

Newsletter

THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR BEREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



investing in our students

And the WINNER of the Chevy Cruze is...

It takes only one ticket to win and that's what Scott Makselan, of Brook Park, did when he bought the lucky ticket that was drawn in the Education Foundation's raffle of a 2016 Chevy Cruze.

The car was donated by the Chevy Network and Serpentine Chevrolet.

A 1976 graduate of Midpark High School, Scott said he bought one ticket at his 40th class reunion. Scott said he was "surprised" when he learned he was the winner.

Congratulations Scott!



Education Foundation awards over \$25,000 in Enrichment Grants

This fall, the Education Foundation awarded \$20,000 in Enrichment Grants plus \$5,900 in Donor Enrichment Grants to Berea City Schools staff members for projects that enhance the educational experience for students in the district. The grants include:

Kore Muscles Alternate Seating Grant \$4199.40

Grindstone Elementary

Staff: Tami Arthur, Amy Murray, Erin Blatnica

Kore Wobble chairs were purchased for students through this grant. Studies have shown that it is beneficial to allow young students to wiggle and move at their desk in the classroom. This alternative seating can limit negative behaviors and help to improve handwriting, reading and comprehension.

Realizing Your Potential (RYP) \$700.00

Berea-Midpark High & Middleburg Heights Junior High

Staff: Susan Malone

Workshops will be offered to improve time management and study skills. Students in RYP have expressed that they could use help with their study skills. These workshops will teach the students how to enhance their learning experiences and be more successful in managing their time. This grant will cover the cost of instructors, materials and a reminder campaign.

Chinese Culture: Exploratory & Enrichment \$900.00

Berea-Midpark High & Middleburg Heights Junior High

Staff: SuHsien Hsu

Students will be able to participate in hands-on activities to help increase their experience and interest in Chinese culture. It will also enrich the students' education about the Chinese community and raise awareness. The grant will cover the costs of materials, guest speakers and transportation.

Focused and Free Learning \$1799.75

Big Creek Elementary

Staff: Kristine Krajniak

The goal of Focused and Free Learning is to provide a more calming and healthier classroom by providing alternative seating that helps the students move freely and focus better. The grant will cover the cost of the chairs.



Wonder \$600.00

Grindstone Elementary – approx. 60 students involved

Staff: Cynthia K. Millen

Wonder, written by R.J. Palacio, will be read by two different classes. The students will then get together to have discussions about the book and participate in activities that revolve around the main elements of the story. The goal is to teach the students how to positively interact with each other. This grant covers the cost of the books.

Pioneer Valley Books (PVB) for Early Literacy \$1800.00

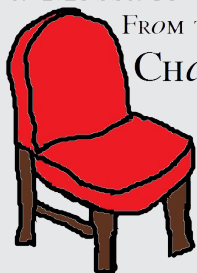
Middleburg Heights Junior High & Grindstone Elementary

Staff: Tami Arthur, Erin Blatnica, Amy Murray

Through PVB, a wider variety of books will be made available to the students based on their reading level. Reading these books will help increase reading skills and cultivate a passion for reading. The grant will cover the cost of the books.

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a Message
FROM THE
Chair



In October of 2012 I unexpectedly took over as President of The Education Foundation following the untimely death of Allyn Adams. I have continued to serve as President for the last four years. Beginning January 1, 2017, Susan Hans will be the new President. Susan has been a faithful trustee who has chaired the Auction, chaired the Scholarship Review Process, served on the committee that revised the By-laws and has also been the Vice-President of the Foundation. Susan will do an excellent job as President and I congratulate her and all of the newly elected officers.

The most important message I can communicate is a deep "thank you" to all of you who have remained faithful supporters of The Education Foundation. You have made my job much easier because of your generosity of spirit and dollars. This Foundation has grown because you have repeatedly supported our fundraisers, established scholarships, initiated new enrichment grants and shared the story of the Foundation with others. YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE. On behalf of all of the trustees I thank you and I ask for your ongoing support.

Jim Connell
Chair, The Education Foundation

Enrichment Grants impacts BCSD students

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ABC Books of Science \$1560.00

Middleburg Heights Junior High & Big Creek Elementary
Staff: Jill Weth

9th grade students will work together to create a book filled with physical science terms. The pictures for the book will be taken at the Cleveland Natural History Museum during a scavenger hunt activity. The book will be shared with elementary school students by the 9th graders. This grant will cover the cost of transportation and admission to the museum, and the printing of the books.

Sensory Yard \$1850.00

Middleburg Heights Junior High – 30+ students involved
Staff: Melissa Lash

There is an empty courtyard at the school where a small park can be built for students with special physical abilities. A special feature of this space will be a swing that will allow students with wheelchairs full use. The grant will cover the cost of the set up and maintenance for the swing.

9th Grade Small Group Career Shadowing \$500.00

BHS CLASS OF 1972 ENRICHMENT GRANT
Middleburg Heights Junior High
Staff: Jane Darrow

Students in the 9th grade who have interests in Advertising/ Branding, Engineering, Law, Medicine and Technology receive the chance to take a trip to experience what a typical day would be like working in the career. This grant will be use for the transportation of the students.

Berea-Midpark Paris/Barcelona 2017 \$2,541.65

MAKOVICH & PUSTI ARCHITECTURAL GRANT (funded \$1000)
EDUCATION FOUNDATION ENRICHMENT GRANT (funded \$1541.65)
Berea-Midpark High School
Staff: Terri Martin, Matt McGregor, Heidi Morley

During Spring Break of 2017 staff and students will take a trip to Paris and Barcelona. With this grant, tours to Versailles and La Sagrada Familia will be added to the itinerary for more enriched experience for the students. One of the focuses during this extended time will be to study the unique architecture of the area. The grant will cover the cost of the tours for the students.

