**2017 Innovation Grant Award Recipients**

(3 grants were awarded totaling over $7,800)

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| School: | Mindess School |
| Awarded To: | Kiera Smith  |
| Title: | Creating Connected Students in the Indoor and Outdoor Classroom. |
| Summary: | This project will foster learning by connecting students in both the indoor and outdoor classroom. A Makerspace will connect students indoors to skills needed to solve real-world problems. While outdoors students will connect to their environment to build an understanding of its problems by analyzing and identifying things in nature. Together, these projects will build a learning culture where creating, discovering and collaborating are part of the daily schedule. |
| Amount Awarded: | $3,663.98 |

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| School: | Mindess School |
| Awarded To: | Carolyn Breault |
| Title: | Dash and Dot Come to Mindess |
| Summary: | The goal of this project is to get kids thinking about how coding is the backbone of everything electronic and digital by learning to write code and programs that make Dash and Dot accomplish a task. Students will learn how computers think and how people can talk to them in a language the machines understand by creating steps (code) to solve a problem or to achieve a goal.   |
| Amount Awarded: | $3,085.00 |

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| School: | Mindess School |
| Awarded To: | Sue Bouvier |
| Title: | Equipment for BOKS Program |
| Summary: | This grant provides access to equipment for the BOKS program, a before-school physical activity program designed to not only wake up students’ bodies but also their minds preparing them for a day of learning. The goal of this project is to decrease behavioral issues within the classroom and increase students learning potential while teaching kids that fitness can be fun and that exercise is any type of movement the body can make. |
| Amount Awarded: | $1,117.38 |