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.

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2015-2016 GRANT AWARDS
Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted 100 applications requesting a total of $126,661. The Foundation awarded $43,799 toward 36 projects.
Since 1992, $594,412 has been awarded to support 692 projects.

Elementary Schools

Cedar Ridge  Lyndra Webb ~ $161 ~ Listening to Bridge the 30 Million Word Gap
Ronda Batty, Jennifer Roop, Jean Silva ~ $1,440 ~ Bridging the Reading Gap with Take Home Books
Patricia Ziebart ~ $2,000 ~ If You Give a Library a Book...
   It Will Probably Want a Reader

Fox Creek  Shannon Hedman ~ $162 ~ Hands on Science!

Colene Hoose  Karen Mercer, Cathy Troyer, Kathie Brown ~ $1,101 ~ Green and Growing Classroom
Adam Zbrozek, Hoose PTO, ISU, LSAMP ~ $4,981 ~ LEGO Robotics Team

Irving  Joy Searby, Kala Krueger, Angela Cradle ~ $400 ~ Magnificent Magnets
Maureen Svob ~ $573 ~ Girls with a Desire to Inspire SHINE!

Oakdale  Nikki Giosta, Sarah Hull, Jill Jannusch ~ $1,917 ~ Math Workshop: It’s in the Bag
Nikki Giosta ~ $3,860 ~ Let’s See S’More Writing

Oakland  Rhett Felix, Claire Current, Dawn Conroy, Shari Cooper ~ $350 ~ Let’s Get Dirty
Rhett Felix, Claire Current, Dawn Conroy, Shari Cooper ~ $350 ~ Oh, The Weather Outside Is....

Pepper Ridge  Bryan Schultz, Teresa McCullick ~ $450 ~ Exercising the Brain to Better Testing & Coordination
Shauna Gourley, Ericka Helgason ~ $817 ~ Wiggle While We Work

Sheridan  Kristi Sutter ~ $225 ~ Elementary Engineers

Stevenson  Chris Baldwin ~ $396 ~ Plan, Build, Discover
Katharine Corley, Erin O’Grady ~ $250 ~ Light Up The Learning and Watch the Ideas Grow!
Erin O’Grady, Lisa Ellis, Annie McWilliams, Amanda Obie ~ $2,322 ~ Can we feel it? Yes we can!

Sugar Creek  Tara Bennett ~ $210 ~ Problem Solving in Preschool
Erin Auskins, Heather Marcordes-Wheat ~ $390 ~ Pinch, Press, Pull and Play
Erin Auskins ~ $400 ~ The Rhythm of the Class
Washington  Teresa Shaver, Maggie Killian, Susan Anderson, Allison Scott, Denise Myatt, Deb Hamm, Lisa Ellis ~ $3,660 ~ Learning Supports Lending Library
Bent

Junior High / Middle Schools

BJHS  Jake Owens ~ $120 ~ Data and Statistics of Monopoly
Maggie Kennedy, Butch Feltner, Romondo Youngblood, Matt Glim ~ $382 ~ Keep Calm and Learn On
BJHS  Kathleen Irvin, Kelly Slater, Mary Passini, Tina Thomas ~ $400 ~ Technically Speaking, Its Shakespeare!
EJHS  Michelle Glatt ~ $398 ~ IMC means Incredible Makerspace Center
Katherine Brown ~ $1,615 ~ Transforming Literature into Old Time Radio Broadcasts
KJHS  Jennifer Ritchason, Martha Kindred, Pam Isaacs, Becky Montgomery, Amy Dabler, Michelle Pilon, Shawn Anderson, Amber O’Day ~ $2,600 ~ Discover the World at your Fingertips on Discovery Education!
PJHS  Shawn Schwerman ~ $1,000 ~ Quench Your Thirst for Facts

High Schools

NCHS  Trisha Warner, Barb Koski, Meghan Hawkins ~ $324 ~ ChickLits at Lunch
Meghan Hawkins, Katie Lopez, Trisha Warner, Dr. Richard Hughes (ISU) ~ $390 ~ Teaching Social Studies with Graphic Novels
Jeff Christopherson, Mike Roller, Building Chairs ~ $400 ~ Quizlet – Online flashcards, games, study tools
Meghan Hawkins, Trisha Warner ~ $1,500 ~ The Statecraft Simulation – Crafting a Perfect World
NCWHS  Lisa Tomlin ~ $290 ~ How Does DNA Do That?
NCWHS / NCHS  Dr. Valentine Walker, Joel Swanson ~ $4,934 ~ Troubled Waters Under Our Feet

Joint Unit 5 and District 87

Sugar Creek & BHS  Tracy Hitchins, Brian Hitchins ~ $2,051 ~ Students as Scientists and Teachers

BEYOND THE BOX

EJHS  Michael Jennings, Dana Curby, Nate Sefton, Michelle Dellamarie, Dawn Kelly ~ $10,000
“Taking Physical Education to New Heights!”
“The goal in physical education is to promote active and healthy lifestyle choices by offering a variety of activities and experiences to give ALL students an opportunity for success.
This grant will fund a vertical rock climbing wall in the gym to support a new rock climbing unit in our PE classes. The unit will include activities to develop physical, cognitive and social emotion skills, individual strength (mental and physical), team work, cooperation, and problem solving.
Grant collaborators are Rockwerx (custom designed modular panels), Unit 5 maintenance staff (installation), and the Upper Limits (contribute equipment, demonstrations, discounted rates for students and staff at their facility and will train and certify PE staff in climbing, belaying, and teaching belaying).”