



**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

Excited to share that we are ending 2018-19 with SPEF funding over \$118,000 back to Stillwater Public Schools this school year! This is a record high and the SPEF Board of Trustees and I are extremely proud!

It's amazing to see what a difference the additional funds from SPEF make across the district for both our teachers & students! Thank you to our generous and dedicated donors for making what we do possible! You are truly appreciated!

Jenifer Bartley  
SPEF Executive Director

## SPEF awards over \$25,500 in teacher grants for Spring 2019!

**Grant Title:** Impacting Our Future Through Seeing the Future

**School Site:** Stillwater Junior High School and Stillwater High School

**Grant Writer:** Robby Branscum

**Amount:** \$4,000

Livestock ultrasound machine for Ag Ed students to test for pregnancy rates, determine gender, measure growth and development, and predict due dates during animal husbandry lessons, as well as offering one-day workshops for elementary school students.



**Grant Title:** Taking Code to New Elevations



**School Site:** Stillwater Middle School

**Grant Writer:** Garrett Sullivan

**Amount:** \$4,000

Provides for students to learn basic coding and aerial technology and drone skills, utilizing Mambo drones for a hands-on approach to computer science, math, and science.

**Grant Title:** Transitioning to the Next Phase of Life

**School Site:** Stillwater High School

**Grant Writer:** Austin Hula

**Amount:** \$3,200

Tools to prepare students with special needs items to increase independence, explore future careers, and improve skills that can be utilized for employment and life post-graduation.



**Grant Title:** 3D Models for Hands-On, Minds-On Science



**School Site:** Stillwater High School

**Grant Writer:** Traci Richardson

**Amount:** \$3,620

Provides models and materials to learn about biological phenomena in order to synthesize and analyze through visual interactions and make predictions about relationships using the components of molecular structures.

## Thanks to our 2018-19 Corporate Partners

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## Tech 2 Teach

Happy to report that SPEF's 2018 Tech 2 Teach campaign exceeded our goal! With close to \$36,000, we were able to purchase 119 new iPads for use in Kindergarten across the district, as well as provide funds to purchase educational apps for students to use on the iPads! Thank you again for your great support of this effort to increase needed technology in our district!



**Grant Title: Medical Detectives**  
**School Site: Stillwater Middle School**  
**Grant Writer: Emily Harris**  
**Amount: \$3,800**

Funds materials for a problem-based medical diagnosis unit that allows students to take vital signs, participate in brain dissection, and complete a virtual reality 3D lab that allows for the growing and treating of bacteria with antibiotics and the diagnosing of an outbreak.



**Grant Title: Sight Reading Excellence in Music Education**  
**School Site: Stillwater High School**  
**Grant Writer: KG Robinson**  
**Amount: \$745**



Provides for music sight reading method books for band members

**Grant Title: Enhancing Math Skills with Picture Books**  
**School Site: Highland Park Elementary**  
**Grant Writer: Leah Silver**  
**Amount: \$730**

Picture books to assist 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students with understanding mathematical concepts such as addition, subtraction, division, fractions, and algebraic thinking.



**Grant Title: Genius Hour**  
**School Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary**  
**Grant Writer: Hannah Jacobs**  
**Amount: \$700**



Provides Cricut cutting materials for students to use to display their Genius Hour activities.

**Grant Title: Listening to Learn**  
**School Site: Richmond Elementary**  
**Grant Writer: Cassie Balmos**  
**Amount: \$335**

Provides for materials to develop a listening center in the Kindergarten classroom.



**Grant Title: Spectacular Chemistry**  
**School Site: Stillwater High School**  
**Grant Writer: Tricia Klopfenstein**  
**Amount: \$750**



Funds wireless pH sensors, USB Bluetooth adapters, a wireless spectrometer and a lab manual for Chemistry courses.

## Adopt-an-Author

In March, secondary students were treated to a visit from author Jennifer Latham! She focused on her book (a Sequoyah Award nominee) "Dreamland Burning," which is a young adult, historical fiction novel about the 1921 Tulsa race riot. The students were captivated as she shared the history and incredible side-stories she learned during her research for the book. She walked them through the publishing process as well. So glad SPEF is able to sponsor these amazing author visits through our Adopt-an-Author fund!



## Partnership with OSU Museum of Art Advocates

At the beginning of this school year, SPEF received a generous donation from the OSU Museum of Art Advocates to support visual arts in Stillwater schools! This spring, a \$1,500 grant was awarded to create a traveling art exhibit to incorporate the arts into core classes! It was written by Crista McCann-MS (pictured), Susan Yeager-JH and Suzanne Tackett-WW!



