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GEARING UP FOR OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE & FUNDRAISER

As we continue to plan for our Seventh Annual Teacher of the Year Celebration of Excellence, we thought it appropriate to remind our supporters that last year's event raised a total of **\$81,272, \$72,423** of which was paid out in Teacher Mini Grants, Sports program requests and Requests for Funding. Over \$30,000 was used to fund KidsRead, a long standing program which puts books in the hands of third graders to begin their own home libraries. Because of generous donors, we were also able to fund a special reading program this summer called Spark Reading, totaling \$13,200. The Osborn Educational Foundation simply could not fund these types of programs without the amazing support of our generous silent auction donors and event sponsors. We thank you, school staff thank you and, most importantly of all, our students thank you!

In this issue we are highlighting just a few of the many programs funded last school year. You will read about Roller Coaster Physics, Microbits as well as ScanMarker Air Pens for students needing extra reading support. You'll also note a special focus on programs funded at Clarendon School including Junior Achievement Biz Town, the school's long-standing day trip to the Grand Canyon for sixth graders and the Girls on the Run program for third through eighth grade girls.

You will also see one example of the wonderful mosaics created by Osborn Middle School Students made possible by their Ancient Mosaics grant of \$500. Their teacher, Micah Andrews, has a ten-year career as a mosaic artist.

Roller Coaster Physics — A Spring 2024 Mini-Grant

Abbey Colledge, a Clarendon STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Teacher submitted a simple \$478 mini grant request last spring which was used to purchase 10 Knex Education Roller Coaster Building sets to help students understand physics concepts, force & motion and other engineering concepts.

Members of the Foundation and Phoenix West Rotary, a long-standing supporter of Mini-grants, saw their learning in action as students demonstrated how the project works. This grant supplemented a grant from the previous year for the purchase of two class sets of ten Microbits and four individual Microbits for a total cost of \$425. Students were able to program these Microbits to play the game Rock/Paper/Scissors and respond to a simple breath command.



See more details on grants on page 2.

**The Osborn School District
Educational Foundation
(OSDEF) has four successful
signature programs:**

- **KidsRead**
- **Teacher Mini-Grants**
- **Sports Programs**
- **Requests for Funding**

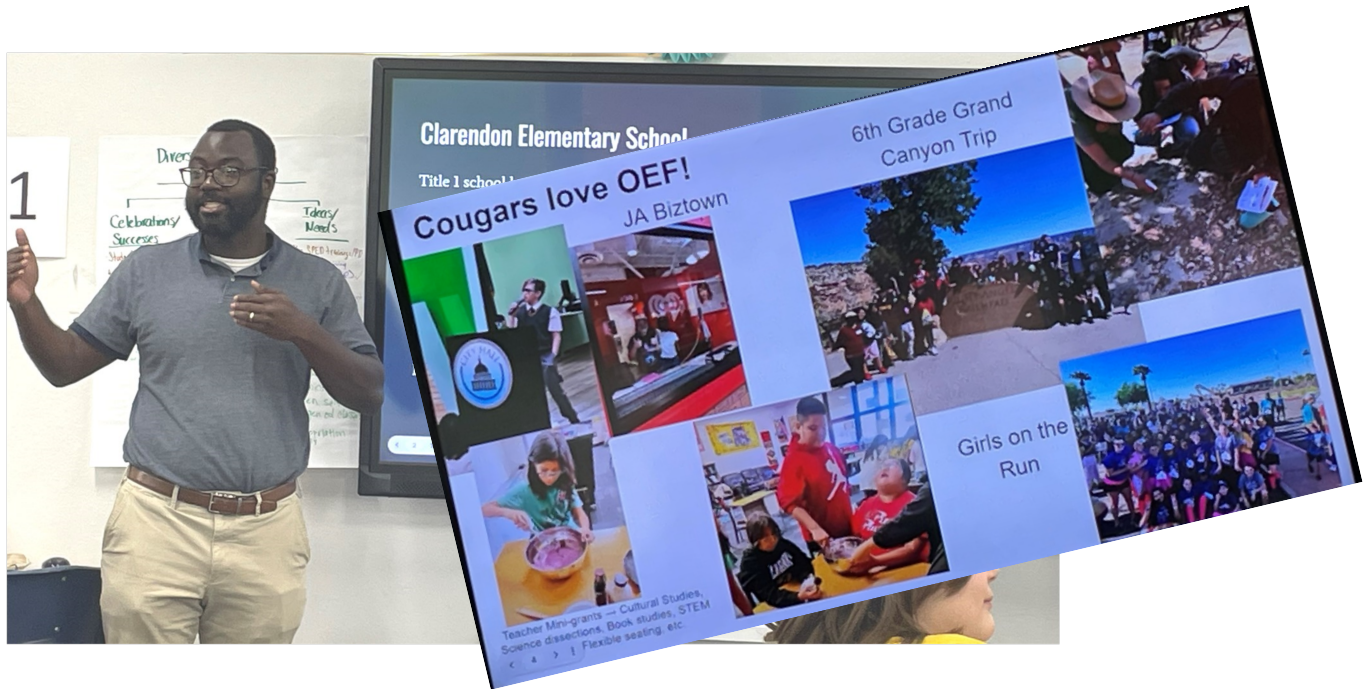
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OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The mission of the Osborn School District Educational Foundation is to encourage innovation, promote healthy campuses and support creative experiences in and out of the Osborn School District classroom. Osborn School District Educational Foundation provides support and funding to supplement traditional funding sources to insure that all Osborn students have a comprehensive educational experience regardless of their socioeconomic status.

