

# Imagine, Innovate, Inspire

SUPPORTING TEACHERS IN THE STAUNTON, AUGUSTA, & WAYNESBORO PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VALLEY ALLIANCE FOR EDUCATION  
2019 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANT RECIPIENTS

## FUNDING INSPIRING CLASSROOM LEARNING

Close to \$30,000 awarded in grants 24 local teachers to implement creative, inclusive educational strategies.

## 50'S SOCK HOP



## MISCHIEF & MAGIC





## VAE PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE - ANDREW DIETZ

Greetings VAE Family and Friends! Our 2018/2019 year has come to a close and ended with a “bang” at our annual Classroom Grant Reception, generously hosted by BRCC at the Plecker Center on August 20, where we gave out around \$30K to very deserving classroom grant recipients! This “sock hop” was one of our most highly attended receptions - thank you all for your support! Our 2019/2020 year is off to a great start with participation in Staunton’s Queen City Mischief & Magic Festival from September 27 to 29 - making crafts with children, providing a selfie station, a Harry Potter LEGO raffle and offering cute owl necklaces for a donation! Thank you for ALL your support.

## CONGRATUALIONS 2018/2019 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANT RECIPIENTS

Danielle	Bozung	Bessie Weller Elementary	Setting Learning On Fire
Tonya	Coffey	Wilson Elementary School	Bustin' Out of the Classroom - BreakoutEDU Style
Martha	Mikell	Stuarts Draft High School	WhiteBox Learning Prosthetics
Anthony	Peters	Waynesboro High School	A Surveying We Will Go
Cheryl	Sams	Wilson Memorial High School	Coding with Tablets
CJ	Bateman	Stuarts Draft Middle School	The "Key" to Success!
Emilie	Culbertson	Robert E. Lee High School	Building Global Readers
CJ	Bateman	Stuarts Draft Middle School	Time is the Best Teacher!
Meredith	Boggs	North River Elementary	"Practice Makes Perfect Packs!"
Lindsay	Hutchinson	Hugh K Cassell Elementary	Let your Light Shine
Jessica	Herr	McSwain Elementary School	MekaMon's Mission on Mars
Lindsay	Campbell	Valley Technical Center	For the Love of Reading
Tessa	Buchanan	Riverheads Elementary	Book Lovers Unite: Go for the Gold
Sarah	King	William Perry Elementary School	LEGOs for Learning: Building Math Concepts with a Foundation of Bricks
Katherine	Tacy	Dixon Educational Center	All Aboard the Preschool STEAM Locomotive!
Kim	Bowman	Wilson Elementary School	Authentic Learning in the Library
Kelley	Cash	Clymore Elementary	Innovation Stations
Courtney	Hallacher	Riverheads High School	Turning Fish Poop to Food: Integrating Aeroponics into a Classroom Setting
Stephanie	Mullaney	Wayne Hills Preschool Center	I Can Do It! Fostering Independence in Preschool Students Through Integration of Math and Literacy Foundation Blocks
Valerie	Donathan	Churchville Elementary	Game On!
Jennifer	Goss	Staunton High School (Formerly Robert E. Lee HS)	Practice Makes Perfect: Building Better Skills Through Albert.io
Mary	Mawyer	Hugh K Cassell	Reading SERIES-ly
Elizabeth	Eastep	Riverheads High School	Rumination Station
Heather	Durham	Riverheads High School	Students Celebrating and Sharing Student Successes

**TEACHERS, DO YOU HAVE A CREATIVE IDEA FOR A CLASSROOM PROJECT AND NEED A WAY TO FUND IT? APPLY ONLINE FOR A 2020-2021 CREATIVE CALSSROOM GRANT (CCG) THROUGH VAE. THE 2020-2021 CCG APPLICATION WILL OPEN ON DEC 1 2019. THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 1 2020. VISIT [WWW.VAEVA.ORG](http://WWW.VAEVA.ORG) FOR MORE DETAILS.**

## Sock Hop Awards Banquet

What an honor to join in celebrating our amazing teachers. A huge thank you to the superintendents of S.A.W schools, principals, teachers, and everyone that came out to applaud the VAE grant winners. Good food, great fun, and amazing educators made for a memorable evening



### Danielle Bozung-Bessie Weller Elementary

SHARES HER CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANT PROGRESS.

"I was inspired to do my project by the desire for our students and parents to have a stronger home-school partnership, despite obstacles that often prevent this from happening."