Club FitLit: Read-Ride, Walk-Talk/Think-Aloud \$6,000.00

HESCHE WRITING/READING & PHYSICAL ED. GRANT (funded \$3000)
EDUCATION FOUNDATION ENRICHMENT GRANT (funded \$3000)

Brookview Elementary
Staff: Renee Nedoma, Tracy Schneid

Club FitLit allows students to enjoy reading and other literature activities while staying physically active. They have exercise equipment, are walking daily, and are taking trips to the public library. These grants will cover the cost of the equipment, supplies and transportation.



Club FitLit students pedaling and reading

Community Drum Ensemble

IMAGINE! EXPLORE THE ARTS ENRICHMENT GRANT (funded \$1400) (in memory of Joanna Pusti)
EDUCATION FOUNDATION ENRICHMENT GRANT (funded \$2049.20)
Brook Park Memorial Elementary School
Staff: Kristin Brandyberry

All students will have the opportunity to join a Drum Ensemble where they will play and compose music. By participating, students will learn an assortment of skills like teamwork, listening skills and character building traits such as perseverance, teamwork, and sharing. The grants will be used to cover the costs of drums.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

9th grade Students Participate in Career Shadow Thanks to BHS Class of 1972 Education Foundation Enrichment Grant

by Sage Verdi, Intern for the Education Foundation

This year Middleburg Heights Junior High was awarded the Berea High School Class of 1972 Enrichment Grant to assist in funding 9th grade student career shadow experiences.

The goal of this grant, established by members of the BHS Class of 1972, is to enrich students both academically and professionally through experiential learning. The shadowing program, proposed and run by Gifted Services Instructor Jane Darrow, did just that by offering the opportunity for students to participate in a typical work day in the fields of Advertising, Engineering, Law, Medicine, or Technology.



Students with Gifted Instructor Jane Darrow (seated, left) at Hyland Software.

A group of students including Caden Dees and Serena Ramsammy, 9th graders at Middleburg Heights Junior High, recently shadowed at Hyland Software, a software company based in Lakewood, Ohio. Hyland Software is known for its program OnBase, a process management suite that stores and delivers important business information for various types of companies.

Caden and Serena both feel that career shadowing is important, even though it is not a requirement. Caden explains, "I wanted to see if technology was a career path I would want to learn more about." Serena, also planning her future, explains, "I wanted to participate in a career shadow because I've been starting to consider and narrow down my future career options."

Both students' interest in the technology field led them to choose Hyland Software as the company they would shadow. Serena explains, "I love to figure out codes and apply my knowledge, but I just didn't know where I could put my own skills to use, until I heard about Hyland."

Serena goes on to say that she learned, "offices don't always have to be boring. There are times where you can get outside and go for a walk to discuss about work, and you're never cooped up in your office 24-7. Communication is always a big thing in companies like this."

Whereas Caden gathered that, "quality assurance was a very important aspect of building and maintaining a successful product/software."

Although both students were grateful for their experiences at Hyland Software, their outcomes from their career shadow experience differ.

The trip to Hyland, reinforced Caden's interest in technology as a future career. Caden wants to pursue a degree in technology in the future by minoring in computer programming. His career plan is to go on to attend a university in California and major in business management and eventually become a successful entrepreneur.

On the other hand, Serena is no longer interested in technology as a career path. She plans to attend Ohio State University or the University of Chicago and major in criminal justice. Currently, she is thinking about becoming a forensic psychologist.

Serena explains, "Although I really liked the aspect of coding and technology, I don't think that this is the right career choice because I feel like developing a program would be too tedious for me."

This career shadowing positively impacted Caden's future. He says, "I will look further into the careers available in technology and software and companies similar to Hyland Software. The career shadowing at Hyland Software was great and I would recommend it to anyone!"

Serena was also grateful for the career shadowing experience, "The Education Foundation truly assisted me in my pathway toward a career I dream of having one day. A big thank you to everyone who made this possible."



The students were able to experience Hyland Software's non-traditional work environment.

New officers to lead Foundation

The Education Foundation for Berea City School District announces the new officers for 2017.

- Susan Hans.....Chair
- Roslyn Painter-Goffi.....Vice Chair
- Dave Pusti.....Treasurer
- Laurie Scriven.....Secretary

Susan Hans remarked "I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as Vice President with Jim Connell who has been an outstanding leader of the Education Foundation. I look forward to becoming President and continuing the work of the Foundation. It will be a pleasure to work with dedicated Trustees and Officers as we serve the students of the Berea Schools." The officers will begin their term in January.



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CALENDAR

Nov. 23-25.....Thanksgiving Break
 Dec. 21-Jan. 3Winter Break
 Jan. 16, 2017.....Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 No School
 Feb. 20, 2017Presidents' Day
 No School
 March 9, 2017.....Education Foundation
 Annual Auction

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we need you!

For the past 20 years the Education Foundation has played a vital role in enriching the lives of the District's students by providing scholarships and grants that otherwise would not be possible.

Programs like the Chick Hatching Project awarded to Grindstone Elementary kindergarten teachers Amy Murray, Tami Arthur and Erin Blatnica, which give students the opportunity to witness the cycle of life as incubated eggs hatch in to cute fuzzy little chicks.

Although the Foundation receives funding from a variety of sources including our Annual Auction, it's individuals like you who can really make a difference.

In the next few weeks, we will be sending out our Year-End Appeal packet. Please help us support this legacy by making a donation so we can continue our invaluable mission of "Investing in Our Students" who ultimately are our future.

thank you!

