



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

This is the time of year when we tend to look back and feel thankful for the blessings received over the past year. SPEF has certainly continued to be blessed by the generosity of so many in our wonderful community. We appreciate each of you - individuals and businesses - who have supported SPEF in 2019! Your gifts make what SPEF does possible. I get the special opportunity to feel a bit like Santa Claus when I surprise SPS teachers with grant awards & materials! Please know that it is because of YOU that SPEF is able to provide extra resources & equipment to benefit Stillwater teachers & students. Thank you!

Jenifer Bartley
 SPEF Executive Director

Tech 2 Teach

SPEF's 2019 Tech 2 Teach campaign will wrap up on Dec. 31! There is still time to make a tax-deductible donation to support increasing instructional technology for students in Stillwater Public Schools! SPEF has funded over \$265,000 in technology to SPS since this initiative started in 2013, making a tremendous difference for both students & teachers! Please visit our T2T website today for more details and how to donate: [Tech 2 Teach!](#)



SPEF awards almost \$10,000 in teacher grants for Fall 2019!

Grant Title: Making Sense of Fractions
School Site: Skyline Elementary
Grant Writer: Karen Diaz and Annie Ortiz

Amount: \$650
 Provides for the *Developing Fraction Sense* program for the teaching of fraction sense and operations with fractions with 3rd-5th grade students.



Grant Title: Books to Celebrate All Cultures!
School Site: Will Rogers Elementary
Grant Writer: Julie Davis
Amount: \$525



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Bowl-Fest



Sunday, February 2
Doors open at 5:00pm

Join us to watch the BIG game! It will be a SUPER evening! Ticket sales are now underway! Support

Provides for picture books to assist ELL students as well as introduce all students to diverse cultures and backgrounds through the books they read.

Grant Title: Draw Me Moving
School Site: Stillwater Junior High School
Grant Writer: Kristen Rice Swank
Amount: \$475

Provides manipulative, jointed mannequins for use in assisting art students in observing and drawing the human body.



Grant Title: Interactive Reading Stations
School Site: Highland Park Elementary
Grant Writer: Marisa Moore
Amount: \$375



Provides for Hot Dot Reading Card Sets and Interactive Pens to complement reading comprehension classroom work for 3rd graders.

Grant Title: Unlocking our Future!
School Site: Stillwater Middle School
Grant Writer: Anthony Purcell and Karyn Hutchens
Amount: \$570

Provides funds for locks for upcoming 6th graders to prepare students to feel more comfortable with locker combination locks when they transition to SMS, as well as other critical thinking tasks.



Grant Title: Educational Board Games
School Site: Stillwater Junior High
Grant Writer: Jonathan Baker
Amount: \$720



Provides funds for a combination of board games for English students to sharpen their critical thinking, vocabulary, creative writing, and word play skills.

Grant Title: The Vocabulary-Rich Classroom
School Site: Highland Park Elementary
Grant Writer: Susan Weaver
Amount: \$700

Provides funds for non-consumable vocabulary materials to use across all grade levels in vocabulary activities and stations/centers through whole group to mini-lessons.



Grant Title: Power of Wind
School Site: Stillwater Junior High School
Grant Writer: Hannah Branscum
Amount: \$750



SPEF by reserving your tickets or a table today! Funds raised will benefit Special Education Services within Stillwater Public Schools!

Visit our website for more info and to buy tickets or a table! [SPEF BOWL-FEST](#)

Powerful Peers

For the 4th consecutive year, SPEF was proud to give out our Powerful Peers awards to teachers who have gone above & beyond demonstrating mentorship and support to fellow teachers! Congrats again to our 2019 recipients!



Pictured left to right:

- Sarah Major - Sangre Ridge Elementary, library media specialist
- Crista McCann - Stillwater Middle School, art teacher
- Melissa Johnson - Highland Park Elementary, special education teacher
- Jennifer Bobo - Stillwater Middle School, 6th grade science teacher
- Not pictured - Rebekah Reece - Stillwater Middle School, 6th grade math teacher

Partnership with OSU Museum of Art Advocates

Provides KidWind Kits for 8th grade science students to utilize the experimental design process to test small scale wind turbines.

Grant Title: Learning While Listening

School Site: Richmond

Elementary

Grant Writer: Susie Masters

Amount: \$750

Provides funds for audio books of 15 different titles to expand the collection of narration speed control comprehensive listening devices.



