

## GRANTS & DEVELOPMENT

*Discretionary Grant Project Updates*

*10/3/2022*



**October 1:** 25 teachers will receive stipends for attending a school garden education training at Morningside from Made Greene (Blue Zones).

**October 1:** 15 teachers from the 11 Monarch Heroes school gardens received professional development at Stripling Middle (National Wildlife Federation).

**September 30:** World Languages Institute, C.C. Moss, and Greenbriar submitted \$15,000 grants (Project YES).

**September 30:** Students from T.A. Sims, Seminary Hills Park, and Morningside turned in reading logs for their new KABOOM! playgrounds, and CTE Education & Training program students from South Hills High agreed to read with Seminary Hills Park students who did not turn in their reading logs (Challenge of Tarrant County).

**September 29:** Grants submitted the application for a Good for You Grocery Store for O.D. Wyatt High (Thrive North Texas/Texas Health Resources).

**September 26:** 14 elementary science teachers signed up for Monarch Heroes gardens (National Wildlife Federation).



**September 29:** Western Hills Elementary gave away more than 100 soccer and basketballs with the school logo during its open house (Challenge of Tarrant County granted the 2021-22 KABOOM! school a ball for each student enrolled).

**September 27:** Dillow gave away more than 150 soccer and basketballs with the school logo during its open house (Challenge of Tarrant County granted the 2021-22 KABOOM! school a ball for each student enrolled).

## The Year of Playspace Equity



**Step 1:** Every student enrolled designs their Dream Playground.  
**Step 2:** KABOOM! leads design sessions with a smaller group of students, parents, teachers, and community members.  
**Step 3:** Entire school votes on favorite design based on their unique specifications.  
**Step 4:** Weekly planning meetings.  
**Step 5:** Build Week!



By mid-December FWISD, Challenge of Tarrant County, and KABOOM! will have installed six student-designed, community-driven, volunteer-built playgrounds, increasing playspace equity across the District.

### Upcoming Activities Include:

- **October 4:** Design Day at Morningside Elementary.
- **October 25:** FWISD Board votes on letter of intent to join KABOOM's nationwide 25 in 5 Initiative.
- **October 31:** Students at all three schools turn in their second reading logs.
- **November 1:** Outdoor classroom planting at the 2021-22 KABOOM! schools begins in earnest.
- **November 7-9:** Build Week at T.A. Sims.
- **November 12:** 100 volunteers will create outdoor learning areas at T.A. Sims, Seminary Hills Park, and Morningside.
- **November 15-18:** Build Week at Seminary Hills Park.
- **December 7-9:** FWISD and KABOOM! present at the annual Texas Children in Nature Network conference in Austin.
- **December 14-17:** Build Week at Morningside Elementary.