

*2009 Annual  
Report*

BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
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*Funding innovative enrichment programs for the  
students of Unit 5 and District 87 public schools.*

# Getting to Know Beyond the Books Educational Foundation

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 District 87 and Unit 5 public schools which are beyond the limits of normal tax support. 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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Greetings,  
Can you imagine playing hide and seek using a GPS device? Or putting together a web based podcast...in Spanish? Or maybe even building a model car that runs on hydrogen? Over the past 18 years, Beyond the Books Educational Foundation (BTBEF) has funded projects that spark learning in innovative and creative ways.



## **Geocaching.. High Tech Hide and Seek Fox Creek Elementary**

Each year, the educators in Unit 5 and District 87 dream of new and exciting ways to enhance education and they put their dreams into grant applications. BTBEF board members pour over these grants, rank, deliberate, and ultimately select a certain number of grants to fund. Having read these grants for many years, the hardest part is realizing the number of projects that will not be funded because of limited dollars.

Last year, BTBEF initiated a plan to increase its endowment to one million dollars. Reaching this goal would significantly increase the number of projects we are able to support and the number of children who would benefit from these exceptional experiences.

Now we are in the midst of an economic crisis that has made the road to reach one million dollars appear much steeper. As the stock market fluctuates, everyone is wondering what investments will offer the best return. Perhaps we can look a little closer to home. Our children are a long term investment that one day will reflect the quality of their education and the value the community has placed on their future.

If you have already provided support to Beyond the Books Educational Foundation, please accept my sincere thanks on behalf of the current and past board members. If you are just now learning about this amazing Foundation, please consider your gift and allow us to add your name to those listed in this publication. Your gift will provide terrific learning opportunities for today's children and also for their children and grandchildren. Now that's what I call an amazing return on investment!

Thank you,  
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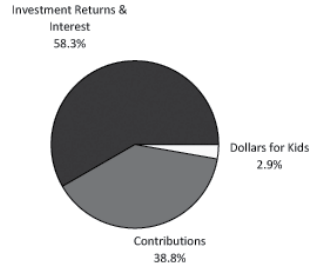
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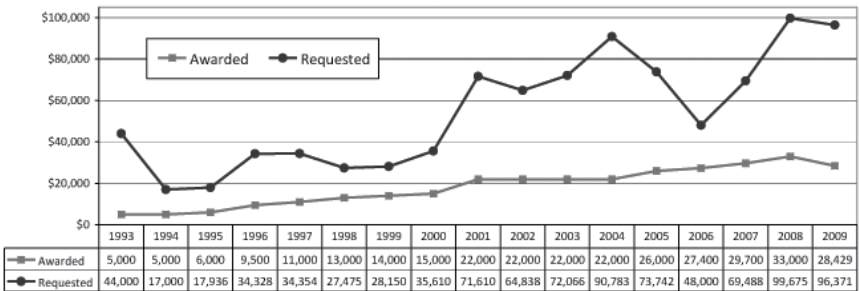
## REVENUE

Contributions	60,332.47	38.8%
Investment Returns & Interest	90,808.90	58.3%
Dollars for Kids	4,510.84	2.9%

155,652.21

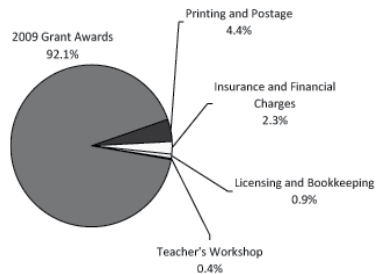


## GRANT AMOUNTS REQUESTED & APPROVED



## EXPENSES

2009 Grant Awards	28,429.00	92.1%
Printing and Postage	1,360.44	4.4%
Insurance and Financial Charges	704.85	2.3%
Licensing and Bookkeeping	270.03	0.9%
Teacher's Workshop	111.63	0.4%
	<u>30,875.95</u>	



