



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

P.O. Box 286, Stillwater, OK 74076

www.spef.stillwaterschools.com

Contact Us

(405) 707-5006

spef@stillwaterschools.com

Connect with SPEF

Facebook 

Twitter 

Donate to SPEF!

Donate



From the Executive Director

It's always a little sad when another school year comes to an end, but so rewarding to look back on all that was accomplished! So proud that SPEF had another successful year and was able to provide over \$73,000 in additional funding to Stillwater Public Schools through our teacher grants, Tech 2 Teach initiative and other programs!

As always, it's the generous support of our donors that make what we do possible! We can never thank you enough for contributing to SPEF so that we can help our teachers and students. Especially as we look ahead to the 2016-17 school year, we know that support outside of traditional funding is going to be more important than ever. We know that we can count on the wonderful businesses and individuals in Stillwater to continue placing value on excellent public education for our children. A strong school system benefits all areas of the community!

We are so proud of the outstanding reputation that Stillwater Public Schools has and recognize how fortunate we are to have such quality and dedicated teachers, administrators and staff. Thank you again for your support of SPEF



Our 2015 Tech 2 Teach campaign not just reached, but exceeded its goal! With a little over \$53,000 raised we were able to purchase 196 additional Chromebooks and six new charge carts for Stillwater Public Schools! Thank you so much to those who contributed to this campaign and made its success possible! Please know that your generosity truly makes a difference for the teachers & students in our district! Thanks for partnering with us to provide TECH 2 TEACH!



SPEF awards 10 teacher grants during the spring semester!

Bilingual Books from Language Lizard
Award Amount: \$475
Grant Writer: Julie Davis
Site: Will Rogers Elementary



during 2015-16! You truly are helping to enhance educational opportunities for all Pioneers!

Jenifer Bartley
SPEF Executive Director

Thanks to our 2015-16 Corporate Partners

[Anonymous](#)
[Arvest Bank](#)
[BancFirst](#)
[The Bank N.A.](#)
[Bank SNB](#)
[Central Bank of Oklahoma](#)
[Cockrell Eyecare](#)
[Credit Bureau Services Assoc.](#)
[Devon Energy](#)
[Eskimo Joe's](#)
[First National Bank & Trust](#)
[Grand River Dam Authority](#)
[InterWorks Inc.](#)
[Lambert Construction](#)
[Oklahoma Natural Gas](#)
[Oklahoma State University](#)
[OnCue](#)
[RCB Bank](#)
[Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold](#)
[Stillwater Designs/Kicker](#)
[Stillwater Medical Center](#)
[Tinker Federal Credit Union](#)
[University & Community Federal Credit Union](#)

SPEF Receives ONE Gas Foundation Grant!

SPEF was recently awarded a \$2,500 grant from the ONE Gas Foundation for our proposal "Tech for Tots!" The funds will be used to provide a set of five iPads to be used at one school site as part of their centers. The school plans to purchase apps for Pre-K Reading and Math. This will allow all Pre-K classes at the school to rotate the iPads for use in their centers. Receiving this grant is a jump start on the district's larger goal of having five iPads at each of our six elementary sites and the ultimate goal of having five iPads in each Pre-K classroom.

The grant funded 30 dual-language books to be used in regular and ELL classrooms.



Connections
Award Amount: \$250
Grant Writers: Dr. Linda C. Poe & Kalee Kunkel-Morales

Site: Skyline Elementary
As part of Skyline's Fitness Fridays, funds will purchase a variety of board games to promote interaction among students and others; specifically, students will learn about fairness and will enhance their communication skills.

Science in Action
Award Amount: \$670
Grant Writer: Joleen Royer

Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary

Materials were purchased to support several multidisciplinary units: The Human Body, A Pond Ecosystem, and The Way Things Work, benefiting GT students in 2nd-5th grades.



Multimedia Cultural Connections

Award Amount: \$710
Grant Writers: Cody Sherburn & Cindy Petree
Site: Stillwater Middle School



Funds were used to purchase six webcams and three digital cameras to extend the technology curriculum of five World Studies classes who,

through multimedia projects, will exchange cultural information with students in Kameoka, Japan, Stillwater's sister city.

