



Our mission:
To provide innovative and creative programs, equipment and opportunities that otherwise would not be available to the students of Stillwater Public Schools.

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From the Executive Director

It has been a fantastic and record breaking year for SPEF! When this school year ends and all current projects are complete, SPEF will have provided \$96,000 in funding back to Stillwater Public Schools during 2017-18! It's truly incredible to see the difference SPEF's grants and programs make for the students & teachers in our district!

As always, THANK YOU! It is the tremendous generosity of our donors that make what we do possible! The SPEF Board of Trustees and I are so grateful and appreciative of your support!

We are already looking ahead to 2018-19! We know with the strong commitment & partnership of generous businesses and individuals,



106 iPads purchased for SPS!

Again, we'd like to say thank you to all those who contributed to SPEF's 2017 Tech 2 Teach campaign! With over \$31,000 raised, we were able to purchase 106 iPads and distribute them this spring to Pre-K and Kindergarten classes at all six elementary sites across the district! The devices allow young students to work independently during classroom centers on teacher & district approved educational apps to strengthen early literacy and math skills.



SPEF awards \$16,225 in teacher grants during the Spring 2018 semester!

we will continue to enhance public education in our community!

Jenifer Bartley
SPEF Executive Director

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Teacher of the Year

SPEF was proud to be a Pioneer Level sponsor of Stillwater Public Schools "Art of Teaching" event, held on March 27 to celebrate & recognize teachers in our district! Additionally, SPEF provided monetary awards for all 10 Teachers of the Year from each school site through our Larry Gish Memorial Fund (\$1,000 to the overall district TOY winner, \$500/each for the two finalists and \$100/each for the remaining 7 site TOYs). Congratulations to Tera Mitchell of Westwood Elementary for being named SPS TOY for the

Grant Title: Growing Plants with the Click of a Mouse

School Site: Stillwater Junior High & High School
Grant Writer: Robbie Branscum
Amount: \$4,000

Provides FarmBot Genesis XL computer software to connect technology with plant nursery operations. Goals of the project, in addition to the 8th-12th grade ag course use are to involve minimum of 500 elementary students in workshops, grow 100 pounds of produce for Our Daily Bread, engage 7 agriculture education courses in plant science principles, and collect research data on agriculture.



Grant Title: Mr. Roboto

School Site: Stillwater Middle School
Grant Writer: Emily Harris
Amount: \$1,730

Provides for a Robotics VRC Full Field Kit, a safe environment for students to code and test their robots in the 6th and 7th grade Engineering courses, as well

as offering a designated place for students to complete additional advanced challenges.

Grant Title: Lights, Camera, Action!

School Site: Westwood Elementary
Grant Writer: Rebecca Palmatary
Amount: \$4,000

Provides students with opportunities to learn how to film, edit and produce videos and stop animation movies using teleprompters, green screens, various software, lights and microphones.



Grant Title: Literature Circles

School Site: Stillwater Junior High School
Grant Writer: Allison Dierlam
Amount: \$1,550

Provides a selection of young adult novels for choice selection in a literature reading book club that encourages students to build their reading skills while also practicing student-led facilitation of roles and responsibilities.



upcoming 2018-19 school year! She is pictured (right) with SPEF Executive Director Jenifer Bartley (left) presenting the Larry Gish Teacher of the Year award plaque to her!



Adopt-an-Author Visit

SPEF was delighted to sponsor an author visit from M Scott Carter! His visit to Stillwater High School and Stillwater Junior High was funded through SPEF's Adopt-an-Author Fund! Mr. Carter is the author of two young adult novels, THE IMMORTAL VON B. (2013 Oklahoma Book Award Winner for YA Fiction and 2013 IPPY Gold Medal Winner for YA Fiction) and STEALING KEVIN'S HEART (2012 Oklahoma Book Award Finalist). He is currently a Professor of Journalism at Oklahoma City Community College and worked previously as an investigative and political reporter. During his visit, he shared how and where he found the inspiration and ideas for his first two novels, along with highlighting the importance of engaging stories and encouraging students to find their own stories to tell! SPEF is proud we could help to provide this unique learning opportunity for

Grant Title: Developing Higher Order Thinking Skills Through Technology Integration
School Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary
Grant Writer: Jolene Royer
Amount: \$700

Provides STEM materials through OSMO and Lego kits to develop students' sequential, logical, and critical thinking skills.



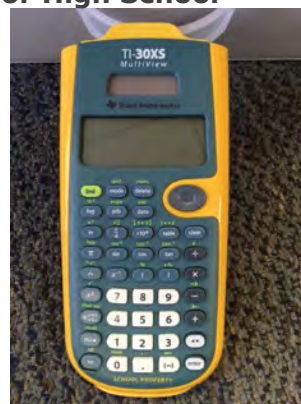
Grant Title: Today's Forecast: High Interest / Low Level Books
School Site: Stillwater Junior High School
Grant Writer: Kathleen Stepp
Amount: \$590

Funds books for use with both Special Education and Direct English students, which will be of high interest, but at a lower reading level than what is typically available for this age group. The availability of these books will help build vocabulary and comprehension skills for lower-level readers leading to more enjoyment in reading and more success in school.