Endowment Balance (as of 12/31/2009) \$642,008.19

Total Non-Grant Expenditures \$2,446.95

"Expense Ratio" 0.38%

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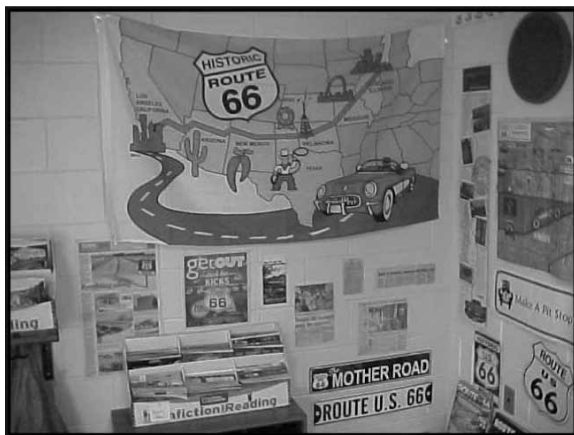
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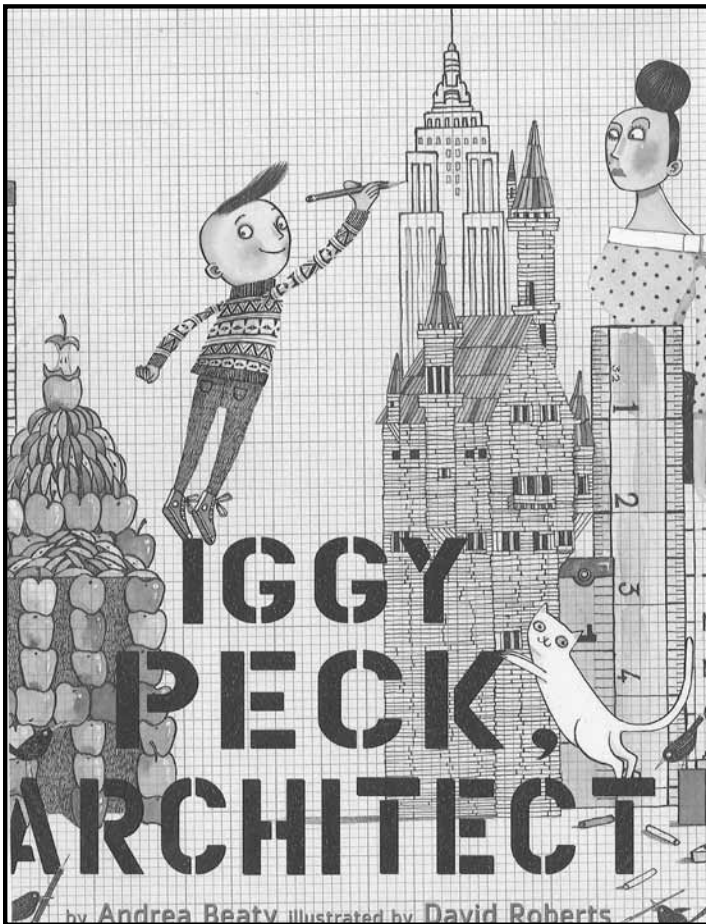
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# Grant Awards

## 2008-09 Grant Awards

In 2008, educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted 113 applications requesting a total of \$103,573. The Foundation awarded \$32,919 toward 60 projects. Your contributions help us narrow the gap between what is requested and what we are able to fund. Thank you.

