthy Art Supplies

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Spring Distance Learning Grants

**McMurray Middle School**
- Library: Surrounded by Science
- Prevention: Screenagers Next Chapter
- Pattern Making & Costume Design
- Civil Rights Legacy — Get on the Bus!
- Outdoor Cooking, Growing, Learning
- Innovation & Industries:
  - Hands on WA History
  - Books We Love!
  - Takei & Matsuda: Voices of Japanese Americans
  - Sisterhood Homeroom*
  - Welcoming Students through Dungeons and Dragons*
  - Student Reading Engagement in Homeroom*
  - Isabel Quintero: Author Presentation*
  - Cavalcade of Authors West*

**Vashon High School**
- French: Library for Language Learners
- Spanish: Library for Language Learners
- Spanish: Language Acquisition thru Literacy
- Pasco Wireless Weather Sensors
- Special Ed: Aquarium Field Trip
- STEM Guitar Building – Guitar Kits
- AMSCO Review Books for AP US History
- Pocket Constitutions for All
- Family Link: Spatial Logic with Circuits
- STEM Guitar Building — Materials*

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