



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 always, it is hard to believe that another school year is already coming to a close. However, it is very satisfying to look back on the year and see all the many ways that SPEF supported Stillwater Public Schools! We end the 2016-17 school year with \$74,000 funded back to SPS in the way of technology, instructional resources, literacy materials and more!

The really exciting news is that with the funding provided this school year, SPEF has surpassed the \$1 Million mark in total funding to the district since our founding in 1984! What an amazing milestone! We can't thank our dedicated donors enough! It is your generosity and commitment to enhancing public education that makes what SPEF does possible!

Jenifer Bartley
SPEF Executive Director

SPEF awards \$10,185 in teacher grants during the spring semester!

Grant Title: Health & Happiness with Kites

Award Amount: \$600

Author: Sarah Ehrlich

Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary

This grant provides funding for 30 kites for use in the physical education program for 3rd-5th grade. Along with introducing students to a new, outdoor physical activity, the kite flying curriculum will incorporate science and math through concepts including: problem solving, weather and aerodynamics.



Grant Title: Use of Guitars to Promote

Confidence, Rhythm, Muscle Memory & Fellowship

Award Amount: \$1,000

Author: Dennis Cyr

Site: Stillwater Junior High School



This grant provides funding for guitars, tuners and wall mounts for use in an instructional guitar program offered bi-monthly during the school day.

Grant Title: Hatching Out New Ideas

Award Amount: \$1,000

Author: Robby Branscum

Site: Stillwater Junior High School & Stillwater High School

This grant provides funding for a hatch incubator, brooding pen and egg candler to allow agriculture education students in 8th-12th grades to gain lessons in animal husbandry, biology and scientific method by hatching out eggs from various species of poultry.



Thanks to our 2016-17 Corporate Partners

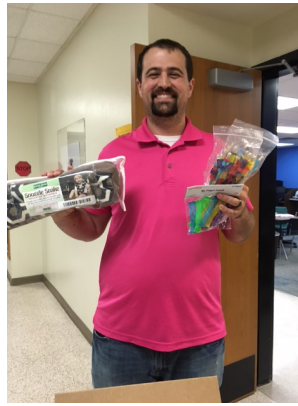
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Thanks to our 2016 Tech 2 Teach campaign, we had a little over \$43,000 to spend on additional technology for the students & teachers of Stillwater Public Schools! With the funds raised, 160 Chromebooks, along with 36 iPads & cases have been purchased! This instructional technology will be distributed across all school sites within the district to benefit our teachers and students! Thank you so much to those who contributed to this campaign! Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!



Students at Lincoln Academy using the Chromebooks!



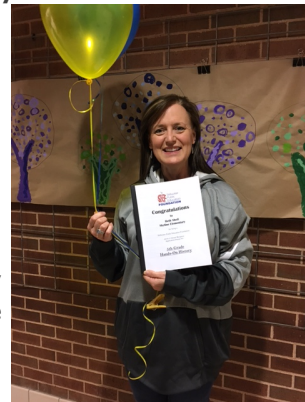
Grant Title: Sensory Overload
Award Amount: \$350
Author: Austin Hula
Site: Stillwater Middle School

This grant provides funding for small manipulatives that serve to help special education students who may have difficulty being still and attentive in the classroom. The tools will benefit SPED students directly, as well as reduce disruptions

allowing for more effective instruction.

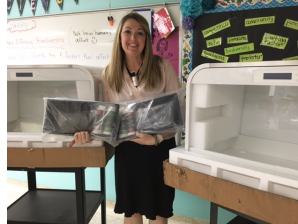
Grant Title: Hands-On History
Award Amount: \$650
Author: Beth Shell
Site: Skyline Elementary

This project will engage 5th grade students in interactive, activity based and peer to peer learning opportunities to bring the Colonial American period of history to life. Hands-on History Kits will let students manipulate secondary sources and artifact items of the colonial period to deepen understanding of this period.



Grant Title: Growing an Understanding for Plants

Award Amount: \$970
Author: Emily Harris
Site: Stillwater Middle School



This grant will provide funds to equip 6/7th graders with growth chambers to grow plants using hydroponics. Students will study how each part of the

photosynthesis equation effects the growth of plants, plant parts and plant reproduction using the materials purchased.

Grant Title: Ozobots Programming Robots Line by Line
Award Amount: \$1,000
Author: Rebecca Palmatary
Site: Westwood Elementary

Funds from this grant will purchase Ozobots, small programmable robots that promote both creativity and coding skills. Students will advance from basic color coding to intermediate block-based programming with these tiny bots. The Ozobots will be used in grades 2-5 Gifted Education, as well as at Stillwater's summer STEM Camp for grades 6-8.



Teacher of the Year

SPEF was proud to be a \$500 Pioneer level sponsor of the district's Celebration of Teaching event on March 28! In addition, SPEF provided monetary awards to all the site Teachers of the Year totalling \$2,700! These gifts are possible thanks to our Larry Gish Memorial Endowment Fund!



SPEF Executive Director Jenifer Bartley (left) with SPS 2017 District Teacher of the Year Natalie Cox (right) of Richmond Elementary!

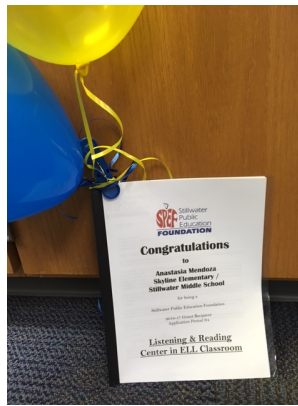
Celebration of Excellence

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center



The Celebration of Excellence is SPEF's fall fundraiser. 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 Public Schools! Last year's event raised over \$30,000! Registration to attend will begin in August. Opportunities to donate items to the auction, as well as event sponsorship opportunities are available! Please contact us if interested in supporting this great event!