### Elementary/Early Childhood Schools

Bent, Debora Armendariz, \$300, Logic Games ALL Winter Long  
Fox Creek, Amy Schumacher, \$300, Roll Out the Red Carpet!  
Glenn, Erin Bowman, \$150, Learning Resource Scanner  
Glenn, Jennifer Gibson, \$140, Using Technology to Increase Technical Writing  
Glenn, Denise Holmes, \$180, Weather Collection Enrichment  
Glenn, Denise Holmes & Catherine Troyer, \$200, SunWise School Program  
Grove, Kim Carlock, Susan Cantrell, Nancy Goelitz, Donna Sliney, Cindy Wagner, and Cameo Williams, \$1,000, Build a Book  
Grove, Donna Sliney, \$600, Storytelling Club  
Hoose, Lora Boyd, Tara Bennit, \$300, Family and Schools Working Together  
Hoose, Michelle Potthoff, \$300, Notable Nonfiction  
Irving, Sara Garrett, \$1,200, Orff Instruments  
Irving, Pamela Hedger, \$300, Differentiating Math Instruction  
Irving, Courtney Jokisch, \$257, Family Math Packs  
Irving, Ginnell Barke & Erin Knuth, \$300, Leap Frog™ Leap Pad Mobile Center  
Northpoint, Holly Tindall, Maureen Backe, Susan Hospelhorn, and Lori Woodard, \$1,500, Assessment Express  
Oakdale, Barbara Skaggs, \$1,018, Junior Great Books  
Oakdale, Brigham, and UNITY Center Lyndra Webb, \$2,880, CONNECTIONS  
Oakland, Amy Oberts, \$500, Reading Never Sounded So Good  
Oakland, Sara Porter, \$1,199, Writing SMARTer  
Oakland, Molly Uhren, \$700, We all Smile in the Same Language  
Oakland, Molly Uhren, \$196, I am from India  
Oakland, Molly Uhren, \$199, I am Learning English!!!  
Oakland, Kristen Foley, Janenne Scott, Eden Davis, \$300, Super Science Kits  
Parkside, Mary Aper, Tena Sprau, Meghan White, \$300, Dramatic Adventure!  
Parkside, Mary Aper, Tena Sprau, Meghan White, \$800, Magnificent Math Minds  
Prairieland, Britta Armstrong-Mitchell, Carrie Kieser, Amy Lucas, Kathy Mandros, and Kelly Murray, \$615, Math Mini-Lessons  
Prairieland, Debra Foster, \$750, VerVision Document Camera  
Prairieland, Debra Foster, \$100, RCA Small Wonder Digital Video Camcorder  
Prairieland, Carol Johnson, \$300, Energy of the Future: The Power House  
Sarah Raymond, Deborah Lamberti, \$300, Parents as Teaching Partners  
Sarah Raymond, Christie Vellella, Cindy Lehr, \$1,050, Come to Your Senses!  
Sheridan, Leah McCray, \$1,200, Orff Instruments for Hands-on Music Instruction  
Sheridan, Phyllis Pederson, \$2,300, The Sluice, The Whole Sluice, and Nothing but the Sluice  
Stevenson, Katharine Corley, \$300, Bringing the Outside into a Kindergarten Classroom  
Stevenson, Dani Loseke, \$276, Literacy from School to Home  
Stevenson, Dani Loseke, \$275, Literacy Through Listening  
Stevenson, Dani Loseke, \$300, Interactive Reading Books  
Stevenson, Erin O'Grady, \$269, Cool Classroom Communicators!  
Stevenson, Amanda White, Katharine Corley, \$300, This Kindergarten Class Likes Writing with Their Fourth Grade Buddies!  
Stevenson, Chris Baldwin, Katharine Corley, Tanya Wolfe, Megan Yontz, \$796, Leap Frog™ Literacy Learning  
Sugar Creek, Katie Nelson, \$300, Phonemic Awareness for Kindergarten Students  
Towanda, Stacie Finlen, \$300, Sensory Baskets  
Towanda, Jason Nourie, \$135, Pod Casting  
Towanda, Susan Steinbach, \$275, Reading Manipulatives  
Washington, Anne Waldorf, Christy Adams, Vicky Vancauwenerge, \$279, Your Turn to Write

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# Grant Awards

## 2008-09 Grant Awards, continued

### Junior High/Middle Schools

BJHS, Sandra Graham, \$300, Student Driven Learning in Geometry  
BJHS, Kristen Ayers, \$500, Recumbent Bike  
BJHS, Kristen Ayers, Debi Katkus, \$280 Lunch Buddy Program  
BJHS, Michelle Sapp, \$550, Don't Agonize...Organize!  
BJHS, Michelle Sapp, Jamie Wolfe, \$530, Label Jars...Not People  
BJHS, Irving, Oakland, Sheridan, Stevenson, Washington, Michele Reckers, \$298, Band Accompaniment through an iPod  
PJHS, Shawn Schwerman, \$300, Scanning for your SMARTboard  
PJHS, Shawn Schwerman, \$300, Writing to Learn with Comic Life

### High Schools

AVC, BHS, Suzanne McDowell, \$600, Entrepreneurship Week Culminating Activity  
BHS, Lisa Thomas, \$255, Vocabulary Building with Music  
NCHS, Northpoint, Jennifer Coppersmith, Connie DeBord, Lori Woodard, \$693, Numbers Tell a Story  
NCWHS, Beryn Chiaro, \$500, Freshman Mentoring and Team Building  
NCWHS, Mary Jo Douglass, \$485, Wiring a Solar Powered Home  
NCWHS, Megan Ernst, Peggy Modglin, \$1,499, Opening Up Opportunities for Cognitively Impaired Students  
Kathy Whitney, \$290, Dance, Dance Revolution Game

## 2009-10 Grant Awards

In 2009, educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted 122 applications requesting a total of \$96,371. The Foundation awarded \$28,429 toward 53 projects. Since 1992, \$311,152 has been awarded to support 459 projects. Your contributions help us narrow the gap between what is requested and what we are able to fund. Thank you.

