



### Congratulations to our Chevy Cruze raffle winner!

Congratulations to Julie Diulus on winning this year's Education Foundation Chevy Cruze raffle!

Thank you to all of the district and community organizations that participated in our fundraiser as well as to everyone who supported the Foundation by purchasing car raffle tickets. The Foundation is especially grateful to The Chevy Network and Serpentine Chevrolet of Strongsville for their donation of a new Cruze for the fourth consecutive year! Their support makes this fundraiser possible and truly makes a difference for our students.

### Education Foundation awards over \$29,000 in Enrichment Grants

This summer, \$25,000 in Foundation Enrichment Grants and over \$4,000 in Donor Enrichment Grants were awarded to Berea City School District staff members to help fund projects that enhance educational experiences for more than 6000 students in our district! This year's Enrichment Grant projects are:

#### Memory Lane

\$8000

*Brookview – 400 Students*

*Staff: Renee Nedoma, Gayle Brusk, Deb Greaves, Rachel Simon, Deb Tittl, Tracey Krueger, Linda Lang, Shannon Mullins, Gus Patouhas*

Each class at Brookview will write a piece to be published in a classroom book themed "Walking Down Memory Lane" with an attitude of gratitude. This program will give a bigger purpose to meaningful writing that not only builds more confident writers but also embraces our mission of Bucket-Filling and giving thanks. The grant will purchase one book for each student in the school.

#### Rocking Kindness!

\$3700

IMAGINE! EXPLORE THE ARTS grant in memory of Joanna Pusti (funded \$1300) EF grant (funded \$2400)

*BMMS – 1800 Students*

*Staff: Melissa Meyer & Jen Thomas*

After reading Each Kindness, students will be exposed to the ripple effect of kindness (a rock dropped in water) and how it affects others. Each student will receive a rock that has the word YOU on one side and a blank side to paint. The painted rocks will represent students' unique traits and personalities. As a culminating activity, students will place their rocks within a rock garden symbolizing the commUNITY at BMMS. Grant funds will purchase rocks and paint supplies for the project.

#### Team Grindstone

\$1377

*Grindstone – 100+ Students*

*Staff: Kristen Johnson*

In this program, staff and parents will collaborate and discuss issues that each face daily with their children. One book discussion per quarter will focus on topics to enhance and enrich the home and school experience. Working together to address the many needs of our students will help to support them in choices and problem solving. Grant funds will cover the cost of books for discussion.

#### Learning with Circuits

\$1110

*Grindstone - 170 Students*

*Staff: Stephanie Cox*

Learning with circuits is a hands-on approach where students explore the inner workings of electronics by building simple circuits from grant-funded kits. Students will have opportunities to construct series and parallel circuits with the actual tools and components of a circuit.

#### AVID - College Campus Visits / Career Exploration

\$347.60

BHS CLASS OF '72 grant

*BMHS – 100 Students*

*Staff: Kelly Baumgartner*

This grant will fund taking AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students to both large and small college campuses so that they can get a feel for what it might be like to attend college. It will also expose them to different career opportunities that can be attained with a college degree.



**Chick Hatching Expansion Grant** \$635

*Grindstone – 20 Students*

*Staff: John Kruggel*

Students will learn about the basic needs of animals as well as how to care for them through firsthand experience. They will learn about all of the different stages of an embryo and what body parts develop each day during the incubation period. In addition, students will develop math skills by measuring and graphing the chicks' growth. Grant funds will purchase supplies for the incubation and care of chicks.

**Our 5P Evening!**

**(Parents, Portfolios, Photos, Performances & Pizza!)** \$1000

*Big Creek – 50 Students*

*Staff: Kristy Krajniak & Susan Ohlemacher*

Children celebrate their first-grade year through a night shared with parents/caregivers. Parents participate in hands-on learning centers taught by students, enjoy looking through their art and work portfolios, and view personalized photo albums. Finally, they'll be treated to a performance given by their children, a photograph slideshow of how they have grown, and pizza! The grant will fund photo albums and portfolios as well as picture processing costs.

**Alternative Seating**

\$500

*BMMS – 13+ Students*

*Staff: Sarah DeBrock*

This grant will provide alternative seating options for students who are identified with ADHD or just keep fidgeting during class. Sitting on exercise balls or using a pedal machine at their desks, will let students work off energy while being able to maintain focus on instruction.

**Stability Balls and Discs for Seating**

\$660

HESCHE WRITING/READING & PHYSICAL ED. Grant

*BMMS - 90 Students*

*Staff: Sheryl Medvetz*

This grant will provide alternative seating in the form of balance/stability balls and sit discs for a fifth grade classroom. Alternative seating will help students succeed academically, and aid in their physical well-being, both of which will help them become active, productive members of their community.

**One Book One School**

\$1000

*Grindstone – 900 Students*

*Staff: Lori Mucha*

This project was so successful last year and it helped create a community of readers all sharing in the same reading experience. Grant funds will purchase copies of *Charlotte's Web* for all students to help them get excited about reading.

**Ozobots for Robotics**

\$3444

*BMMS – 1000 Students*

*Staff: Lori Sveda*

Students will experience hands-on exploration of robots performing real world applications using Ozobot kits purchased with this grant. They will be introduced to the intuitive, block-based coding foundation behind the robotic commands. As students advance, they will progress to leveraging more complex concepts like variables, functions, loops, logic and conditional statements. The robots will be used to integrate learning across subject areas and also for after school clubs to encourage a deeper level of inquiry and understanding.



**The Sky is the Limit**

\$600

*BMHS – 120 Students*

*Staff: Dennis Kavran, Barb Gondasch, Loni Solomon, Carrie Rice, Theresa Hawn, Greg Soos*

BMHS paired three honors math students with one special needs student in a build groups of four. Each group built, painted, and flew their own plane from grant-funded kits. Photography students documented the process and planes.