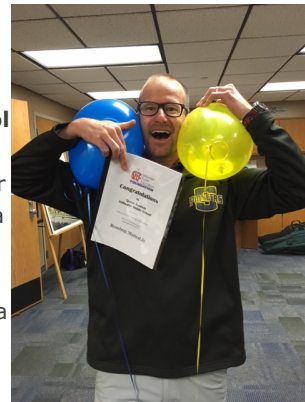


Grant Title: Listening & Reading Center in ELL Classroom
Award Amount: \$565
Author: Anastasia Mendoza
Site: Skyline Elementary & Stillwater Middle School

This grant will provide funds to purchase materials to create a portable listening and reading center to provide ELL students at two school sites an opportunity to improve their listening and reading skills with a variety of texts in English.

Grant Title: Broadway Musical Junior
Award Amount: \$700 (PAC Fund)

Author: Quinn Baldwin
Site: Stillwater Middle School
Funds will support the production of a Broadway Junior musical. The materials include a performance license, director's guide, 30 actor scripts, rehearsal CDs, musical scores, a choreography DVD and additional materials.



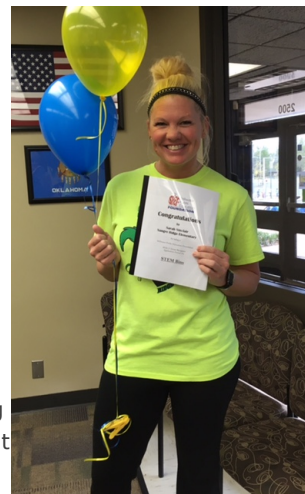
Grant Title: We Got the Beat
Award Amount: \$1,000
Author: Trish Ranson
Site: Westwood Elementary

This grant will purchase 4 World Music Drumming tubano drums, one djembe stand and five stools to accommodate the larger class sizes in the music classroom. The items will be used as part of the World Music Drumming curriculum for 4/5th grades.



Grant Title: STEM Bins
Award Amount: \$800
Author: Sarah Sinclair
Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary

Grant funds will aid in the creation of STEM Bins, plastic containers filled with exploring activities. They will be made up of engineering manipulatives that encourage experimenting, building, observing, modeling, exploring, problem solving and creating. This creates a learning environment for 5th graders that is more hands-on and active.



Castles of Clay

A few examples of the completed "Castles of Clay" from Susan Yeager's \$995 SPEF grant funded back in Fall 2016! Art students at Stillwater Junior High enjoyed this interdisciplinary project, which incorporated social studies, geography, medieval architecture and different aspects of visual arts, such as art history, aesthetics and art production! We have some very creative & talented students!



Makerspaces

Funded in Fall 2016, the Makerspaces for Education grant funded by SPEF at \$1,000 for Cara Smith at Highland Park Elementary, has allowed 4th & 5th grade students to experience hands-on learning through materials that encourage design, experimenting and collaborating while using technology to produce a final product!



Cardboard building



Learning circuits



Hovercraft fun



Construction w/
Straws



Grant Title: Centered Around Success

Award Amount: \$550

Author: Melanie Davis

Site: Will Rogers Elementary

This grant will fund math, reading and writing kits for hands-on, curriculum based center activities for 1st graders.

Grant Title: Hotspot Internet Program for

Low-Income HS Students

Award Amount: \$1,000

Authors: Uwe Gordon

(pictured), Dr. Toby Brown

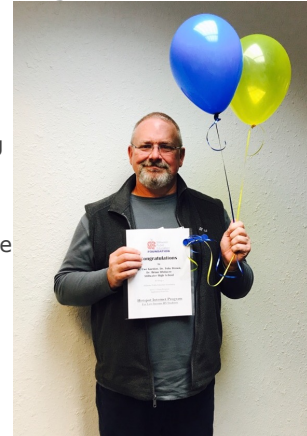
and Dr. Brian Whitacre (OSU

Extension)

Site: Stillwater High School

This pilot project would fund five Hotspot devices to provide a year's worth of home Internet access to low-income student families and allow for testing of whether such devices impact student performance.

Oklahoma State University will match funds to purchase five additional Hotspot devices to be used in the project.



Taste of Stillwater

Taste of Stillwater 2017 was a big success! Thank you to all who attended, donated and supported our event on March 21 benefiting public education in our community! 1,079 ticket holders came through the doors to sample delicious food & beverages from over 30 area restaurants & businesses and we raised over \$12,000 to support SPEF programs! We truly appreciate all those who continue to make this tasty fundraiser possible with their generous contributions and attendance!



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We appreciate the following people who have graciously served as SPEF trustees, but are stepping off our Board at the end of this school year. Thank you so much for your time & dedication to SPEF!

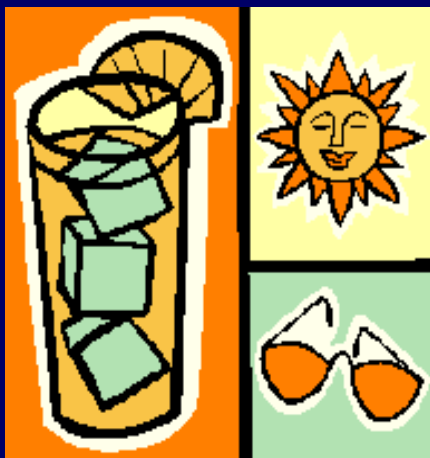
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2 years of service

Tammy Simpkins
4 years of service

Aaron Wilson
1 year 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 2016-17 school year!



Thank you to the following for their support of Taste of Stillwater on 3/21/17!

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**Save the date for Taste of Stillwater
2018
Tuesday, March 13**

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