



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

As another year comes to a close, it is with much pride and thankfulness that I look back on all SPEF has accomplished in 2016! I know we are making a positive difference for students and teachers in Stillwater Public Schools by providing additional resources, equipment and technology!

While reading through our December E-Newsletter about all the "extras" SPEF has brought to SPS classrooms, please know that the SPEF Board of Trustees and I realize it is only because of the tremendous generosity of our donors that we are able to do so much! THANK YOU for being difference makers through your support and commitment to public education in our community.

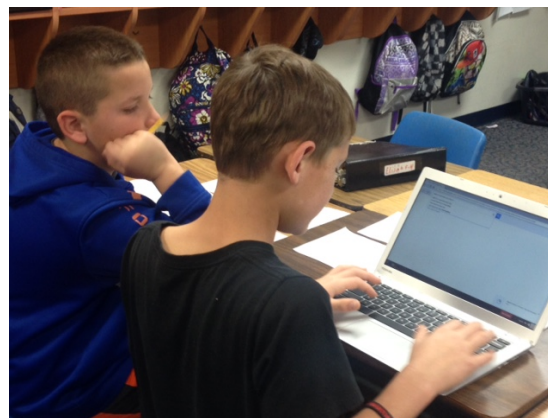
Jenifer Bartley
SPEF Executive Director



Please help us reach our goal!

Our 2016 Tech 2 Teach campaign wraps up December 31 and we need your help! We are less than \$9,000 away from reaching our goal to have \$50,000 to allocate towards technology! If you have not yet donated to Tech 2 Teach, please consider a tax-deductible gift of any amount. Funds raised will be used to provide iPads & Chromebooks for use at all school sites within Stillwater Public Schools! Let's continue to give our kids an advantage with technology!

Thank you to those who have already contributed to Tech 2 Teach!



**SPEF awards \$6,900
in teacher grants during the
fall semester!**

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SPEF recognizes influential teachers!

Congratulations to our 2016 POWERFUL PEERS recipients! This new teacher recognition program was launched by SPEF this year. We asked SPS teachers to submit nominations and these six outstanding educators were selected for the inspiring example they set for their colleagues. All were described as role models, teaching mentors and co-workers who are always willing to step up to offer assistance or guidance to fellow teachers! Each winner received an award certificate and \$100! SPEF was proud to recognize this group for the "Powerful Peers" that they are to [Stillwater Public Schools](#) on August 18 at the district's back to school meeting !

Grant Title: Strengthening Geo-Literacy with Maps

Author: Cindy Petree

Site: Stillwater Middle School

Award Amount: \$985

Funded 90 World Atlases plus teacher activity guides to give students the ability to be "hands on" with different types of maps and graphic representations of information. Students can combine online information with the knowledge gathered from maps and graphic representations to formulate and test hypotheses about physical and human geography issues.



Grant Title: Tech for Tots

Authors: Paula Kennedy, Carleen

Zacher, Susan Weaver (pictured)

and Diane Fix

Site: Districtwide – PreK

Award Amount: \$830 (T2T Funds)

Funds will support early childhood technology by providing applications for iPads previously purchased to implement small groups working with iPads in PreK classrooms to support math and pre-reading curriculum.



Grant Title: Molecular Magnets

Author: Tricia Klopfenstein

Site: Stillwater High School

Award Amount: \$400

Funds purchased ten magnetic sets of molecules. Students will be able to experience and model various concepts using the molecules for a more thorough understanding. The sets are intended for Chemistry and AP Chemistry, although it will be shared among other courses.



Grant Title: iPad, iPad, What Do You See?

Author: Ginger Billman

Site: Richmond Elementary

Award Amount: \$450 (T2T Funds)

With funding for one iPad Mini & case, children will be engaged in technology while actively learning phonemic awareness, math, reading, listening and handwriting. This technology will allow children to expand the learning that has already taken place in the classroom.



