

**BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

...is a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to provide a long-term, self-sustaining financial base to fund innovative academic programs in Unit 5 and District 87 public schools.

Organized in 1992, the foundation is a group of private citizens and is not part of either school district. The Boards of Education of both districts encouraged the Foundation's formation and strongly support its efforts.



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2015-2016 GRANT AWARDS

Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted 100 applications requesting a total of \$126,661.

The Foundation awarded **\$43,799** toward **36** projects.

Since 1992, **\$ 594,412** has been awarded to support **692** projects.

**Elementary Schools**

- Cedar Ridge Lyndra Webb ~ **\$161** ~ *Listening to Bridge the 30 Million Word Gap*  
Ronda Batty, Jennifer Roop, Jean Silva ~ **\$1,440** ~ *Bridging the Reading Gap with Take Home Books*  
Patricia Ziebart ~ **\$2,000** ~ *If You Give a Library a Book... It Will Probably Want a Reader*
- Fox Creek Shannon Hedman ~ **\$162** ~ *Hands on Science!*
- Colene Hoose Karen Mercer, Cathy Troyer, Kathie Brown ~ **\$1,101** ~ *Green and Growing Classroom*  
Adam Zbrozek, Hoose PTO, ISU, LSAMP ~ **\$4,981** ~ *LEGO Robotics Team*
- Irving Joy Searby, Kala Krueger, Angela Cradle ~ **\$400** ~ *Magnificent Magnets*  
Maureen Svob ~ **\$573** ~ *Girls with a Desire to Inspire SHINE!*
- Oakdale Nikki Giosta, Sarah Hull, Jill Jannusch ~ **\$1,917** ~ *Math Workshop: It's in the Bag*  
Nikki Giosta ~ **\$3,860** ~ *Let's See S'More Writing*
- Oakland Rhett Felix, Claire Current, Dawn Conroy, Shari Cooper ~ **\$350** ~ *Let's Get Dirty*  
Rhett Felix, Claire Current, Dawn Conroy, Shari Cooper ~ **\$350** ~ *Oh, The Weather Outside Is...*
- Pepper Ridge Bryan Schultz, Teresa McCullick ~ **\$450** ~ *Exercising the Brain to Better Testing & Coordination*  
Shauna Gourley, Ericka Helgason ~ **\$817** ~ *Wiggle While We Work*
- Sheridan Kristi Sutter ~ **\$225** ~ *Elementary Engineers*
- Stevenson Chris Baldwin ~ **\$396** ~ *Plan, Build, Discover*  
Katharine Corley, Erin O'Grady ~ **\$250** ~ *Light Up The Learning and Watch the Ideas Grow!*  
Erin O'Grady, Lisa Ellis, Annie McWilliams, Amanda Obie ~ **\$2,322** ~ *Can we feel it? Yes we can!*
- Sugar Creek Tara Bennett ~ **\$210** ~ *Problem Solving in Preschool*  
Erin Auskings, Heather Marcordes-Wheat ~ **\$390** ~ *Pinch, Press, Pull and Play*  
Erin Auskings ~ **\$400** ~ *The Rhythm of the Class*

Washington Teresa Shaver, Maggie Killian, Susan Anderson, Allison Scott, Denise Myatt,  
Deb Hamm, Lisa Ellis ~ **\$3,660** ~ *Learning Supports Lending Library*

Washington, Zach Freeman, Andy Jones, Lisa Molnar, Susan Anderson, Josh Oberts,  
Oakland & Julie Hiles, Emily Schimick ~ **\$980** ~ *Sphero: Preparing Students for  
Bent Technology and Innovation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

### Junior High / Middle Schools

BJHS Jake Owens ~ **\$120** ~ *Data and Statistics of Monopoly*  
Maggie Kennedy, Butch Feltner, Romondo Youngblood, Matt Glim ~ **\$382** ~  
*Keep Calm and Learn On*

BJHS Kathleen Irvin, Kelly Slater, Mary Passini, Tina Thomas ~ **\$400** ~  
*Technically Speaking, Its Shakespeare!*

EJHS Michelle Glatt ~ **\$398** ~ *IMC means Incredible Makerspace Center*  
Katherine Brown ~ **\$1,615** ~ *Transforming Literature into Old Time Radio  
Broadcasts*

KJHS Jennifer Ritchason, Martha Kindred, Pam Isaacs, Becky Montgomery, Amy Dabler,  
Michelle Pilon, Shawn Anderson, Amber O'Day ~ **\$2,600** ~ *Discover the World  
at your Fingertips on Discovery Education!*

PJHS Shawn Schwerman ~ **\$1,000** ~ *Quench Your Thirst for Facts*

### High Schools

NCHS Trisha Warner, Bob Koski, Meghan Hawkins ~ **\$324** ~ *ChickLits at Lunch*  
Meghan Hawkins, Katie Lopez, Trisha Warner, Dr. Richard Hughes (ISU) ~ **\$390** ~  
*Teaching Social Studies with Graphic Novels*  
Jeff Christopherson, Mike Roller, Building Chairs ~ **\$400** ~  
*Quizlet – Online flashcards, games, study tools*  
Meghan Hawkins, Trisha Warner ~ **\$1,500** ~ *The Statecraft Simulation –  
Crafting a Perfect World*

NCWHS Lisa Tomlin ~ **\$290** ~ *How Does DNA Do That?*

NCWHS / NCHS Dr. Valentine Walker, Joel Swanson ~ **\$4,934** ~ *Troubled Waters Under Our Feet*

### Joint Unit 5 and District 87

Sugar Creek & Tracy Hitchins, Brian Hitchins ~ **\$2,051** ~  
BHS *Students as Scientists and Teachers*

### BEYOND THE BOX

EJHS Michael Jennings, Dana Curby, Nate Sefton, Michelle Dellamarie, Dawn Kelly  
**\$10,000**  
*“Taking Physical Education to New Heights!”*

*“The goal in physical education is to promote active and healthy lifestyle choices by offering a variety of activities and experiences to give ALL students an opportunity for success.*

*This grant will fund a vertical rock climbing wall in the gym to support a new rock climbing unit in our PE classes. The unit will include activities to develop physical, cognitive and social emotion skills, individual strength (mental and physical), team work, cooperation, and problem solving.*

*Grant collaborators are Rockwerx (custom designed modular panels), Unit 5 maintenance staff (installation), and the Upper Limits (contribute equipment, demonstrations, discounted rates for students and staff at their facility and will train and certify PE staff in climbing, belaying, and teaching belaying).”*