



# ★ The Purple Post ★ NEWSLETTER



SUMMER ISSUE

**WELCOME** to the first edition of The Purple Post Newsletter. This is a new quarterly newsletter to keep stakeholders (aka you!) informed about the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Grants team, S2S, Purple Star Schools, and Federal Impact Aid Program. Topics will include a variety of different subjects, but all will be pertaining to the central theme of our team: benefiting military-connected students! In the summer issue, we will be introducing you to our three recent DoDEA grants and providing a short history of Madison City Schools' grants awarded by DoDEA.

## M.A.P.

Math Applications Project

## HEALTH SCIENCE

Developing the Future Health Science/Biomedical Workforce

## SPARK

Creating a Spark for STEM Career Pathways



Teachers attending the NCTM conference.



Students at Bob Jones practicing donning and doffing for each of the types of isolation precautions used in patient care.



Congratulations to our newest group of Certified Patient Care Technicians at James Clemens.



STEM students work collaboratively to code ozobots

- This \$1.25 million math grant is closing at the end of May
- Grant efforts will be sustained locally
- Elementary Math Leadership Team attended the National Council of Teachers in Mathematics (NCTM) conference
- Dr. Nicki Newton visited the elementary schools to train teachers on math fluency.
- Goal On Target: 75% of 2nd grade military-connected students performed proficient on ACAP Math Assessment
- Goal Reached: Seventy-three percent 5th grade students performed proficient on ACAP Math Assessment

- \$1.5 million Health Science Grant awarded by DoDEA benefiting our High Schools and Middle Schools since 2020
- The Goals below are to be achieved by May 2025.
- Military-connected students will increase their interest in CTE Health Science/Biomedical Career Pathways as evidence by quantitative and/or qualitative measures
- 9th-12th grade military-connected students earning a CTE Health Science/Biomedical Career Readiness Indicator will increase by 50%.
- As of October 2023 all goals have been achieved!!

- This \$2 million STEM grant allowed Madison City Schools to expand the STEM program to include PreK-5th grade
- All elementary and PreK students attend a weekly STEM Class
- Goals: Military-connected students will increase their STEM literacy/content knowledge and will increase their STEM career awareness as evidenced by quantitative and/or qualitative measures
- SPARK Grant period of performance is fall 2022-spring 2027

## A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL SYSTEM



All schools in the system have been recognized as a Purple Star School, including Journey Middle School, who worked diligently to meet the requirements within a single semester. The Purple Star School program was designed to help mitigate the challenges of high mobility by setting standards for and publicly designating military-friendly schools. The Purple Star Award recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military.

The picture on the left shows Kimberly Downing, a teacher and S2S sponsor at Journey Middle Schools, receiving the Purple Star Award at the State Board Meeting in April.

## PREVIOUS DODEA GRANTS AWARDED TO MADISON CITY SCHOOLS

2010-2013

STRATEGIES OF SUCCESS: "THE MADISON MATH INITIATIVE"

\$1.3 MIL

2011-2014

STRATEGIES OF SUCCESS: "THE MADISON MATH INITIATIVE" K-6 ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND "THE CARING COMMUNITY" SUPPORT PROGRAM

\$1.35 MIL

2014-2019

STRATEGIES OF SUCCESS: MATHEMATICS: COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

\$1.75 MIL

2015-2020

SUPPORTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND RELATIONSHIPS

\$1 MIL

2016-2021

CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES AND READING DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS

\$1.5 MIL

2017-2022

SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT AND INVESTIGATIVE LEARNING

\$1 MIL

The grants above total over \$7.9 million in funding for military-connected students.