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2018 ~ 2019 GRANT AWARDS
Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted 74 applications requesting a total of $133,601. The Foundation awarded $55,585 to 33 projects. Since 1992, $665,280 has been awarded to support 788 projects.

Elementary Schools

Benjamin
Christine Sewell ~ $375 ~ 3D Printing for 3 Dimensional Learning

Grove
Amy Moore ~ $1,967 ~ Osmo Genius Kits

Colene Hoose
Julia Current ~ $4,800 ~ Building Sound Connections for Reading & Writing
Siobhan Sims King ~ $400 ~ STEM and Literacy Resources

Irving
Karen O'Shea ~ $4,539 ~ Piano and Music Instruction Through Technology
Kerrie Huizinga ~ $800 ~ Understanding Others, Understanding Ourselves

Northpoint
Andrea Norton ~ $400 ~ Character Counts Collective

Oakdale
Kathie Brown ~ $4,800 ~ Learning to Code through Legos
Stephanie Woody ~ $3,500 ~ Love Grows Here
Trisha Warner ~ $335 ~ Little Free Libraries: Planting Seeds of Literacy

Pepper Ridge
Jennifer Ficek ~ $1,400 ~ STEMulate the Scientist in You

Sheridan
Brenda Garrett ~ $750 ~ Volcano STEM Stations

Stevenson
Kayley Henderson ~ $1,492 ~ ELL Take-Home Bags
Allyssa Svob ~ $693 ~ Mindful Practices of Kindness

Sugar Creek
Karen Showalter ~ $400 ~ Books are for Talking Too!
Erin Auskings ~ $360 ~ Rocking to Regulation and Readiness

Washington
Anne Waldorf ~ $268 ~ First Grade Brown Bag Book Club
**Junior High/Middle Schools**

BJHS  
Helen Brandon ~ $2,800 ~ *Engaging in Science, One Model at a Time*  
Kristie Price ~ $1,728 ~ "Out of Sight"  
Rachael Van Heuklon ~ $400 ~ *Cow Eye Dissection*  
Jena Dalton ~ $400 ~ *Reach for the Sky*  
Suzie Hutton ~ $378 ~ *Literacy for Life*  
Sarah Martin ~ $276 ~ *Video Experience Reflection*

CIHS  
Carissa Brandon ~ $4,800 ~ *Bridges to Literacy: A Multilingual Library*

EJHS  
Katherine Behrens ~ $175 ~ "Rapping" Up Knowledge

PJHS  
Debbie Brown ~ $300 ~ *Conversation + Commonality = Community*  
Shawn Schwerman ~ $200 ~ *Busting out with Caudills*

**High Schools**

BHS  
Jennifer M Weaver ~ $4,800 ~ *Futuristic Collaboration*

NCHS  
Brad Bovenkerk ~ $4,600 ~ *Making a Mark: Journalism Equipment*

NCWHS  
Susann Marcum ~ $3,700 ~ *Student Health 101 - #SpreadTheHealth*  
Jarrod Rackauskas ~ $3,200 ~ *Making Molecular Modeling a Snap!*  
April Schermann ~ $369 ~ *Locked into Learning*  
Lisa Tomlin ~ $180 ~ *A, B, O(h) My! Determining Blood Type*

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**BEYOND THE BOX**

Monies for this award are provided by the Shirk Family Foundation

Sugar Creek  
Karen Showalter ~ $10,000 ~ *Modern Day Magic School Bus*

CONGRATULATIONS! Karen Showalter is our 2018-2019 Beyond the Box grant winner. Her grant, "Modern Day Magic School Bus" will pay for a Google Expeditions customized classroom kit. This virtual reality technology will allow all 544 students at Sugar Creek Elementary to take "field trips" inside the human body during science class; tour art museums around the country, or attend jazz concerts in music class. The package includes 36 Virtual Reality devices and more than 700 experiences! Thank you to the Shirk Family Foundation for helping to make this $10,000 award possible!