

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. 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.



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2013 - 2014 GRANT AWARDS

Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted 102 applications requesting a total of \$145,021. The Foundation awarded \$32,000 toward 48 projects. Since 1992, \$ 428,484 has been awarded to support 628 projects.

Elementary Schools

Benjamin	Christine Sewell ~ \$1,292 ~ <i>Chemistry in the Common Core</i> Christine Sewell ~ \$1,240 ~ <i>Making Math Meaningful</i>
Bent	Karen Riccio ~ \$2,000 ~ <i>Bilingual Book Tasting</i>
Cedar Ridge	Heather V. Rogers ~ \$145 ~ <i>BrainPop Jr. for 2nd Grade Brainiacs</i> Doug Valverde ~ \$300 ~ <i>Bilingual Books for Bilingual Students Who Receive Speech Therapy</i> Lyndra Webb (Marielena Gozur, Amanda Zehr, Michelle Hardwick, Pat Ziebart) \$2,437 ~ <i>Inspiring Arts: An Introduction to Ballet</i>
Fox Creek	Susan Felix ~ \$285 ~ <i>Relax, Jack!</i> Nicole M. Henderson ~ \$180 ~ <i>Can You Hear Me Now?</i> Jamie Oliver ~ \$300 ~ <i>Hurdles for Healthy Ligaments</i> Amy Schumacher ~ \$2,200 ~ <i>Math Makes "Cents" When We Count for a Cause</i> Amy Schumacher ~ \$298 ~ <i>Saturday Morning Science Show</i> Amy Schumacher ~ \$300 ~ <i>Make Lessons Pop! ABC, It's Easy as 1 2 3</i> Amy Schumacher ~ \$300 ~ <i>See the World Through My Eyes</i> Amy Schumacher ~ \$300 ~ <i>Read and Ride to Accelerate Learning</i>
Glenn/Fairview	Colleen Moore ~ \$300 ~ <i>Wii in PE !!</i>
Northpoint	Cristie Koechle ~ \$300 ~ <i>Rock Star Readers and Writers</i>
Oakdale	Sara Stickling, Kathy Fitzgerald ~ \$288 ~ <i>Hardy Differentiation</i> Sara Stickling, Kathy Fitzgerald ~ \$300 ~ <i>Wireless Reading</i>
Parkside	Abby Schoolman ~ \$635 ~ <i>Race Across the States</i>
Prairieland	Kelli Halsey ~ \$696 ~ <i>Not Just the Facts, Geography Too !</i>
Prairieland/Sugar Creek	~ Marylynn Meredith ~ \$1,615 ~ <i>Oh, the Choices I'll Make: Creating True-Life Art</i>
Stevenson	Erin O'Grady ~ \$625 ~ <i>Calm, Collected, and Ready to Learn!</i>
Sugar Creek	Tara Bennett ~ \$290 ~ <i>Make It Count</i> Tara Bennett ~ \$293 ~ <i>Stories Come Alive</i> Tara Bennett ~ \$300 ~ <i>If We Build It, We Will Learn</i> Lora Boyd ~ \$289 ~ <i>Snuggle Up to Literacy</i> Lora Boyd ~ \$300 ~ <i>Tikki Tikki Tembo</i> Tracy Hitchins ~ \$299 ~ <i>Active Exploration in Science</i> Tracy Hitchins ~ \$294 ~ <i>Audio Stories for the Classroom</i> Tracy Hitchins ~ \$81 ~ <i>Science Exploration and Discovery Through Technology</i> Staci Mandros, Beth Kelley ~ \$950 ~ <i>Lending Library</i> Staci Mandros, Beth Kelley ~ \$350 ~ <i>Summer Connections</i> Karen Showalter ~ \$300 ~ <i>Tell Me Again</i> Erin N. Sullivan ~ \$149 ~ <i>Count on Us !</i> Erin N. Sullivan ~ \$296 ~ <i>Let it Grow</i>

Junior High / Middle Schools

- BJHS Jayme Corcoran ~ **\$300** ~ *Blocking Out Distractions*
Jayme Corcoran ~ **\$298** ~ *Organize Me*
Linn McDonald ~ **\$240** ~ *Let's Hear It*
- EJHS Jim Broach ~ **\$2,420** ~ *S.O.U.L. Academy*
(**S**ervice, **O**ppportunity, **U**nderstanding and **L**eadership)
- KJHS Jennifer Ritchason, Kari Hennefent, Trisha Warner, Pam Isaacs ~ **\$296**
Bringing Social Studies and Literature ALIVE in the Classroom
- PJHS Debbie Brown ~ **\$1,080** ~ *Why Try*

High Schools

- BHS Becky Frangella ~ **\$300** ~ *Vocabulary Mart*
- NCHS Heather L. Budak, Mary Esther Baldwin, Julie Horton, Jackie Morrison, Kathleen Johnson, Laurel Litwiller, Karl Goeke, Cheryl Koth, Mirjam Schnabel
\$1,833 ~ *Success with Audacity*
Barbara Koski, Brad Bovenkerk, Tyler McWhorter
\$1,500 ~ *Multisensory Shakespeare*
- NCWHS John Bierbaum ~ **\$750** ~ *Yearbook Shadow Boxes*
Mary Jo Douglass ~ **\$296** ~ *Bending Light*
April Schermann ~ **\$400** ~ *Closing the Achievement Gap – Algebra Success for All!*
Teri K. Wilson ~ **\$1,759** ~ *iTeach iLearn*

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Monies for this award are provided by the Shirk Family Foundation

- BJHS Ron Bass, Matt Willey, Abby Murphy, Suzanna Hutton ~ **\$10,000**

Moving Toward Academic Achievement ~ "Increasing cardiovascular fitness to increase academic achievement."

"It has been known that physical fitness can affect the health of our students. The better a students' fitness in the five domains of health related fitness (cardiovascular fitness, muscular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility and body composition), the healthier these students will be both physically (disease and injury prevention) and mentally (better self esteem and self image). However, new research is beginning to show that physical fitness, particularly cardiovascular fitness, has been beneficial in student learning in the classroom setting. In other words, the more physically fit a child is the more likely they will learn more efficiently in the classroom, specifically in reading and math.

We have been piloting this project over the course of the last two school years with two special education teachers. This project would allow us to expand this project and begin researching it."