

CALABASH CHARTER ACADEMY

Professor Egghead Science Academy

NPG Request





CALABASH PTO – WHO WE ARE

- PTO stands for Parent Teacher Organization, a school specific organization unaffiliated with the national PTA. The board & membership craft bylaws that make sense for our school. We have the flexibility to support our teachers and classrooms in various ways.
- The PTO consists of an elected executive board and the membership (i.e. parents & teachers who join the PTO). The PTO plans and executes a variety of fundraisers throughout the year which support our various enrichment programs for the following school year. During COVID, we fully funded and continue to fund Professor egghead classes for our students.



FUNDING

- The PTO has fully funded this program since 2020. For the 2020-2021 school year, the PTO spent \$35,600 on the Professor Egghead Science Program.
- Due to being back in class this year, we have spent \$12,630 and expect to spend another \$12,000 on the program for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- We have respectfully requested \$1,700 (which will cover less than 20%) of the costs for the Program from the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council, and will be appreciative of any amount approved.



PROFESSOR EGGHEAD SCIENCE ACADEMY

- The COVID-19 pandemic has quickly transformed traditional classroom set-ups into virtual and online classes that often require them to stay in front of a computer screen for hours. Zoom, one of the most popular video conferencing platforms as of date, has immensely helped teachers, parents, and even school administrators stay in touch while continuously looking for ways to enhance kids' online learning experiences.
- Calabash and Egghead together started a pilot program to bring Science curriculum to children while schools were closed during the Pandemic.



CALABASH STUDENTS AND EGGHEAD SCIENCE

- Minority enrollment is 41% of the student body (majority Asian and Hispanic).
- Over 70% of students are enrolled through lottery applications and live across the entirety of the San Fernando Valley
- This grant will be used to directly pay for the necessities of providing science education and opportunities for learning for a public elementary school in Woodland Hills through the purchasing of science kits. The grant will benefit the children with opportunities for hands on learning and participation in a group science lesson using materials beyond computers and books. These science kits contain educational materials vital to learning science in an engaging manner, which is something all school children have missed due to the pandemic. This grant will greatly help in making sure that high level and engaging science lessons become available to any student in our community, regardless of socioeconomic background.



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- Our science education is free and many of our students' families cannot afford to help pay for necessities. This grant would help us meet the needs of our diverse community while providing an uplifting opportunity for children to connect and learn together even though they may not be in the same classroom.



THANK YOU!