



Education Foundation Enrichment Grants make a difference in the lives of our students

Over \$16,000.00 in Education Foundation enrichment grants was awarded to Berea City School District staff members for programs that enhance students' education. The 2015-2016 Enrichment Grants include:

Model United Nations

Middleburg Heights Junior High School

Recipient: Stacey Jennings

Amount: \$1000.00



Model United Nations is a program in which students, acting as UN members, debate and present their solutions to current world and US issues. The students will participate at a Junior Model UN Conference at John Carroll University where they are evaluated on their work and work with students from other schools. This grant covers the cost of registration.

Wonder

Grindstone Elementary

Recipient: Cynthia K. Millen

Amount: \$450.00

Wonder is a book written by R. J. Palacio about a 10-year old homeschooled boy who has genetic abnormalities and have gone through 27 surgeries that have left disfigurements on his face. The book tells the story of how the boy adjusts to being newly enrolled in fifth grade. The story provides a platform for Grindstone students to think about the way they interact with each other. The grant will purchase these inspiring books.

Mindful Me

BPM Elementary

Amount: \$5000.00

Recipients: Katie Rolland, Kristen Brandyberry, Cara McGregor

The "Mindful Me" program will teach the students how to cope with daily, social-emotional, economic, and environmental stressors. Teachers will be provided with a kit of materials used to create an environment of mindfulness and a training program. Students will also receive yoga sessions with a certified instructor. The grant covers the cost of materials and training.



Put it in Print

Snow School

Amount: \$240.00

Recipient: Joyce Huntz

The goal for this program is to improve writing skills for students in the Community Based Treatment Center program. By the end of this program, each student will have created a portfolio of all his/her writing, including a poetry project. The students will design a "poem pillowcase," which they can keep as a reminder of their achievement. The grant will cover the cost of the art supplies.

One School, One Book (OSOB)

Big Creek Elementary

Amount: \$4660.00

Recipients: Heidi Demaline, Alison Berger, Jennifer Ditz, Cindy Frontczak, Megan Peters

The "One School, One Book" program focuses on family literacy. Over the course of a month, students, parents and staff members will be reading a chapter book and participating in book-related activities at school. This program's goal is to improve reading literacy and to promote reading together as a family at home. This grant will cover the cost of the program.



Gabe & Izzy: Standing Up for America's Bullied

Grindstone Elementary

Amount: \$5000.00

Recipient: Cynthia K. Millen

Gabrielle Ford wrote an autobiography about her inspiring life's story titled *Gabe & Izzy*. After being diagnosed with a rare muscle disease, Gabe was constantly bullied in school. She did her best to keep a good attitude but it was hard. Her service dog, Izzy was integral in boosting her confidence and helping her to be positive. Today, Gabe travels to schools across the country to speak to kids about bullying. This grant will cover the cost of the book and her presentation to all Grindstone students.

a Message



FROM THE
Chair

As I prepared to write this message, I reflected on the fact that it has been a little over ten years since I retired as superintendent of the Berea City Schools. The 18 years I spent working in the district were some of my best years as an educator. I believed in what the Berea Schools were doing for children,

and I tried to do my part to assure the success of students and staff.

Serving as a trustee for The Education Foundation has provided me with a direct avenue for continuing my service to the students and staffs of our school district. The Education Foundation provides a way to keep in touch and to give back. I know it is not possible for all of you to be trustees, but it is possible for each of you to stay connected and share your resources and talents.

The Education Foundation can always use individuals who attend and support our fundraisers, who contribute to our scholarships and enrichment grants, and who remember The Education Foundation somehow in their future giving. Regardless of one's ability to contribute financially, the Foundation is always looking for volunteers who can help us in lots of ways. If you have the time and would like to help, feel free to contact me or our Executive Director, Kim Dettmer.

Have a good holiday season.

Jim Connell

Chair, The Education Foundation

Foundation welcomes new trustee

Brian Kessler, a reading specialist at Big Creek Elementary School, has been named a trustee of The Education Foundation.