**Chinese Culture: Exploratory & Enrichment**

\$800

*BMHS & BMMS – 80 Students*

*Staff: SuHsien Hsu*

Students will experience authentic materials, participate in authentic activities, and learn from someone who grew up in a Chinese community. The plan includes guest speakers, field trips, and celebrating Chinese Lunar New Year: 3rd Annual Community Service at a local library. Grant funds will cover field trip and library service expenses.

**Social Thinking Materials**

\$3469

*BPM – 500 Students*

*Staff: Kristin Brandyberry*

At BPM, students learn about the Zones of Regulation and various social skills so that they can improve interactions, understand their own feelings and the feelings of others, and react appropriately. This grant will fund new materials for the program so that all classrooms will have the books they need.

**Focus and Interaction 2.0**

\$300

IMAGINE! EXPLORE THE ARTS grant in memory of Joanna Pusti

*Grindstone – 400 Students*

*Staff: Lea Pulizzi Smith*

This program fosters focus and interaction through music class activities. Grant funds will purchase puppets and intriguing musical instruments to entice students to interact with visual focus and reactive language.

**RUN 2 READ**

\$2500

HESCHE WRITING/READING & PHYSICAL ED. grant (funded \$1840) EF grant (funded \$660)

*Brookview – 400 Students*

*Staff: Gus Patouhas, Gayle Brusk, Deb Greaves, Tracey Krueger, Linda Lang, Shannon Mullins, Renee Nedoma, Rachel Simon, Deb Tittl*

Students will have year-long opportunities to participate in running/walking laps around the playground. Using scanners to record laps, students will earn toe tokens based on every 10 laps, or one mile. They'll also earn tickets for quarterly book prize drawings and a new shoe drawing. Grant funds will purchase tokens and prizes as well as scanner code tags.

## New Scholarship for Job Training Programs

The family of the late Rob Deutsch, who worked as an Intervention Specialist at Big Creek Elementary, has generously established a new Education Foundation scholarship.

The Rob Deutsch Memorial Scholarship will be given to two graduating Berea-Midpark seniors who plan to attend job training programs after high school. It will be awarded for the first time this spring at the Berea-Midpark High School Senior Scholarship Recognition Program

For more information about this award, please contact Andi Whitaker at 216-898-8270.



## Teachers and Staff Support Students Through Grants

In addition to Enrichment Grants, The Education Foundation manages grants funded entirely by Berea City School District staff members who want to support our students. Employees generously contribute money to the Payroll Deduction Grant fund through small, elective donations from each paycheck. Staff members and students may apply for these grants to pay for educational opportunities not available elsewhere within the District.

The Foundation's Payroll Deduction Committee meets twice yearly, once in April and once in October, for grant selections. The application for our spring Payroll Deduction grants will be available at [EducationFoundation.Berea.org/grants](http://EducationFoundation.Berea.org/grants) in March.

The following programs were selected in this autumn's Payroll Deduction Grant round, in which \$2,625 was awarded. Thank you to all of the BCSD employees whose contributions make these projects possible.

### Memory Garden: Mulching and Seating

*BMHS – 2,000 Students*

*Staff: Jane Darrow*

The BMHS Memory Garden was established after a series of tragic losses in our community. Students expressed a desire to have a space to honor the memory of those no longer with us, and the Memory Garden is the result of that wish. This grant will fund additional seating to allow more students to utilize the garden, as well as mulch to maintain the area.

**\$425**

### Finger Fiddles (Fidget Toys & Sensory Relief Tools)

**\$1,000**

*Brookview Elementary – 400 Students*

*Staff: Cara McGregor*

This grant will fund fidget containers for each classroom/special area teacher so that they will be available to students as needed. Sensory tool kits are essential for many of our students who rely on them throughout the day to help reduce stress and improve productivity. Fidgets help improve concentration and attention to tasks by allowing the brain to filter out extra sensory information. The kits also provide a quiet break for students in the classroom without distracting others.

### Realizing Your Potential (RYP)

*BMHS – 50 Students*

*Staff: Susan Malone*

RYP strives to increase member self-confidence, improve resiliency skills, enhance social relationships, and improve academic motivation and school attendance. The program offers supplemental support like study tables, Real Talk forums for students and parents, social/community events, volunteering opportunities, job shadowing, tutoring and college or workforce tours and informational workshops/meetings. This grant will fund a series of etiquette workshops. Proper behavior can make a profound and positive difference in one's life and provide distinct advantages in everyday interactions.

**\$600**

### Kindergarten Outdoor Learning Classroom

**\$600**

*Grindstone Elementary – 120 Students*

*Staff: Amy Murray*

This grant will fund the purchase of educational materials to be used as an outdoor learning classroom in the Grindstone Elementary courtyard. The project will provide meaningful and educational outdoor learning experiences for kindergarten students. Students will be able to expend age-appropriate energy that is typically deemed too loud or messy for indoors.

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## CALENDAR

December 24-January 4.....Winter Break  
 January 18.....No School, Teacher Work Day  
 January 21..No School, Martin Luther King Day  
 February 18.....No School, Presidents' Day  
 March 7.....**EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL AUCTION**  
 March 22.....No School, Teacher Work Day  
 March 25-March 29.....Spring Break  
 April 19.....No School  
 April 22.....No School  
 May 27.....Memorial Day  
 June 5.....Last Day of School for Students

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Save the Date:

**March 7, 2019**

The Education Foundation's  
**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction**

## 2019 Education Foundation Executive Officers

The Education Foundation thanks its officers for continuing their service for the term beginning in January 2018:

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Thank you to our Executive Committee for their dedication!