Grant Title: Scientific Calculators
School Site: Stillwater Junior High School
Grant Writer: Penny Mayberry
Amount: \$575

Provides 40 TI-30xs Multi-View Scientific Calculators for use in 8th & 9th grade math classes. The JH math curriculum requires daily usage of scientific calculators. The new devices will serve to both supplement the number available to students and replace old ones.



Grant Title: We Were There: Using Chapter Books in World Studies
School Site: Stillwater Middle School
Grant Writer: Cindy Petree
Amount: \$540

Provides eight copies each of six different historical novels



SPS students from an award-winning Oklahoma author!



which have been selected for their age-appropriate content and geographic connection to the curriculum.

Grant Title: STEM Projects for All Students
School Site: Stillwater Middle School
Grant Writers: Austin Hula & Rachel Embree
Amount: \$715

Allows opportunities for Special Education students to participate in activities, such as physics & coding. By providing hands-on Osmo kits, aimed for lower-level age groups, 6th & 7th grade SPED students can participate in STEM activities.



Orchestra Concert & Workshop

Through our PAC Endowment Fund, SPEF helped to sponsor a concert on May 17 featuring Kyle Dillingham & Horseshoe Road, plus our very own SHS Orchestra & Band students!

Additionally, as part of their visit to Stillwater, Kyle Dillingham & Horseshoe Road shared their musical talents and knowledge through their "Playing with Purpose" education program during the day with Stillwater Middle School, Junior High and High School students!



Grant Title: Broadway Junior Production
School Site: Stillwater Middle School
Grant Writer: Quinn Baldwin (left; pictured w/ SMS Principal Bo Gamble on right)
Amount: \$700 (PAC Fund)



Funds will support the production of a Broadway Junior musical at the school site. Materials include a performance license, director's guide, scripts, musical scores & choreography DVD.

Grant Title: And Then There Were None Supplement
School Site: Stillwater Junior High School
Grant Writer: Deborah Ann Sutton
Amount: \$375



Provides additional copies of Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*, which is a required part of the 8th grade curriculum, to address the current shortage of available novels for students. By supplementing copies of the book, all 8th grade English teachers will be able to collaboratively present assignments to students at the same time allowing for more effective instruction.

PAC Renovation Project

With a budget of almost \$32,000 from our PAC Endowment Fund, SPEF has funded significant and



Grant Title: STEM for Beginners
School Site: Highland Park Elementary
Grant Writer: Susan Weaver
Amount: \$750
Funds will provide age-appropriate STEM resources & activities for use in Pre-K and Kindergarten.

much needed renovations to the SHS Performing Arts Center!

This renovation included the construction of a new sound booth, as well as new sound and lighting equipment. These upgrades will increase the theatrical quality of productions, as well as provide state of the art instruction for SPS performing arts students!



Celebration of Excellence

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, September 25, 2018
6:00-8:30 p.m.
ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center



We are excited to again host our Celebration of Excellence fundraiser this fall! Tickets will go on sale in mid-late August! We are already securing auction items and would welcome any contributions! Please let us know if you are interested in supporting SPEF in this way! The evening includes a delicious dinner and auction. We also celebrate and recognize SPEF grants awarded the previous school year, the success of Tech 2 Teach and the excellence of Stillwater

Materials will be integrated across curriculum, as they build on this age group's natural inclination to explore, build & question.

Taste of Stillwater



On March 13, we held our 21st annual Taste of Stillwater fundraiser and once again it was a big success! With our expansion into a 2nd room at the Payne County Expo Center, we were able to increase the number of participating restaurants, but keep the flow and "elbow-room" comfortable for our hundreds of attendees! We made over \$12,000, which will help us continue funding teacher grants and other valuable SPEF programs!



Thank you to the following for their generous support of SPEF and Taste of Stillwater 2018!

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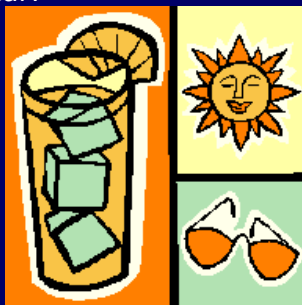
Thank you so much to the following trustees who are stepping off the SPEF Board at the end of this school year. Both have contributed so much to the foundation over the years and will be greatly missed! Their time and commitment to furthering SPEF's mission are truly appreciated!

Jenny Holliday
2013-2018
5 years of service

Debbie Thomas
2006-2018
12 years of service

Happy Summer!

Wishing you and yours a relaxing & safe summer! Thank you again for supporting the students & teachers of Stillwater Public Schools through your generous contributions to SPEF during the 2017-18 school year!



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Save the date for Taste of Stillwater 2019
Tuesday, March 12

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