Kessler, a teacher in the Berea School District for 22 years, is president of the Berea Federation of Teachers. He specializes in helping children in the first and second grades with reading skills. "Children can be behind for a number of reasons," Kessler said. "Our goal is make them more successful."

He previously taught first grade at Brook Park Memorial and Brookview elementary schools.

He has a bachelor of science degree from John Carroll University and a master's degree from Cleveland State. He previously was treasurer and vice president of BFT and he is currently treasurer of the Ohio Federation of Teachers.

Kessler has been active with The Education Foundation's Payroll Deduction Grants Committee.

"I love the district and I want to make a difference in a positive way," he said.

Kessler and his wife, Colleen, have four children ages 3 to 13.



SPOTLIGHT ON... Alumni want to give students an experience to remember

When Tom Jake and his wife, Nancy Cartmell Jake, retired in 2014 and moved back to northeast Ohio, they wanted to do something to give back to the Berea School District, where they grew up and graduated from high school.

Jake graduated from Berea High School in 1972, his wife in 1970. They lived in northern Virginia while working for the federal government but moved back to Ohio to be closer to family. That's when Jake contacted classmates about an Enrichment Grant through The Education Foundation.

"We created the grant for a couple of reasons," Jake said. "No. 1, we wanted to support the schools and The Education Foundation." But they also noticed that "things have changed so much in the schools. We wanted to do something to benefit the students."

The BHS Class of 1972 Enrichment Grant is aimed at junior high and high school students in grades 7-12 and can be awarded to classroom teachers and student group advisers. It is broad-based. Eligible programs include those that offer mentoring or shadowing experiences, guest speakers, workshops or internships. The grant also could fund equipment and supplies for special programs that would not otherwise be funded by the district. It could be used to support community service or volunteerism, to celebrate diversity, to improve and enhance academic achievement, or to support the arts, music, sciences, math, history or reading.

"We want to get to students as they begin to make career choices," Jake said. "Give them a chance to see what it's like in the work environment. We want to give them an experience they'll remember."

The BHS Class of 1972 ad hoc committee will look over the grant applications and make recommendations to The Education Foundation, which will make the final selection. The first grant of \$500 will be awarded for the 2016-17 school year.

If you are interested in donating to the BHS Class of 1972 Enrichment Grant, or creating a grant, contact Kim Dettmer at 216-898-8270.

New officers to lead Foundation

The Education Foundation for Berea City School District announces the new officers for 2016.

Jim Connell.....Chair
Susan Hans.....Vice Chair
Dave Pusti.....Treasurer
Roslyn Painter-Goffi.....Secretary

"We are fortunate to have many wonderful trustees who are dedicated to the Education Foundation", said Kim Dettmer, foundation executive director. "I am extremely grateful for the commitment of our new officers."

The officers will begin their term in January.

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Fall Payroll Deduction Grants awarded

Each year, Berea City School District employees generously contribute money and participate in the selection of grant recipients. The fall Payroll Deduction awards are listed below.

Realizing Your Potential (RYP)

Berea-Midpark High School

Staff: Susan Malone

Amount: \$500.00

RYP is designed to address specific challenges encountered by the District's underrepresented male students. This grant will fund etiquette training workshops. Students will gain an understanding that behavior can make a profound difference and that proper use of etiquette provides a distinct advantage in everyday interactions. The funds will assist in covering the cost of the workshops.

Mural Project

Berea-Midpark High School

Staff: Carrie Rice, Jim Bycznski & Susan Kelley Amount: \$1000.00

The Mural Project is a student-based project involving all students and curricular disciplines. The mural includes students and staff painting the walls above the lockers throughout the building with formulas, pictures, diagrams, etc. to represent each department. In addition, positive expressions for students would be painted to enhance learning and behavior and increase school spirit. The funds will be used to purchase supplies.