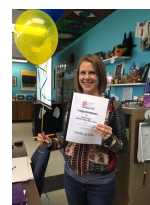
Grant Title: Castles of Clay

Author: Susan Yeager

Site: Stillwater Junior High School

Award Amount: \$995

Funds will allow Art 1 and Pre-AP art students to create clay castles inspired by medieval architecture. This interdisciplinary project incorporates





Pictured left to right are:

- Cindy Petree, Stillwater Middle School, World Studies teacher
- Penny Mayberry, Stillwater Junior High School, Math teacher
- Nikki Hoffman, Will Rogers Elementary, Reading Specialist
- Carla Harnly, Lincoln Academy, Family & Consumer Sciences teacher
- Quinn Baldwin, Stillwater Middle School, Librarian
- Kelly Worthy, Richmond Elementary, PE teacher

Charlie P. Hall Fund provides additional band equipment

A variety of new mallets, along with a cymbal stand, were recently purchased for the SJHS Band Dept! These items were funded by SPEF's Charlie P. Hall Band Endowment Fund, which provides \$250 each year for band equipment at the Junior High! The fund was established in memory of Mr. Hall who spent 25 years as a director and teacher with Stillwater Public Schools!



social studies, geography, architecture, and different aspects of visual arts such as art history, aesthetics, and art production.

Grant Title: Makerspaces for Education

Author: Cara Smith
Site: Highland Park Elementary
Award Amount: \$1,000



Funds purchased Makerspace kits, which use task cards and provided materials to experience, design and create projects. 4th & 5th grade

students will experience learning in a hands-on setting that encourages creativity and discovery, through tinkering, experimenting, and collaborating while using technology to produce their final product.

Grant Title: A Step in the Right Direction

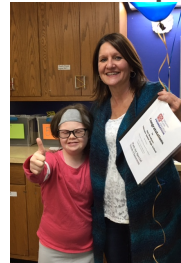
Author: Kevin Zamborsky
Site: Stillwater High School
Award Amount: \$1,000 (PAC Fund)



Provided funding for a set of innovative movable stairs to be installed in the SHS Marching Band's 51' semi-trailer. The stairs allow the band to safely enter and exit the trailer while maintaining maximum interior space for storage of instruments, props, uniforms and equipment.

iPads for Special Needs Classroom

Author: Ann McAdams
Site: Stillwater Junior High School
Award Amount: \$820 (T2T)



Funds two iPads, along with cases, for use in 8th & 9th grade special education instruction.

Little Linguistics Lexicons

Author: Andrea Garrett
Site: Richmond Elementary
Award Amount: \$420

This grant provides funding for a class set of illustrated dictionaries for use in all content areas of 2nd grade.



Celebration of Excellence

Celebration of Excellence 2016 was a huge success raising over \$30,000! Thank you so much to all those who supported, attended or donated to the event on September 20! Your generosity and involvement makes a difference for the students and teachers of Stillwater Public Schools!

Save the Date

Taste of Stillwater

Tuesday, March 21, 2017
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Payne County Expo Center



Highlighting food showcased & donated by Stillwater area restaurants, Taste of Stillwater gives ticket holders a chance to sample and discover the best of Stillwater cuisine. The family-oriented event features an all-you-can-eat buffet that is sure to please everyone. More than 30 restaurants traditionally participate in the event and over 1,000 people usually attend! Proceeds help fund SPEF programs. 2017 will be our 20th annual Taste of Stillwater event! Tickets will go on sale in late Feb/early March. We'll begin securing participating restaurants in January and space is limited, so contact the SPEF office ASAP if your restaurant is interested in this great way to support public education in our community!

Incoming Trustees

We welcomed some terrific new trustees to the SPEF Board this fall! So glad to have the involvement of these great individuals! Joining in Fall 2016:

Angie Bale

Terri Moorman

Steve Ruby

Kristine Waits

Aaron Wilson

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Save the date for Celebration of Excellence 2017

Tuesday, September 19

Happy Holidays!

Wishing you and yours a relaxing & safe holiday season! Thank you again for supporting the students & teachers of Stillwater Public Schools through your generous contributions to SPEF during 2016!

Best wishes for a Happy New Year as we all look forward to a wonderful 2017!



Building Literacy

Excited to have received two grants to enhance literacy from the Pi Beta Phi Foundation!

In July, SPEF received a grant for \$5,190.46 for literacy programming at Stillwater Junior High! Then in November, we learned that we would receive 500 free books to be placed in SPS elementary school libraries thanks to a nomination by the local Pi Beta Phi chapter at Oklahoma State University! Thank you for supporting literacy in the Stillwater community!



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