



**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

Hard to believe we are halfway through the school year! SPEF has already funded almost \$22,000 through grants, projects & other support to benefit SPS teachers & students for 2018-19!

The SPEF Board of Trustees and I truly appreciate your generous donations & support that make what we do possible! Investing in education is a "win" for the entire community! Thank you for being a difference-maker!

Jenifer Bartley  
SPEF Executive Director

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### Accepting donations until Dec. 31!

SPEF's 2018 Tech 2 Teach campaign is currently raising funds to purchase iPads for early education in Stillwater Public Schools! Last year's campaign, purchased 106 iPads, which fully equipped PreK classes across the district. With funds raised this year, we'll be able to fully equip Kindergarten and possibly even 1st grade with this valuable, touch-screen technology for instruction! Donate today at Tech 2 Teach!



### SPEF awards almost \$9,000 in teacher grants for Fall 2018!

**Grant Title:** Novels for Students

**School Site:** Lincoln Academy

**Grant Writer:** Megan Straw

**Amount:** \$250

Provides for new and used classroom novels of required texts in the English classroom. Benefits 100+ students in grades 9-12.



**Grant Title:** Calculated Success

**School Site:** Stillwater Middle School

**Grant Writer:** Lauren Fontanier

**Amount:** \$125

Provides 40 classroom calculators for use in 6/7<sup>th</sup> grade science.

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## Powerful Peers

SPS teachers had the opportunity to nominate fellow teachers who they felt demonstrated exceptional peer leadership as a positive influence and example. These 5 teachers were selected for recognition as ones who go above & beyond to support, mentor and assist their teacher co-workers. Each recipient received \$100 and a certificate from SPEF. The winners were announced at the district Back to School meeting for all SPS employees, held in August.



Pictured left to right are:

- Harley Justus, 5th grade Social Studies teacher, Richmond Elementary

**Grant Title: Loving Literacy**  
**School Site: Will Rogers Elementary**  
**Grant Writer: Renee Williams**  
**Amount: \$620**

Provides literacy manipulatives, activities and books for Kindergarten students.



**Grant Title: Multicultural Coiled Ceramic Vessels**



**School Site: Stillwater Junior High School**  
**Grant Writer: Susan Yeager**  
**Amount: \$650**

Provides for pattern sourcebooks, banding wheels, scrapers, glaze and clay for the study of multicultural ceramics in art.

**Grant Title: Guiding Students to Love Reading**  
**School Site: Will Rogers Elementary**  
**Grant Writer: Hailee LaBron**  
**Amount: \$655**

Provides materials for guided reading groups to strengthen comprehension and fluency for first grade students.



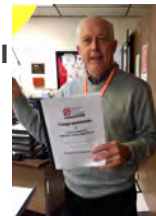
**Grant Title: Readers Today, Leaders Tomorrow!**  
**School Site: Will Rogers Elementary**  
**Grant Writer: Madeline Foster**  
**Amount: \$585**



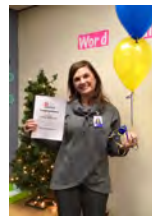
Provides materials for interactive, hands-on activities for developing vocabulary & comprehension with 1st graders.

**Grant Title: Hands on Equipment**  
**School Site: Stillwater Junior High School**  
**Grant Writer: Trevor Fieldsend**  
**Amount: \$480**

Provides for a drill press and band saws to build and test a CO2 dragster built out of balsa wood for STEM instruction.



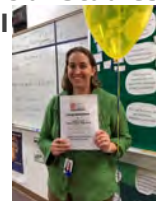
**Grant Title: Math Manipulatives**  
**School Site: Stillwater Middle School**  
**Grant Writer: Tracy Bell**  
**Amount: \$150**



Provides calculators for use in 6<sup>th</sup> grade math.

**Grant Title: Long-form Non-Fiction for Social Studies**  
**School Site: Stillwater Junior High School**  
**Grant Writer: Jennifer Eckel**  
**Amount: \$650**

Provides non-fiction titles for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to supplement the AP History and US History courses.



**Grant Title: Work Stations that Work**  
**School Site: Highland Park Elementary**  
**Grant Writer: Courtney Parks**  
**Amount: \$610**



Provides materials for work stations to improve 1<sup>st</sup> grader's language skills through individual and small group activities.

