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Student science kit handouts prove to be popular success

Elementary and middle school students had extra reason to smile May 6, when they queued up in cars for lunch at Concord's El Dorado Middle School. Along with their sandwiches and milk that day, they received hands-on science and art kits, courtesy of the MDUSD Education Foundation. More than 1,600 kits were handed out at five different lunch sites across the Mount Diablo Unified School District, which is providing free lunches to all students three days a week during the current school site closures.

The kids were indeed excited. "When we told her mom what it was," said foundation board member Jessica Clark, "a little girl in the back seat gleefully exclaimed, "I love science!"

The MDUSD Education Foundation funds STEAM enrichment opportunities for students across the school district. When the pandemic struck, the foundation put many of its regular programs on hold and created a Coronavirus Remote Learning Fund to help the district meet the challenge of creating successful distance learning for its students. For more information about the foundation and its programs, go to mdedf.org.

— Matt Lovett