

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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The official monthly EEF Newsletter will highlight Foundation grant recipients, upcoming and past events, and happenings around Escondido that affect the students of the city.

## Expanded Recess – Oak Hill Elementary

On Thursday, May 28, 2026, EEF board members Carolyn Royer and Pam Putnicki visited Oak Hill Elementary School's trial of their Expanded Recess Time. Students played Jenga, Cornhole, catch with velcro mitts, and various other activities. To make this activity special Hill chose to have 5th graders plan the event and staff each station so younger students could learn how to do the activity and clean up afterwards. Our board members found students were respectful of one another and waited patiently for their turns. Parents were invited to come see 5th graders lead the rest of the school and to see their children at play.

The special activity days will be used as rewards for good attendance, good test scores, etc. Oak Hill is working hard to encourage students to come to school and to feel safe and valued. When students feel safe and comfortable, they will do better in class!





## 2025-2026 School Year Grants

This school year EEF funded 30 different grants across most EUSD schools. We are proud to announce all 30 grant recipients have submitted completed evaluations and receipts, reporting excellent implementation and results of their projects. Projects such as Quantum Academy's Creativity Carts, Felicita's Recess Reimagined, North Broadway's Mindful Explorers, and Bernardo's Solar Sprint Cars demonstrated our teachers' immense desires to help their students reach deeper understandings of their environment and peers. Below are pictures of some of the completed projects.



Practicing body awareness and relationship building



Practicing mindfulness through a focus on a sense of sound



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