The Wingman Flies Again
Award Amount: \$330
Grant Writer: Annie Ortiz
Site: Skyline Elementary

Funds supported the purchase of one Chromebook. In this project, 4th & 5th grade GT students will enhance their communication skills, journalism skills in particular, as they prepare a school-wide, electronic newsletter that is broadly distributed.





Pictured left to right are:
Chris Phillips, Oklahoma Natural Gas, Manager - Community Relations
Jenifer Bartley, Stillwater Public Education Foundation, Executive Director
Paul Vela, Oklahoma Natural Gas, Manager - Stillwater Area

"Shop for SPEF"

We are so grateful to our generous Downtown Stillwater merchants and restaurants for the wonderful "Good Shopping for a Good Cause" promotion held on Saturday, May 14! A portion of proceeds from business that day was donated to SPEF! So far we have received over \$2,600 from this effort!



Thank you again to the following participating businesses! Your support of public education is greatly appreciated!

Flourishes Flowers, Furniture Showcase, Granny's Kitchen, Greige Goods, Knight Medical Supply, Louie's Grill & Bar, Leonard Jewelry, Merrifield's Office Supply, Murphy's Department Store, Oklahoma Harvest, Quilting Post, Red Rock Bakery, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Showplace Market and Stillwater Martial Arts.



All Wired Up with Makey Makey
Award Amount: \$915
Grant Writer: Rebecca Palmatary
Site: Westwood Elementary

With this project, 4th & 5th grade students will learn about engineering and technology by using a software system to create innovative projects. For example, students will learn about simple circuits and programming in this unit. The kits will also be used in summer STEM programs to benefit grades 5-7.

Traveling Through the Page
Award Amount: \$250
Grant Writer: Nicole Tracy
Site: Stillwater Middle School

This grant funded *Countries of the World* resource books for sixth-grade World Studies classes.

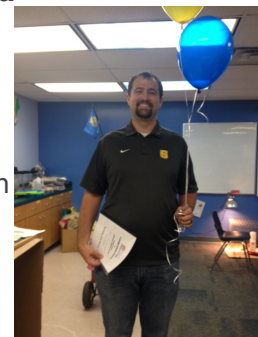


Spark Imagination - Build the Future
Award Amount: \$1,000
Grant Writer: Sarah Major
Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Over 500 students in the school will benefit from materials to extend STEM curriculum. These materials include robotic cubes and (4) sphere robots which are used with an app to program inventions.

Working with Worms
Award Amount: \$300
Grant Writer: Austin Hula
Site: Stillwater Middle School

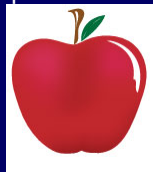
Sixth and seventh grade students in special education classes will be introduced to horticulture in this project. Students will compost, plant, and cultivate flowers and vegetables. The grant will fund worms and gardening supplies.



Save the Date

Celebration of Excellence

Tuesday, September 20, 2016
6:00-8:30 p.m.
Conoco-Phillips 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! Event sponsorship opportunities will be available. Registration begins in late August.

Amazon Smile :)

Shop local as much as possible! However, if you do make an online purchase, please use AmazonSmile! Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to SPEF! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Just choose *Stillwater Public Education Foundation* as your preferred charity and SPEF will benefit from online purchases you would be making anyhow! You can also bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/73-1267401> and support us every time you shop online.

Outgoing Trustees

Always hard to say goodbye to wonderful, hardworking trustees! Thank you for your time & service to SPEF! Stepping off the Board at the end of this school year are:



Tapping to Success
Award Amount: \$690
Grant Writers: Melisa Gungoll & Mary Beth Talley
Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary

PreK students will participate in tap classes and school performances.

The grant will fund tap shoes and a tap surface, providing opportunities to learn and experience music through movement.

