

About the 2026-2027 Classroom Grants

- 60 grant applications were received totaling \$94,991.19
- 35 grants were funded for a total of \$55,204.54 impacting 9,752+ students

Category	Augusta County	Staunton City	Waynesboro City	Total
CTE	3	5	1	9
Math/Science	5	4	2	11
Humanities	9	5	1	15

2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

The Exploratories: CTE, Music, Art, & Physical Education



Evaluation Team

Jenny Barbano

Jackie Kurtz

Donna Wells

2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Laura Jordan

Wilson Elementary School

Step By Step for Success

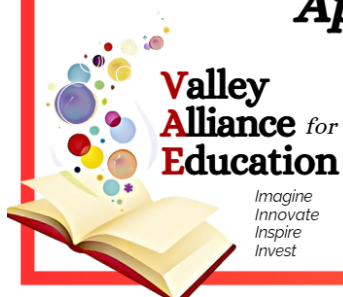


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Jon Wilson

Staunton High School

Appalachian Music Instruction



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Jon Wilson

Staunton High School

***Ultimate Drill Book Subscription for
Marching Band***



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Stacey Mooneyham

Shelburne Middle School

Micro-Business Pop Up Shop



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2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Stacey Mooneyham and Caralee Sanders

Shelburne Middle School
Bringing Business to Life



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Deanna Reese

Riverheads Elementary School
*On Track for STEAM: Exploring
Force & Motion*



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2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Deanna Reese

Riverheads Elementary School

***Dash Into Discovery: Coding, Creativity,
and STEAM in Action***



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Dawn Ney

Staunton High School

Fiber Portraits for Human Dignity



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2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Aaron Childs and Kimberly Bailey

Shelburne Middle School

A Garden for Everyone

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Humanities: Language Arts, Social Studies, & Reading



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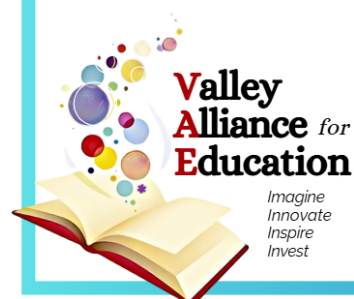
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**Jennifer Turner and
Melissa Cooper**

Shelburne Middle School

***See-Think-Create: Student Art Inspires
Student Voice***



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

**Bailey Morris and
Faith Robinson**

Clymore Elementary School

***Living Museum: Bringing History to Life for Multilingual
Learners***



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Vickie Savage

Churchville Elementary School

***Small Space, Big Voices: Seating for
Speech Success***



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

**Tracee McDonald and
Kaci Pellegrino**

Staunton High School

Unlock Your Knowledge



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2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Ashleigh Houff

Wilson Memorial High School

***Brew.O: Expanding Cafe Culture and
Communi-tea Engagement Beyond the
Library Media Center***



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Wilson Memorial High School

***Open Books for an Open World: A Global
Approach to Library Collection
Development***



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2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

**Tara Walters and
Thomas Tate**

Shelburne Middle School

***The Civics Lab: Empowering Students
through Immersive Technology***



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Lane Davis

Clymore Elementary School

The Cardinal Nest



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Stuarts Draft High School
Outdoor Learning Space



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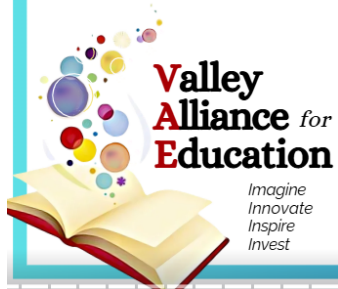
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2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

**Hayley Bausone, Kristen
Hamlin, Susan Anderson, and
Erin Leitch**



Stump Elementary School
School Sensory Room

2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

**Michelle DeMarmels and
Karen Grady**

A. R. Ware Elementary School

***Games on the Go!–Extending
Classroom Learning At Home***



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2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Suzanne Botkin

Staunton High School

***From Seed to Sign: Exploring Growth
with ASL***



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Tracy Goodson

Kate Collins Middle School

The Lego Wall of Creativity



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

**Elizabeth Mulcahy and
Hannah McManaway**

Craigsville Elementary School

***Mapping Virginia and Beyond - Hands
and Feet on Geography***



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Tara Wagoner

Wilson Middle School

***Student Book Influencer Program:
Increasing Reading Through Voice,
Choice, and Peer Leadership***



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

**Math, Science,
& Technology**



Evaluation Team

Brian Brown

Laurie Biser

Ron Ramsey

Tara Todd

2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Alexandra Pop

Fort Defiance High School

Forensic Facial Reconstruction



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

**Jennifer Turner and
Colby Berry**

Shelburne Middle School

***LaunchPad Physics: Propelling
Student Learning Through Air-
Powered Engineering***



2025 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Meredith Barber

Westwood Hills Elementary School

***From Ideas to Innovation: Hands-On STEAM
Learning with LEGO®***



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2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Meredith Barber

Wayne Hills PreSchool Center

***Color, Code, Create: Early STEAM
Learning with Screen-Free Robotics***



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Martha Mikell

Stuarts Draft High School
Backyard Brains Expansion



2026 CREATIVE CLASSROOM GRANTS

Brett Peters

Staunton High School
SOARING WITH 3-D

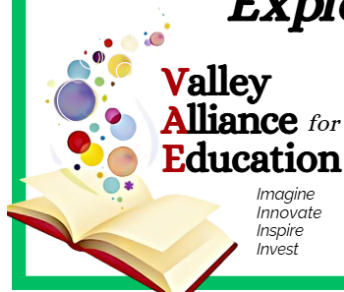


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Laurie Nolley

Dixon PreSchool

***Miniature Motion:
Exploring Biomechanics in Action***



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Julia Urban

Clymore Elementary School

***"Beep, Boop, Learn!: DASHing into
Elementary Coding in STEAM!"***

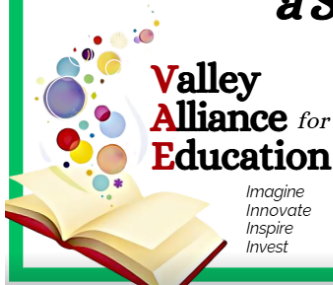


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Mandi Long

Riverheads Elementary School

***From Flooding to Flourishing: Creating
a Student-Centered Rain Garden***



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**Jessica Herr and
Milton Rodrigues**

Staunton High School

Launching Collaborative Energy!



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The Valley Alliance for Education celebrates **TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

*In honor of each exceptional teacher, VAE is delighted
to award \$1,000 to each school for an educational project of their choice.*

Kelly Hughes

Augusta County Public School's
2026 Teacher of the Year

Music Teacher
Stuarts Draft Elementary School

Michael Bell

Staunton City School's
2026 Teacher of the Year

Physical Education Teacher
Staunton High School

Maddie Baker

Waynesboro City School's
2026 Teacher of the Year

First Grade Teacher
William Perry Elementary School