Grant Title: Fun with Graphs

School Site: Stillwater Junior High

Grant Writer: Shirley Gulick

Amount: \$350



Provides funds for mathematical manipulatives, graph stamps, dry erase boards, Geoboards, fraction manipulatives, and algebra tiles to improve students' proficiency in

advanced mathematical concepts.

Grant Title: Circle the State with Song

School Site: Stillwater Middle School

Grant Writer: Melissa Reed

Amount: \$475

Provides the sheet music for five pieces necessary to enter the CTSWS competition and to provide opportunities for 175 students to have new music.



Grant Title: Numerous Numbers

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Larin Davis

Amount: \$710



Provides for mathematics games and manipulatives for Special Ed students in 4th and 5th grade.

Grant Title: Periodic Table Dry Erase Boards

School Site: Stillwater Junior High

Grant Writer: Dave Brown

Amount: \$240

Provides for periodic table dry erase boards to use in the study of chemical compounds, equations, and the drawing of electrons, protons and neutrons as well as the study of isotopes and chemical reactions.



Grant Title: Lighting the Way to Hands On Learning

School Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary

Grant Writer: Krystal Johnson

Amount: \$510



Thanks to a generous donation from the [OSU Museum of Art Advocates](#) to support visual arts in Stillwater schools, SPEF was able to provide a unique grant opportunity to SPS teachers again this school year! We awarded \$3,265 in Arts Education grants this fall!

Grant Title: Say Something
School Site: Skyline Elementary
Grant Writer: Annie Ortiz
Amount: \$1,150



Provides for materials to use animation, based on the OSU Art Museum exhibit Little Nemo's Progress, to enhance engagement in social studies and social justice issues. Students will use the book *Say Something* as a basis for creating animated depictions of historical events and share their animations with peers. Materials include a variety of art supplies, tripods, lighting and iPad stands to complete the work.

Grant Title: Printmaking in the Art Room
School Site: Highland Park Elementary
Grant Writer: Bri Ozment
Amount: \$1,415



Provides a light table and additional manipulatives to practice literacy and math skills kinesthetically with young learners.

Grant Title: Math Proficiency and Beyond
School Site: Highland Park Elementary
Grant Writer: Courtney Parks
Amount: \$750



Provides for manipulatives and materials to incorporate mathematical and critical thinking with PK-5th grade students daily.

Grant Title: Why Play Math Games?
School Site: Stillwater Junior High School
Grant Writer: Josh Cox
Amount: \$250



Provides funds for engaging card and board games to reinforce mathematical concepts covered in the curriculum as well as collaborate with their peers to solve problems.

Grant Title: Brown Bag Book Club
School Site: Stillwater High School
Grant Writer: Debbie Dawson
Amount: \$560



Provides funds for book club sets of novels (Sequoyah Book Masterlist selections) in order for students to participate in the Sequoyah Book Award selections in Oklahoma.

Grant Title: An End to Math Blues
School Site: Will Rogers Elementary
Grant Writer: Deanna Whitten and Jennifer Martinez (student teacher)
Amount: \$365



Provides funds for math instructional resources to benefit 3rd graders, specifically to increase understanding and proficiency in the areas of place value, rounding, multiplication, division, telling time, counting money and number sense.

Celebration of Excellence



Provides for materials to teach and implement a school-wide monotype printmaking project, including using a printing press and printing plates.

Grant Title: Cultural Connections with Clay
School Site: Westwood Elementary
Grant Writer: Suzanne Tackett
Amount: \$700



Provides materials to incorporate the study of history and culture into the visual arts through an Arts Around the World project and a Spring Art Show through the design and creation of a sculpture that represents a country students have researched. Materials include clay and associated materials, and tools to help students through sculpting their learning of the places they researched.

Taste of Stillwater

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
5:30-7:30pm
Payne County Expo Center



Make plans to join us for our delicious fundraiser! We are currently securing restaurants, so please contact us if you'd like to participate. Tickets will go on sale in mid-February!

Thank you to those who attended, donated or supported our 2019 Celebration of Excellence fundraiser in any way! This event provides a wonderful opportunity for the Stillwater community to celebrate and give back to its educators! It was a terrific evening and a huge success raising approx. \$30,000 to benefit SPEF programs!



Extra special thanks to the following 2019 Celebration of Excellence Event Sponsors and Auction Donors! We appreciate you!

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SAVE THE DATE!
Celebration of Excellence 2020
Tuesday, September 22!

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We have some terrific new additions to our Board of Trustees this school year! Exciting to welcome the following individuals:

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Happy Holidays!

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



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