### Elementary/Early Childhood Schools

Fox Creek, Amy Schumacher, \$800, Legacy Project Documented: The Better to See You With My Dear!  
Fox Creek, Amy Schumacher, \$700, Hear the Joy of Reading and Learning!  
Fox Creek, Linda Kitterman, \$300, Interactive Boardmaker Storybooks  
Glenn, Jennifer Gibson, \$500, School Book Club: Beyond the Books  
Glenn, Colleen Moore, \$425, Fitwall Strength Training Mount System  
Hoose, Leisa Barbour, \$279, Teaching American History Using Primary Sources  
Hudson, Matt Sterrett, \$1,500, Studio Fun  
Irving, Peggy Dunlap, \$500, Integrated Art Education Units  
Irving, Maureen Svob, \$272, Think Globally! GPS In the Classroom and Beyond  
Irving, Ginnell Barke, \$150, Leap Frog™ Electronic Books  
Northpoint, Betty Kinzinger, \$630, Kaleidoscoping in the Classroom!  
Northpoint, Cristie Koechle, Rebecca Spears, Betty Kinzinger, \$375, Flippin' for Science  
Oakland, Annette Langellier, Laura Bass, Kathy Johnson, \$699, Listening and Learning  
Oakland, Julie Hiles, \$300, Soaring with an Airliner  
Oakland, Mary Kay Scharf, \$250, Healthy Kids Fair  
Oakland, Meagan O'Brian, Stacy Hornbacker, \$250, Project Connect  
Prairieland, Marylynn Meredith, \$1,568, Artists and Art Careers for Kids  
Prairieland, Candice Verduyse, \$1,409, Developing Writers  
Prairieland, Debra Foster, \$1,400, Response and Intervention  
Prairieland, Kathryn E. Kalina, \$950, Document Camera  
Prairieland, Britta Armstrong-Mitchell, Carrie Kieser, Kathy Mandros, Kelly Murray, \$660, Literacy Station Learning  
Prairieland, Linda Lenz, \$300, Math Manipulatives to Create Real Life Experiences!  
Prairieland, Sherry J. Sharp, \$300, Wii Game System and Wii Music for Cognitively Impaired and General Music Classes  
Prairieland, Carol Johnson, \$300, Airliner Wireless Slate: Be Smart Anywhere

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# Grant Awards

## 2009-10 Grant Awards, Continued

### Elementary Schools, Continued

Prairieland, Carol Johnson, \$280, Math Manipulatives  
Stevenson, Barbi Dennis, \$300, Increasing Reading Fluency in First Grade  
Stevenson, Dani Loseke, \$300, Beyond the Books and into Software  
Stevenson, Katharine Corley, \$300, Exploring Language and Skill Development Through Dramatic Play  
Stevenson, Katharine Corley, \$300, Let Me Listen! Who's That Reading What I Wrote?!?!  
Stevenson, Lisa Ellis, Karen Klein, \$300, Wii Put Fun in Fitness  
Towanda, Judy Lancaster, \$300, What Did You Do At School Today? The Home/School Connection  
Washington, Jamie Wolfe, \$244, WOLF Binders (Well Organized Learning Friends)  
Washington, Jamie Wolfe, Misty Baley, \$291, Ready, Set.....LISTEN!!!

### Junior High/Middle Schools

BJHS, Luisa Gomez-Bonner, \$1,730, Character Development and Leadership  
BJHS, Debi Katkus, Dava Zschau, Kristen Ayers, \$1,550, Go Green!!  
BJHS, Michelle Sapp, \$900, Compact Confidence  
BJHS, Kristen Ayers, Debi Katkus, \$800, Job Exploration  
BJHS, Michelle Sapp, Ashley Schnittker, Linn McDonald, \$537, Spoken Reflections  
BJHS, Yesenia Nicoson, Mary Aplington, Suzie Hutton, Michelle Nauman, Nancy Pichla, Diane Gallucci  
\$300, MP3EASE (MP3 Enthusiastic, Achieving, Self-Sufficient, Enriched)  
BJHS, Michele Reckers, \$300, Learning from the Pros!  
BJHS, Jayme Corcoran, \$300, Wide Open Spaces  
BJHS, Jenny Setterlund, \$260, Using Voice Recordings to Improve Language Arts Skills  
BJHS, Jayme Corcoran, \$165, Digital Social Stories  
BJHS, Michelle Sapp, \$150, Ready, Set, Read!  
PJHS, Christine Mitchell, Ellen Main, \$300, Playaway and READ!

### High Schools

BHS, Rhett Felix, Amanda Van Allen, Robert Behrens, \$1,800, Holocaust Personalization and Literature Experience  
BHS, Becky Frangella, \$300, Vocabulary Mart  
BHS, Becky Frangella, \$300, The Book Bistro  
BHS, Julie Marcy, \$300, Increasing Learning with MP3 Players  
NCWHS, Lisa A. Tomlin, Mary Jo Douglass, \$380, The Airliner Advantage  
NCWHS, Lisa A. Tomlin, \$294, Take Time for Science  
NCWHS, Dan Phelps, \$268, Exercise Bands to Expand Resistance Training Experience  
NCWHS, Lisa A. Tomlin, \$63, Leaf Lowdown



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