

# IPEI-Announces 23 Teacher Grants



IPEI has awarded 23 [Teacher Grants](#) totaling \$32,500 to be carried out during the 2013-14 school year to enhance learning for approximately 1,600 ICSD students.

Teacher Grants fund classroom projects that are linked with grade-level standards and enrich the curricular opportunities for students and their teachers. Proposals for a maximum grant amount of \$1500 are made by teachers. In keeping with IPEI's mission of "connecting school and community," they always include a community partner.

Teacher Grants Review Committee Chair Sandy True, expresses that "IPEI Teacher Grants support and engage our teachers, our kids and our community. The teachers receive support to explore their creative ideas while involving community partners. The kids get a fun, engaging learning experience introducing them to some of the incredible resources of our community. This ultimately benefits us all!"

Three Teacher Grant projects were selected during the competitive review process to be funded through the Charles E. Treman Jr. Teacher Grants Fund of the Tompkins Charitable Gift Fund in memory of the late Tompkins Trust Company president. They include "Soaring Stories: Exploring the Ecology of Plants and Butterflies through Storytelling," "Storydance" and "Trout in the Caroline Wilderness Classroom."

IPEI will fund the other 20 grants through the annual Adult Spelling Bee (scheduled for March 2, 2014) and its 2013-14 Annual Fund "Engagement Matters." In addition, IPEI offers four rounds of Red and Gold Grants and Community Collaboration Grants reviewed on a rolling basis. The Fine Arts Booster Group, an affiliate of IPEI, has also recently announced the first of its two rounds of mini-grants.

## Engagement Matters!