FOCUS ON CLARENDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRANTS

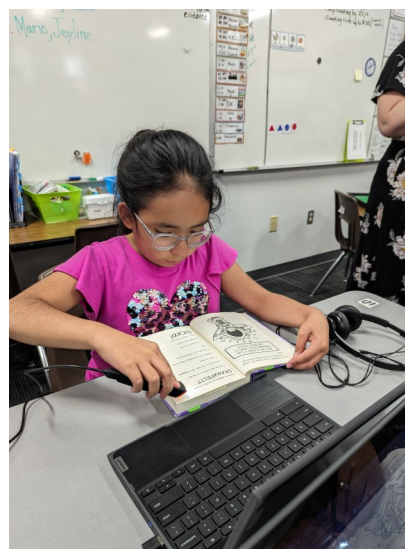
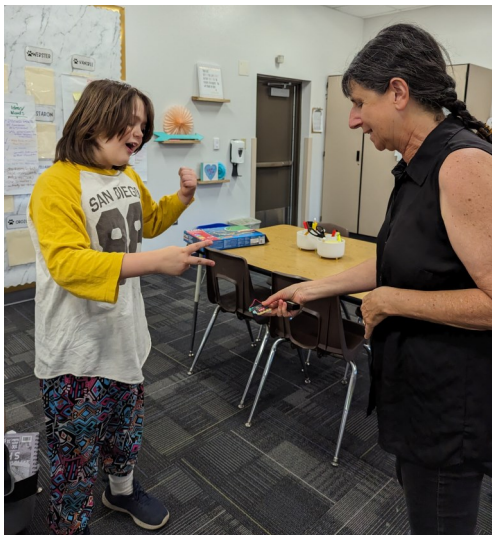


Clarendon Principal Jeff Martin above told OSDEF about his school and student population and thanked the Foundation for their generous funding of the Grand Canyon Trip for 6th Graders, \$5,000, Junior Achievement BizTown grant for \$2,100 and Girls on the Run \$ 6,920. These unique enriching opportunities would not be possible without this funding.

To the left, a student demonstrates how a Microbit has been programmed to play Rock, Paper, Scissors, while a student below left demonstrates how breath and touch can bring a smile or frown response from the tiny Microbit as programmed by the students.

The student below right demonstrates the use of the ScanMarker Air Pen Scanner that reads text back to students for reading reinforcement. Total cost for two pens— \$322.91.

The Foundation is very impressed with the knowledge and expertise, to say nothing of student enthusiasm, for these materials and the opportunities they bring.



Other programs funded from proceeds of last year's Teacher of the Year Celebration and fundraiser include the purchase of cheer uniforms for Clarendon's first ever Cheer Team and shirts for the Clarendon Dance Team.

We will highlight grants at other schools in future issues.

FOUNDATION PROGRAMS HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Osborn School District Educational Foundation **provides direct funds to classroom teachers and support staff via our four long-standing signature programs: KidsRead, Teacher Mini-Grants, After-School Sports programs and our Request for Funding Program (RFF)**

- **KidsRead** puts books in the hands of 3rd graders for their home libraries.
- **Teacher Mini-Grants** award up to \$500 for innovative classroom projects during a spring and fall funding cycle.
- **After-School Sports**
- **Requests for Funding (RFF)** are awarded for innovative teacher, grade level, school or district level programs in amounts in excess of \$500 with no top cap. Fall program awards are for implementation during the spring; spring program awards are for implementation the following fall.



We also provide funds to principals and the superintendent to support special events and activities for which funds are not normally available—for example, the opening meeting breakfast and refreshments for staff development

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OMS EXPLORES ANCIENT MOSAICS

Osborn Middle School students **learned** about the evolution of mosaics beginning **with the early Roman Empire** and **the more advanced mosaics of the Byzantine Empire**. Students used traditional mosaic hand tools like a mosaic hammer and chisel to hand-cut some of their tile pieces. They also received instruction regarding the proper technique of laying mosaic tile pieces in orderly columns & rows. Students also had authentic mosaics on display to visually reinforce the lesson.

OSDEF funds were essential in purchasing the necessary materials for the project. They successfully completed their individual mosaic projects progressively honing their skills as they learned to apply mosaic rules.

This student shows his work as just one example of the amazing results of this creative project.