TASTE OF STILLWATER

Held on March 22, our spring fundraiser was a wonderful success! Over 1,000 ticket holders came through the doors of the Payne County Expo Center to enjoy delicious food donated by 33 generous restaurants at our tasty fundraiser! Thanks to all who supported this event in any way, helping to raise almost \$12,000! It is community-wide involvement that makes Taste of Stillwater such a fantastic event! We appreciate your tremendous support of public education!



Special thanks to the following 2016 Taste of Stillwater participants!

2016 Restaurants:

Bad Brad's BBQ, Bella Marie's Bakery & Catering, Cake Crazy LLC, Chick-Fil-A, Cindy's Pizza, Eskimo Joe's, Firehouse Subs, Food Pyramid Bakery & Deli, Freddie Paul's Steakhouse, Fuzzy's Taco Shop, Granny's Kitchen, Hideaway Pizza, Jimmy John's, Kyoto Japanese Restaurant, Louie's Grill & Bar, Mexico Joe's, MoJo's, Noodles & Co., Orange Leaf, Panera Bread, Pie Five Pizza, Purdy Q, Mobile Smoke Pit, Red Rock Bakery & Deli, Rib Crib, Schaller Smoked Meats, Sirloin Stockade, Stillwater Medical Center Catering, Texas Roadhouse, Thai Café, The Ranchers Club, The Terrace at Meridian, Whataburger

Kelly Bradshaw

Polly Crawley

Pamela Fry

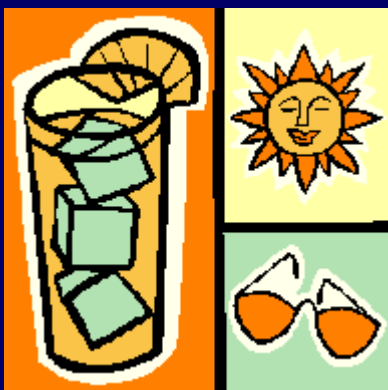
Casey Keyser

Brandon Meyer

Robert Williams

Happy Summer!

Wishing you and yours a relaxing & safe summer break! Thank you again for supporting the students & teachers of Stillwater Public Schools through your generous support of SPEF during the 2015-16 school year!



2016 Beverages & Supplies Provided By:
Arby's, Dr Pepper, Eskimo Joe's, Food Pyramid
, Grimsley's, Quality Water

2016 Ticket Sponsors (purchased 10 or more tickets):

Howard & Melinda Aufleger, B & L Heating & Air Conditioning, Bank SNB, Terry & Pam Brown, Bryant Insurance Agency, Cockrell Eyecare Center, Coldwell Banker Team Stillwater, Community Escrow & Title, Don & Polly Crawley, Camille DeYong, Tom & Ann Dugger, Edward Jones Investments—Steve Norman, Forman Harley-Davidson, Don & Pamela Fry, Furniture Showcase, Gose & Associates, Hampton Inn & Suites, Josh Holliday Baseball School, Kicker, Lambert Construction, The Murray Agency—Farmers Insurance, Oklahoma Harvest, Oklahoma Natural Gas, OSU Institute of Industrial Engineers, Polk Orthodontics, RCB Bank, Mark & Tammy Simpkins, SST Software, Sylvan Learning Center, John & Caryl Talley, Rick & Carolyn Walstad, Wilson Chevrolet-Cadillac, Mike & Mary Woods



Save the date for Taste of Stillwater 2017
Tuesday, March 21

2015-16 SPEF Trustees

Jeff Miller-President, Jenny Holliday-President Elect, Debbie Thomas-Treasurer, Tammy Simpkins-Treasurer Elect, Casey Keyser-Secretary, Randy Blake, Kelly Bradshaw, Pam Brown, Collett Campbell, Polly Crawley, Kristi Dickey, Kevin Fowler, Pamela Fry, Megan Horton, Mike Lauvetz, Brandon Meyer, Lance Millis, Mindy Murray, John Polonchek, Matt Streeter, Carolyn Walstad, Robert Williams.

Ex-Officio Trustees: Gay Washington-Interim SPS Superintendent, Ann Hargis-OSU First Lady, Rollinda Saunders-SEA Rep., Eric Gudgel-School Board President, Jada Gailey-City Wide PTA President.