



GIFT OF GIVING COLLABORATIVE GRANT

Gift of Giving is a non-profit 501c3 organization where one of our initiatives is to provide Avondale youth with classroom enrichment programs to inspire them to go beyond.

Gift of Giving is pleased to offer Avondale Schools' staff members the opportunity to apply for a **Collaborative Elementary Science Grant** for 4th or 5th grades. This will be a 2 year launch period. The goal of this grant is to expand Project Based Learning (PBL) through the Avondale elementary schools by leveraging the collaboration of teachers across the district. The purpose of the grant is ***to enhance Avondale's Life Science Program by providing all students at each grade level with the same resources, same teaching materials, and same best practice in the classroom.***

Collaborative Grant award will include the following:

- A total of \$5000 for science materials, field trips, and/or speakers for the overall project. More funding may be available based on the proposal from the collaborative team.
- Pay for substitutes 3 times per year for each elementary building to allow collaborative team to host planning meetings. This will be a maximum of 6 times for 2 years.

Collaborative Grant Guidelines:

- All four elementary schools must participate.
- Present to Gift of Giving and other members of Avondale staff with PBL plans after the first year for final approval.
- Must include speaker(s) or fieldtrip(s) to support learning
- Provide opportunities where students work in no more than 2 students per group for each project
- Organize a science showcase at the end of the 2nd year where each elementary school will showcase the students work.
- Present lessons learned and recommendations for future collaboration to Gift of Giving and other members of Avondale staff

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