



Foundation awards \$26,600 in Enrichment Grants

When you participate in Education Foundation fundraisers you support our Enrichment Grant program, which brings new and exciting educational opportunities to Berea City School District students. This year, proceeds from the Foundation's 2018 Chevy Cruz car raffle and 2019 Auction funded 16 projects organized by staff members throughout the district. These grant-funded programs cover a wide range of student needs across curriculum standards as well as social-emotional and physical needs. Thank you to everyone who participated in Foundation fundraisers and helped support the following projects:

Shelly Pearsall Author Visit

HESCHE WRITING/READING & PHYS ED. Grant
BMMS - Katina Anagnostou
 Grant funds will provide a school visit and presentation from the author Shelley Pearsall. Students read at least two of her books in their seventh grade school year.

\$2,500



Memory Garden

BMHS - Jane Darrow

Funds will be used to purchase supplies to maintain the BMHS Memory Garden, as well as prepare plants and garden items for transfer to the new high school.

\$500

Community Garden

BMMS - Devin Carmen

Grant funds will assist in constructing a community garden to help students with special needs develop functional life skills. Students with a wide range of abilities will work with typical peers to build and maintain the garden, applying academic concepts to a real world setting.

\$4,000



Titan Comfort Bracelets for Kindergarteners & Parents

\$920

Grindstone - Kathy Laubert

This grant helps make the transition into kindergarten comfortable and positive. Teachers read Midge Leavey's *The Missing Mommy Cure* to incoming students. In the story, a mother gives her son a bracelet to look at when he misses her. Each student received a silicone bracelet for him/herself and one for a parent or guardian. Students can wear their bracelets daily as a reminder of their parents' love and support.

BMHS School World Language Versailles Experience

\$500

MAKOVICH & PUSTI ARCHITECTS Grant

BMHS, BMMS - Heidi Morely

The BMHS travel group will explore the architectural and cultural significance of Versailles during their Spring Break trip to Paris with help from this grant.

One Book One School

\$2,165

Grindstone - Lori Mucha

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies will be purchased with grant funds. The whole school will read the same book and participate in discussions and events centered on the story. A service project is planned to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand, which helps fight childhood cancer.



Storybook STEM

BPM - Jamie Palcisko

Grant funds will purchase grade level storybook carts with STEM materials, quality mentor texts, task cards, and lesson plans. Teachers will have the opportunity to check carts out to use for engaging, hands-on STEM classroom experiences that meet state standards in all curriculum areas.

\$3,000

5P Portfolio Night

\$1,090

Big Creek - Kristy Krajniak

This year-end celebration evening focuses on celebrating the individual growth of each child and the commitment between families, children, and school. It provides each child with a photo album and portfolios as keepsakes of memories made throughout the school year.

Sensory Learning Path

\$1,000

Grindstone - Kari Novak

This grant will fund construction of a gross motor sensory learning path to encourage movement and stress relief for students. The path will be a colorful, creative, and playful way for kids to build brain connections responsible for sight, touch, sound, and more. It will enable them to complete complex, multi-step tasks and regain focus necessary for learning in the regular classroom environment.

Two new Foundation scholarships available to BCSD seniors



The **Erik J. Kratky Memorial Scholarship** was established by Erik's friends and family in 2019. A 2003 Midpark High graduate, Erik's 4.56 GPA earned him a full scholarship to Kent State University, where he completed his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. Erik completed his Master's in Quantitative and Computational Finance at The Georgia Institute of Technology and went on to teach college level mathematics. He also spent time tutoring college students in math, a subject that he was very passionate about. Erik didn't stop there- his love of sports landed him a position as a point guard on the Cleveland Wheelchair Cavaliers where he was able to play a sport that he loved while traveling and meeting new people. Erik lived his life to the very fullest and in 2014 he lost his long battle with cancer. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating BMHS student athlete who has a 3.5 minimum GPA and is mathematically inclined.

The **Chapman Family Scholarship** was also established this year by Kathy Chapman and her family. The award celebrates the Chapman family history of participation in public education. It will be awarded yearly to a graduating BMHS student who intends to become a teacher. Preference will be given to students with financial need.