**Grant Title: FUNctional Speech & Language Therapy**

**School Site: Will Rogers Elementary**

**Grant Writer: Lacy Ruby and Suzy Roderick**

**Amount: \$750**

Children's books and matching book companions for speech & language therapy, as well as grammar and vocabulary practice.



**Grant Title: Teaching Public Speakers through the School**

**News**

**School Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary**

**Grant Writer: Susan Coltharp**

**Amount: \$740**

Provides funds for a Padcaster Starter Kit in order to facilitate the production of

student news reports for the school.



**Grant Title: Applying Math and Building STEM**

**School Site: Skyline Elementary**

**Grant Writer: Seth Berman**

**Amount: \$750**

Provides funds for BrickLAB materials for school use in STEM activities.



**Grant Title: Let's Shake it Up: A Structural Engineering Grant**

**School Site: Westwood Elementary**

**Grant Writer: Rebecca Palmatary**

**Amount: \$725**

Provides funds for several structural engineering kits and tool-sets to create structures and measure stability in earthquakes and other effects.



**Grant Title: Broadway Junior Production**

**School Site: Stillwater Middle School**

**Grant Writer: Quinn Baldwin**

**Amount: \$700 (PAC Fund)**

Provides funds for next year's SMS musical production showkit.



## Taste of Stillwater





Total arts funding this year was almost \$10,000, which included 4 grants and funds for art supplies at each school site!

## **Celebration of Excellence**

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Tuesday, September 24, 2019  
6:00-8:30 p.m.  
OSU's Wes Watkins Center



Make plans to join us for a fun & fabulous evening celebrating public education in Stillwater! Enjoy a delicious dinner and auction while supporting SPS teachers & students! Tickets & Event Sponsorships will go on sale in August! We are accepting auction items now if you'd like to contribute!

## **Lighting Equipment Upgrade for PAC**

Through SPEF's PAC Fund, we were able to help with valuable updates to the SHS Performing Arts Center by providing just under \$18,000 for lighting upgrades! This project not only enhances the production quality for performances, but provides improved learning opportunities for students!

## **Outgoing Trustees**

It's always sad to say goodbye to wonderful trustees! Thank you to these individuals for their hard work to further SPEF's mission! We truly appreciate their time & service! Each will be missed as they step away from the SPEF Board at the end of this school year.

Taste of Stillwater 2019 was a big success! Thank you to all who attended, donated and supported our event on March 12 benefiting public education in our community, which raised over \$15,000! More than 1,100 ticket holders came through the doors to sample delicious food & beverages donated from 35+ area restaurants and businesses! We truly appreciate all those who continue to make this tasty fundraiser possible with their generous contributions and attendance!

**Extra special thanks to the following 2019 Taste of Stillwater participants and donors! We appreciate you!**

**Restaurants:** Bad Brad's BBQ • Boomerang Diner • Chick-fil-A • Coney Island • Eskimo Joe's • Food Pyramid Bakery • Freddie Paul's Steakhouse • Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers • Fuzzy's Taco Shop • Granny's Kitchen • Hello Catering • Hideaway Pizza • Howler's Famous BBQ • Jersey Mike's Subs • Loco Mini Donut • Louie's Grill & Bar • Mexico Joe's • Papa John's Pizza • PurdyQ BBQ • Raising Cane's • Red Rock Bakery & Deli • Schaller Smoked Meats • SMC Catering • Smokey Pokey • Texas Roadhouse • The Garage • The Ranchers Club • The Terrace at Meridian • Wendy's • Whataburger • Zaxby's  
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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Taste of Stillwater 2020 set for March 10!**

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1998-2019  
21 yrs of service

Mike Lauvetz  
2010-2019  
9 yrs of service

Randy Blake  
2015-2019  
4 yrs of service

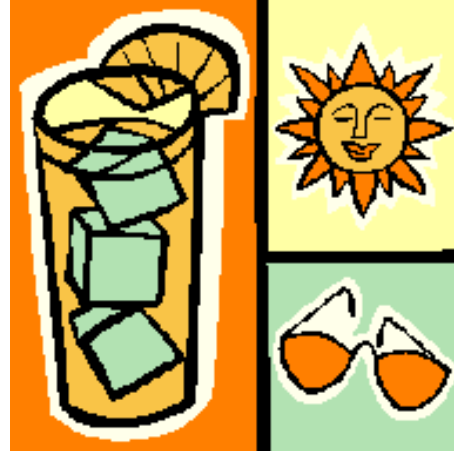
Kristi Dickey  
2015-2019  
4 yrs of service

Justin Minges  
2017-2019  
2 yrs of service

Bridgette Young  
2017-2019  
2 yrs of service

# *Happy Summer!*

Wishing you and yours a relaxing & safe summer season! SPS teachers & students - enjoy your well-deserved break!



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