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**BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** is a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to provide a long-term, self-sustaining financial base to fund innovative academic programs in Unit 5 and District 87 public schools which are beyond the limits of normal tax support. Organized in 1992, the Foundation is a group of private citizens and is not part of either school district. The Boards of Education of both districts encouraged the Foundation's formation and strongly support its efforts.

**2006-2007 GRANT AWARDS**

Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted sixty-two applications requesting \$49,584. This year the Foundation is awarding **\$27,400** to **forty-two** projects. Since 1992, \$220,094 has been awarded to support 312 projects.

**CONGRATULATIONS !!**

**Unit 5 Elementary School Grant Winners**

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| <b>Karen Showalter</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  |              |
| <b>Nancy Pye</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <i>Carlock</i>   | <b>\$200</b> |
| <i><u>Books are for Talking Too</u></i> – Take home bags containing picture books and materials to supplement retelling of the story by the student will help to foster improvement in oral language complexity, story comprehension, and understanding of story structure |                  |              |
| <b>Julie Laudeman</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Fairview</i>  | <b>\$115</b> |
| <i><u>Exploring the World</u></i> – Second grade students will gain access to on-line field trips, audio-visual resources, and books to explore the geography, history, and cultures of other countries.                                                                   |                  |              |
| <b>Angela Mahoney</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Fox Creek</i> | <b>\$160</b> |
| <i><u>Letterbugs</u></i> – Students will use the computer software program 'Letterbugs' to develop and improve phonics skills.                                                                                                                                             |                  |              |

<b>Jamie Oliver</b>	<i>Fox Creek</i>	<b>\$200</b>
<u><i>Putting the Brain to Work with Sport Stacking</i></u> – Speed Stacks will be purchased to use with all grade levels to teach kids to use both sides of their bodies and brains.		
<b>Amy Schumacher</b>	<i>Fox Creek</i>	<b>\$550</b>
<u><i>In the Groove – Dance to Success!</i></u> – This dance mat fitness and brain-training curriculum allows students to gain greater academic success, increased technology skills, mentoring skills and higher self-esteem.		
<b>Jennifer Gibson</b>	<i>Glenn</i>	<b>\$200</b>
<u><i>Increasing Study Reading Fluency with Reader's Theatre</i></u> – A variety of Reader's Theatre scripts will be purchased that students will be able to use in the class to increase their reading fluency.		
<b>Colleen Moore</b>	<i>Glenn</i>	<b>\$941</b>
<u><i>Heart Exploration and Challenge Course</i></u> – Students combine science with physical activity as they journey through the chambers of the heart and supply the body with the oxygen needed for healthy lifestyles.		
<b>Carol Johnson</b>	<i>PrairieLand</i>	<b>\$1,305</b>
<u><i>Renaissance Responders</i></u> – Renaissance Responders can help involve and engage every student in the lesson. Each child holds a responder and simultaneously answers the question.		
<b>Carol Johnson</b>	<i>PrairieLand</i>	<b>\$200</b>
<u><i>Using Math Manipulatives and Games to Support Instruction</i></u> – The math curriculum will be supported by using various manipulatives or games to coincide with each lesson.		