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6th Grade Animal Conservation Efforts **\$1,270**

BHS CLASS OF '72 Grant (funded \$450) EF grant (funded \$820)

BMMS - Kathleen Sloat

In collaboration with the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Team 6D students will learn about the impact individuals can have on animal conservation in the wild. Students will work in collaborative groups to research and develop efforts to save individual animals.

The Sky's The Limit **\$650**

IMAGINE! EXPLORE THE ARTS grant in memory of Joanna Pusti (funded \$100) EF grant (funded \$550)

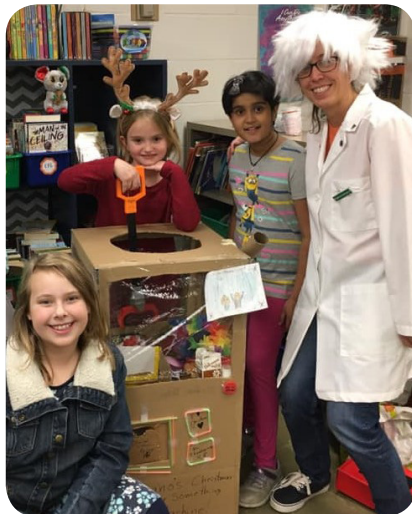
BMHS - Dennis Kavran

This program links students with special needs and typical peers to build, decorate, and fly model airplanes. As well as aligning with curriculum standards, enhancing social and communication development, and providing skills in teamwork, sequencing, problem solving, and following directions, this program provides the opportunity for students who would never meet each other to form friendships and share time. Grant funds will purchase model kits.

Star Jumpers: Mission of Earth & Space **\$6,000**

BPM - Jenifer Csiszar & Trish Kukura

This grant will provide an innovative, enriching, all-school experience to engage elementary learners. Every classroom will read *Star Jumper Journal of a Cardboard Genius*, by Frank Asch. Students will participate in hands-on science lessons, write in science journals, use technology, take a field trip, and present a collaborative project. Community engagement will include a family science night and a school science project fair.



Alternate/Flexible Seating in the Classroom **\$600**



BMMS - Sheryl Medvetz

Grant funds will purchase additional wobble chair seating that is flexible, comfortable, and inviting for learners in the English Language Arts classroom.

Gelli Printmaking and Selfie Art Project **\$650**

IMAGINE! EXPLORE THE ARTS grant in memory of Joanna Pusti **J & G Snow - Johnnie Brooks**

This grant will fund two new art lessons with varying levels of difficulty for all grade levels. The first is Gelli Printmaking, a one- or two-step printmaking process using objects to make prints without a printing press. Second is The Selfie, an exciting project of self-awareness for students to practice self-portraiture.

Self-Directed Calming Corner **\$715**

Grindstone - Tami Arthur

A classroom Calming Corner gives students a place to independently calm down when feeling anxious, upset, overwhelmed, or angry, preventing interruptions from student outbursts or out of control behavior. This grant will fund the Calming Corner's bean bag chair, noise canceling headphones, a weighted lap blanket, a flip chart of different ways to calm down, supplies to go with the chart such as stretch putty and fidgets, and a timer to set for five minutes away from class.



Grindstone Ukuleles 2.0 **\$1,040**

Grindstone - Lea Pulizzi-Smith

Grindstone third graders participate in a ukulele unit during music class and fourth graders may join the Ukulele Club. Grant funds will purchase replacement ukuleles for Grindstone's Ukulele program.

Broadway for Berea Schools raises \$14,820

The Education Foundation's fall fundraiser, Broadway for Berea Schools, was a wildly successful and fun-filled event. Nearly 500 people attended the November 19th Baldwin Wallace Music Theatre performance of *Kinky Boots*, with proceeds benefitting the Foundation and our Enrichment Grant program. The quality of this production cannot be overstated; it was simply amazing. At the Foundation after-party, cast members mingled with guests over treats, drinks, and musical performances by BW students.