Ms. Bozung acknowledged that not all parents could come to parent teacher conferences due to work schedules and family commitments. She wanted to include ALL parents and provide a platform for ALL students to share their work with their family. The VAE grant allowed Ms. Bozung to teach students to use technology to create and share videos of themselves applying knowledge in the classroom through activities. The students love playing "teacher" on their videos and cannot wait to share their masterpieces with their parents. The students can share the videos at any time, with new videos added throughout the year. Parents can see their child participating, engaging, and learning at school. Ms. Bozung is a VAE CCG champion who is creative, innovative, inclusive, and intentional in all she does to serve students.



Students at Bessie Weller "Setting Learning on Fire" in Ms. Bozung's class.

### Report from VAE treasurer, Jody Hardy.



In 2019 \$29,998 was awarded to fund 24 VAE Creative Classroom grants for teachers in Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro public schools. Our goal for 2020 is to raise enough funds to support \$35,000 in Creative Classroom grants and teacher awards. We receive exceptional applications and it is always hard to select which grants to fund. Additional support leads to additional grants funded and more students served. Please help us to reach our goal.

We're off to a great start with funds raised through the Mischief and Magic event supporting just over two grants. Let's keep the momentum going. Visit [www.vaeva.org](http://www.vaeva.org) to make your tax deductible donation.

### HONORING OUR AMAZING DONORS

THE BOARD OF VAE EXTENDS A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS, FROM INDIVIDUALS TO CORPORATIONS. WE COULD NOT DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT OUR LOCAL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY.

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## HOW TO SUPPORT VALLEY ALLIANCE FOR EDUCATION


VAE is a volunteer based, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides supports for teachers in the Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro public schools system. We raise funds to provide Creative Classroom grants that allow teachers to implement innovative and creative teaching strategies.

Got **TIME**: Join a VAE committee or simply help with an event or presentation.

Got **TALENT**: Help with the newsletters, website, making presentations or helping with an event.

Got **TREASURE**: Make a tax-deductible donation (any amount welcome). Make it easy on yourself by going to [vaeva.org](http://vaeva.org) to **DONATE** using PayPal  or credit cards, or just pop a check in the mail to VAE, P.O. Box 515, Fishersville, VA 22939. Use Amazon Smile and select VAE to receive a portion of the proceeds at no cost to you.

Got **QUESTIONS**? Email [VAE@lumos.net](mailto:VAE@lumos.net)

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**THANK YOU** to ALL our VAE Forever Supporters. With your support, lives are changed one classroom grant at a time. When you give to VAE, you support teachers that support students and that supports our community.

### MISSION OF VAE

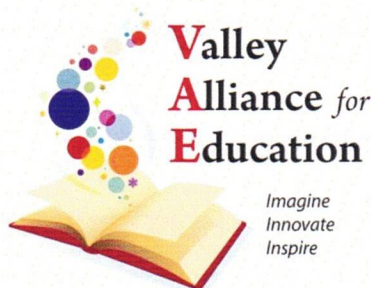
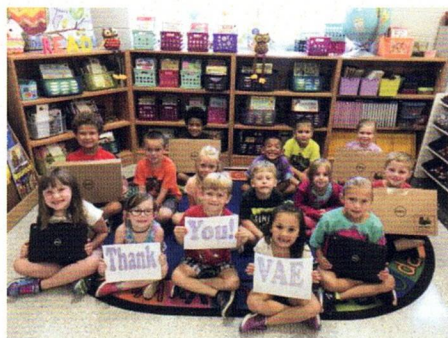
We engage community partners to promote educational excellence in Augusta County, Staunton, and Waynesboro public schools.

Do you know a business that would like to support local teachers? Please encourage them to sponsor a Creative Classroom Grant.

It's easy to create a **WIN - WIN - WIN**.  
Partner with VAE and sponsor a Creative Classroom Grant.

The children **WIN** by getting a classroom project.  
The community **WINs** when we collectively support education.  
Your business **WINs** with promotion and recognition.

VAE has been promoting educational excellence in our local schools for almost 30 years with close to a million dollars awarded to fund exceptional project, from i-Pads to microscopes, to composition software, books, games and other educational tools that directly support classroom initiatives. VAE relies on corporate and individual donations to fund the annual Creative Classroom Grants, and there is still time for your business to participate. Learn about the benefits of being a partner, and sponsor a grant that aligns with your business. Join us in making a difference. Visit [www.vaeva.org](http://www.vaeva.org)



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