

BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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2014 ~ 2015 GRANT AWARDS

Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted 104 applications requesting a total of \$122,129.
The Foundation was able to award **\$36,327** toward **28** projects.
Since 1992, **\$550,613** has been awarded to support **656** projects.

Elementary Schools

Bent Kimberly Taber, Hillary Wiggs, Susan Weeks, Nicole Milligan, Dana Wegner,
Alma Sanchez, Guillermina Delgado, Emily Schimick ~ **\$2,793** ~
El español del mundo (The Spanish of the World)

Cedar Ridge Susan M. Layden ~ **\$240** ~ *Math in the Real World*
Megan Yaklich, Tracey Boyer, Sara Johns, Vanessa Lopez ~ **\$4,900** ~
Stamp Out Summer Reading Loss

Colene Hoose Karen Mercer, Cathy Troyer ~ **\$375** ~ *Edible Classroom*

Oakland Rhett Felix, Sara Stanek ~ **\$85** ~ *Native Americans Alive!*

Sheridan, Stevenson, Oakland, Washington, Bent, Irving ~ Leah Crews, Linda Schmelzer, Lisa Penner,
Mary Eggleston, Mark Day, Karen O'Shea ~ **\$4,200** ~
Music on "Feier": Developing the Tuneful, Beautiful, and Artful Child
Brenda Garrett ~ **\$1,855** ~ *NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE*
Dana Micks ~ **\$400** ~ *Cool Tools for School*
Kristi Sutter ~ **\$377** ~ *Museum Box*

Sugar Creek Tara Bennett ~ **\$400** ~ *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*
Lora Boyd ~ **\$288** ~ *"Step their way from A to Z"*
Tracy Hitchins ~ **\$400** ~ *Light and Shadow Explorers*
Susan Nicklas, Polly Swearingen ~ **\$388** ~ *Postcards From Across the USA*

Junior High / Middle Schools

BJHS Helen Brandon, Michelle Nauman-Dicken, Kelly Slater, Cindi Johnson, Dusti Steiner,
Stacey Kennedy, Abby Murphy, Katelyn Wise ~ **\$340** ~
Creating Future Meteorologists one Weather Station at a Time
Jayme Corcoran, Ian Crawley, D. Kay, K. Ayers ~ **\$2,200** ~
"Growing in Every Sense of the Word – A STEM Gardening Project"
Kathleen Irvin ~ **\$400** ~ *"The Inspiration of a Holocaust Hero"*
Kathleen Irvin, Katelyn Wise, Jayme Corcoran, Robyn Cashen ~ **\$400** ~
"Serenity Space – Healing through the Fine Arts"
Carol Jackson ~ **\$4,316** ~ *Visiting Artist : Art Mural Project*

KJHS Jennifer Snyder ~ **\$664** ~ *Fiction...In science, it's all about connections!*

High Schools

BHS Monica Estabrook ~ **\$146** ~ *Motorized Kinetic Art*

NCHS Jeff Christopherson, John Bergmann, Mike Roller ~ **\$400** ~
Science Palooza - Hands On Science

NCHS Barbara Koski, Julie Trimpe, Claire Rybaraczyk, Caroline Fox, Trish Warner, Jenny Sokulski, Nicole Maurer ~ **\$3,000** ~
Hi/Lo Library – Literacy Library

NCWHS Kevin Enderlin, Molly Stolfa, Don Whitman ~ **\$500** ~
Manipulating Photosynthesis In The Production Of Poinsettias
Rexie Lanier, Remy Garard ~ **\$400** ~ *Book Bracket Battle*
April Schermann ~ **\$3,500** ~ *Using Robots to Teach Math and Science*
Beth Smith ~ **\$1,260** ~ *The Mobile Museum Project*
Lisa Tomlin ~ **\$300** ~ *Bringing the Next Generation Science Standards to Life*
Jeritt Williams, April Schermann, Barb Bush, Dave Weber, Beth Smith ~ **\$1,800** ~
Beam Me Up Scotty! Star Trek STEM

BEYOND THE BOX

Monies for this award are provided by the Shirk Family Foundation

Colene Hoose Kathie Brown, Christa Hoder, Margaret Nelson, Rylee Long, Karen Mercer ~ **\$9,995**
Title: *Big Designs by Little Scientists*

Description: Building on student inquiry, students design scientific explorations and experiments while integrating literacy, promoting active engagement, and raising test scores.

“There is an urgent and critical need to bring the excitement and relevance of science back into the elementary classroom. Schools must equip students with 21st Century skills and science content knowledge, so they can compete within the global community. Students need hands-on, minds-on, activity based learning which promotes critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, communication, creativity, and innovation.

This can be found within the educational experience provided in the Seeds of Science/Roots of Reading Kits and Great Explorations in Math and Science (GEMS) Kits. These integrated, supplemental kits provide grades 2-5 classrooms with quality scientific supplies, award winning informative texts, and experiment opportunities for students to actively investigate science topics. Seeds of Science/Roots of Reading emulates a “Do it! Talk it! Read it! Write it! Model.”