The Foundation trustees are grateful to Baldwin Wallace University for extending this incredible opportunity to our organization. We would also like to express our gratitude to The Berea City Club and Southwest General Health Center for sponsoring the event. Finally, thank you to everyone who attended. Your support makes a difference in BCSD schools and is greatly appreciated. Bravo to the cast and crew who brought the story and characters to life. These talented stars are sure to have bright futures.

2020 Education Foundation Executive Officers

The Education Foundation thanks Dave Pusti for his years of service as treasurer. Beginning in January, Jeff Haas will serve as the Foundation's new treasurer. The 2020 Education Foundation officers will be:

Susan Hans.....Chair
 Laurie Scriven.....Vice Chair
 Jeff Haas.....Treasurer
 Irene Joyce.....Secretary

Thank you to our Executive Committee for their dedication to serving students in our three communities!

BCSD staff provide \$3,310 for classroom projects

Payroll Deduction Grants are awarded twice per year and are funded by donations from BCSD staff members. Thanks to the District's dedicated staff, the Payroll Deduction Grant committee was able to fund all of the following projects in October:

<p>Unique, Engaging, (Reusable!) EL Resources Big Creek, Brookview, & Grindstone - Patricia Power Writing and reading are often the most difficult parts of learning a new language. Portable learning centers with reusable write & wipe materials will help engage English learners in grades K-4 throughout our district.</p>	<p>\$375</p>	<p>Jolted Java & Smoothies BMMS - Nicholas Hall, Caitlin Meier, Tracy Gretick The Jolted Java & Smoothie cart will provide special education students an introduction to the food and drink service industry. Students will learn to make and serve refreshments and to make change for customers (BMMS staff). Grant funds will purchase start-up materials for the enterprise.</p>	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Sensory/Activity Hallway Big Creek Elementary - Shannon Lazarus A Sensory Kindergarten Hallway will allow young students a multi-modal brain break. It will give them the opportunity to explore and reset in a way that serves them best, and help them to be more focused upon returning to the classroom.</p>	<p>\$350</p>	<p>Morning STEM Tubs Brook Park Memorial - Erin Blatnica Morning STEM Tubs are high interest, hands-on activities that keep students actively engaged while preparing to start the day. Hands-on STEM manipulatives provide opportunities for problem-solving, creativity, social skills, and teamwork.</p>	<p>\$550</p>
<p>Team Seekers Year Long Olympics BMMS - Melissa Meyer Students will be motivated to compete against enrichment team classes in an Academic Olympics. This will be a cross-curricular challenge encouraging all students to do their best throughout the school year. Parents will be invited to attend a year-end recognition ceremony celebrating students' success.</p>	<p>\$400</p>	<p>Hatching Chicks Brook Park Memorial - Amy Sachdeva Students will learn about life cycles and the basic needs of animals as they hatch chicks in the classroom. They will learn how to be respectful and responsible for living things and develop an appreciation for animals.</p>	<p>\$380</p>
<p>Table Tubs Expansion STEM/Literacy Grindstone Elementary - Tami Arthur Three classrooms of students at Grindstone begin the day with Table Tubs. This is an important time where they learn to work together, share, take turns, problem solve, construct, and practice literacy skills like making words with manipulatives. The grant will expand materials available in existing Table Tubs.</p>	<p>\$580</p>	<p>Chick Hatching Support Grindstone Elementary - John Kruggel Kindergarten Life Science educational standards state that living things grow, reproduce, and have specific needs. This grant will fund fertilized eggs and food to continue Grindstone's yearly chick hatching project.</p>	<p>\$175</p>



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CALENDAR

December 23-January 3.....Winter Break
 January 17.....No School, Teacher Work Day
 January 20...No School, Martin Luther King Day
 February 17.....No School, Presidents' Day
 March 5.....**EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL AUCTION**
 March 20.....No School, Teacher Work Day
 March 23-27.....Spring Break
 April 10.....No School
 April 13.....No School, Teacher Conf. Comp Day
 May 25.....No School, Memorial Day
 May 28.....Commencement
 June 3.....Last Day of School for Students



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