

# 21st Century Instructional Initiative Grant Recipients 2017-2018

## Genius Hour

### Glyndon Elementary

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At Glyndon Elementary, Genius Hour is a special area class where cultural arts and various resource teachers empower students to explore their own passions in the areas of personal student interest, community causes, and school initiatives. Through the support of this grant we were able to enhance our "Genius Hour" special through the purchase of supplies, storage and manipulatives to allow for problem solving and critical thinking among students.

- Students process through Bloom's levels of questioning to actively facilitate collaborative discussions and discourse. This promotes higher level thinking about their relationships between themselves and the environment.
- Students build core skills from thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork while collaborating on student-driven sustainability practices that allow them to demonstrate how they will plan, implement and find solutions to authentic problems.