StoryWorks

Brookview Elementary School

Amount: \$300.00



Staff: Melissa Cubbison & Tracey Krueger

StoryWorks is a magazine that students would use as a supplement to our Language Arts. Students would be provided opportunities to use critical thinking skills as well as build on reading skills. Funds from this grant would be used to purchase subscriptions to StoryWorks by Scholastic.

Berea Elementary Parent Academy

Department of Academic Affairs

Staff: Jason Niedermeyer

Amount: \$1500.00

The Berea Elementary Parent Academy is designed to educate and involve parents in issues related to their children. Internet safety expert Jesse Weinberger will spend a day at the four elementary buildings and facilitate conversations with our students related to their digital/online behaviors. The information she gathers during the day will be used in an evening presentation with parents about internet safety. The goal of this program is to reduce the risk of our students being victims of cyberbullies and sexual predators. The funds will help to defray the speaker fee.

Donors provide grants for Reading, Writing, Physical Education and the Arts

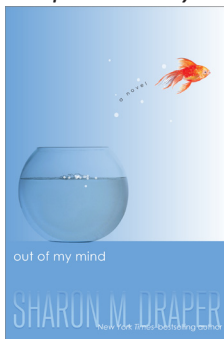
NEAL & LYNNETTE KNAUTZ HESCHE WRITING/READING AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION ENRICHMENT GRANT was established to provide opportunities for enrichment activities to promote improved student learning. The Hesch Grant recipients are:

Titan Pals

Middleburg Heights Junior High School

Recipient: Kathy Robertson

Amount: \$1300.00



"At-risk" students will work with students with special needs. Together they will read a book called *Out of my Mind* by Sharon M. Draper about a disabled child. The students will then work together to write their own autobiographies that will ultimately be published. At the end of the year the students will host a Book Signing event for parents. The grant will cover the cost of the books and the cost to publish the students' writings.

BPM Accessible Playground

Brook Park Memorial Elementary School

Recipients: Katie Rolland, Mike Kostyack Amount \$1300.00

Being physically active helps children by building healthy muscles and bones, preventing chronic health problems, reducing depression and anxiety, and improving academic performance and behavior. The current Brook Park Memorial playground is not handicap accessible and is currently located on injury-causing gravel and mulch. This grant will assist in covering the cost of a new, safer playground surface.

IMAGINE! EXPLORE THE ARTS ENRICHMENT GRANT was established in memory of Joanna Pusti. The goal is to provide opportunities for students to nurture their imagination and explore the arts. The Imagine! Grant recipient is:

Therapeutic Drumming

Grindstone Elementary School

Staff: Lea Pulizzi-Smith

Amount: \$1042.61

Students, especially students with special needs, will be introduced to drum circles. This therapeutic drumming program is designed to create a meaningful musical experience for participants. The drum circle experience helps students build confidence, practice communication and social skills, provides opportunities for recreation and is a form of music therapy. The funds will be used to purchase 10 Toca Jr. drums and an online subscription to "Drum Circle Leadership".



Foundation Announcements...

The Education Foundation is excited to add a **PART-TIME DEVELOPMENT POSITION** to our organization. Currently, we are putting together a job description and will be accepting applicants resumes soon! An ideal candidate for this position will have experience raising money for non-profit organization(s).

The Foundation is in the process of **TRANSITIONING OUR FISCAL YEAR**. Currently, our fiscal year is from January 1 to December 31. Starting this summer our fiscal year will be from July 1 to June 30 to follow the academic year. By making this change and aligning with the school calendar, we can more logically report on our annual accomplishments and goals.

CALENDAR

Dec. 21-Jan. 3.....WINTER BREAK
 Jan. 4.....CLASSES RESUME
 Jan. 11.....NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
 Jan. 18.....NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
 Feb. 15.....NO SCHOOL
 Mar. 10.....**EDUCATION FOUNDATION
 ANNUAL AUCTION**
 Mar. 21-26.....SPRING BREAK

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