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Educational Foundation

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FOUNDATION HONORS “EXCEPTIONAL” EDUCATORS

On May 6, 2021, the Osborn School District Educational Foundation (OSDEF) held their first ever *Exceptional Educator Virtual Event*. We recognized three staff members and three departments nominated by their peers for demonstrating exceptional service during the COVID-19 pandemic. This virtual event replaced the Fifth Annual Teacher of the Year event scheduled for November 2019 but cancelled due to the virus.

during the pandemic. Each received a certificate along with a check for \$500 to be used at their discretion.

ing WiFi access in the community.



Cristina Delgado, Social Worker at Encanto, **Alex Menendez**, Instructional Assistant at Longview and **Desiree Barnett**, a Kindergarten Teacher at Encanto



Corey Alexander and the Child Nutrition Department were applauded for exceptional efforts that assured no child in the Osborn community under the age of 18 had to go hungry.

Jamal Dana and the Technology Department were honored for exceptional efforts in making virtual learning possible. They put a laptop in the hands of every child who needed one, provided families assistance with internet access and provided training/support to staff as they adapted to on-line teaching. Each department received a plaque and a check for \$1,000 to be used at their discretion.

John Bachler and the Maintenance and Transportation Department were recognized for assisting the Child Nutrition staff in food delivery in addition to their normal duties of transporting special needs students to school, assuring district facilities were deep cleaned and assisting the Technology Department in provid-

were the three staff members recognized for exceptional service to colleagues, students, parents and school community

ing WiFi access in the community.

We also applauded every district employee for their flexibility, hard work, collaborative spirit and resilience during a very challenging 2020-21 school year.

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

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

To learn more about us and how to support our programs, please visit

www.osbornfoundation.org

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.

FOUNDATION PROGRAMS HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Osborn School District Educational Foundation **supports innovation in education through mini-grants in amounts up to and including \$300**. These grants are funded by the Rotary Club of Phoenix West in honor of former superintendent Dr. Wilma Basnett. The grants are to be used by teachers and staff for **educational opportunities involving students**.

OSDEF goals are to support programs that:

- ◆ Improve students' physical and mental health
- ◆ Enhance literacy, math, science and the arts
- ◆ Provide innovation and enhancement of education



Teachers and staff follow these same guidelines for Requests for Funding (RFF) when projects exceed \$300. Staff may submit requests for funding for both mini-grants and RFF twice a year, spring and fall.

Staff continues to amaze OSDEF board members with their creative ideas for innovative programs for students!

FOUNDATION GRANTS TOTAL \$45,700 DESPITE COVID RESTRICTIONS

Early on during the pandemic, despite having to cancel our major Teacher of the Year fundraiser, we determined to continue to fund programs to enhance student learning as long as teachers continued to request funds.

As a result, teachers submitted Mini-grant and Request for Funding proposals and OSDEF paid out over \$45,000 during the period of March 2020 to March 2021. Once schools re-opened in March, we funded an additional \$700 for a grand total of \$45,700. During this period teachers found a way to provide enriched experiences for students at home as well as when they returned to campus.



Ms. Barnett's Encanto Kindergarteners learned about the lives of ants and lady bugs up close and personal through an insect project funded by OSDEF.

FALL DEADLINES FOR MINI-GRANTS and REQUESTS FOR FUNDING



Staff members with ideas for creative projects meeting the guidelines outlined above may apply and receive funding for according to the timeline below:

Fall Teacher Mini-Grant Deadlines		Fall Request for Funding Deadlines	
August 27	Applications Out	October 29	Applications Out
September 24	Applications Due	December 8	Applications Due
October 12	Applications Approved	December 14	Applications Approved
October 15	Applicants Notified	December 17	Applicants Notified

Note: For Requests for Funding, Special consideration is given to requests that are submitted by or on behalf of the School Leadership Team or Site Council, demonstrate collaboration or impact across an entire grade level or school, are sustainable beyond a single project or school year, and show evidence that the individual/s submitting the grant is/are seeking other funding sources. This is particularly important for requests over \$2,000. **Check out our [Application Page](#) for grants.**

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