- Myra Noden, ELL teacher, Highland Park & Skyline Elementary
- Lisa Cox, Art teacher, Richmond & Skyline Elementary
- Emily Harris, Engineering & Robotics, Stillwater Middle School
- Tisha DeWitt, 4th grade teacher, Sangre Ridge Elementary

## Partnership with OSU Museum of Art Advocates

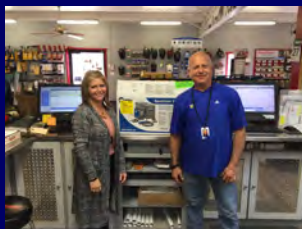
At the beginning of this school year, SPEF received a generous \$12K donation from the OSU Museum of Art Advocates! \$5,700 was disbursed between each school site to purchase art supplies. The remaining funds are going towards Arts Education grants! We awarded 3 grants totaling \$2,735 this fall and a 2nd round of grant apps are due on Feb. 15! SPEF is excited about this partnership and opportunity to enhance Art Education in our district!



Mrs. Ferrell (left) Will Rogers Elem



Mrs. Palmatary Westwood Elem



Mr. Parker (right), SHS

### Grant Title: Make Our Mustang Maker Space Dreams Come True

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Emily Gray

Amount: \$750

Provides a Maker Space cart and materials for activities related to STEM.



### Grant Title: Stories About Us: Multicultural Authors and Characters

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Kim Sloggett

Amount: \$470

Provides for multicultural literature for the Will Rogers Library



### Grant Title: Reading at Your Fingertips

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Tamara DeLatte

Amount: \$735

Provides for hands-on learning activities for special education students in K, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading and writing.



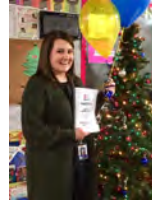
### Grant Title: Kindergarten Problem Solver Kits

School Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary

Grant Writer: Krystal Hagan

Amount: \$470

Provides for problem solver kits to increase critical thinking in STEM areas for Kindergarten students.



### Grant Title: Small Robots, Big Opportunities

School Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary

Grant Writer: Sarah Major

Amount: \$700

Provides Sphero robotics ball kits to increase critical thinking for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade STEM instruction.



### Grant Title: Teaching Smarter, Not Harder

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Jacqueline Iob

Amount: \$725

Provides for two iPads w/ covers for dedicated use by the reading specialist with students in need of reading remediation.



### Grant Title: Ready to Read!

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Karyn Spencer

Amount: \$300

Provides for literacy games for 1<sup>st</sup> grade students.



## ONE Gas Foundation Grant

SPEF received a \$3,700 grant from the ONE Gas Foundation to purchase 14 new LED microscopes for use in science at Stillwater Middle School!



Pictured left SPEF Executive Dir Jennifer Bartley w/ OK Natural Gas Community Relations Mgr Mr. Chris Phillips on right.

## Taste of Stillwater

### SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Payne County Expo Center



## Incoming Trustees

Excited to have the following outstanding individuals join the SPEF Board this school year:

Bryan McNeil  
1st Time Board Member

Tammy Simpkins  
Returning Board Member

## Celebration of Excellence



Big thanks to all the individuals and businesses who helped make our Celebration of Excellence fundraiser, held on September 25, a huge success! The event brought in almost \$32,000! We are so fortunate to be in a community who cares so deeply about public education!

**Extra special thanks to the following 2018 Celebration of Excellence Event Sponsors and Auction Donors! We appreciate you!**

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## Charlie P. Hall Band Fund

Two 2.5 Octave Bell Kits were purchased for the Stillwater Junior High Band Dept! These were funded by SPEF's Charlie P. Hall Band Endowment Fund, which is in memory of former SJHS Band Director Mr. Hall who passed away in 2004. He taught in Stillwater Public Schools for 25 yrs. SPEF is grateful for the generous fund established in his name, so we can continue to honor his legacy by supporting band students at the JH with new instruments and equipment.



## Happy Holidays!

Wishing you and yours a relaxing & safe holiday season! And our teachers & students a well-deserved Winter Break! Enjoy!



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