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FIFTH ANNUAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE & FUND RAISER

After two years of COVID restrictions, we proudly announce that **OSDEF will host our Fifth Annual Osborn Teacher of the Year event October 22, 2022**, to celebrate excellence in teaching and raise funds for OSDEF programs. **Join us in celebrating three outstanding teachers.** Tickets at osbornfoundation.org.

Congratulations to our 2022 Teachers of the Year! Shown standing left to right are **Gillermi-na Valles, Kdg. Longview** and **Ann Aken, Grade 4, Clarendon**. Seated is **Kayce Kahl, Grade 5, Clarendon**



The Foundation has continued to fund programs to enhance the education of District students both during the time staff and students worked remotely, and when they returned to campuses. **Between August 2019 and June 2022, OSDEF provided \$145,449 in classroom support:**

	Teacher Mini Grants	Requests for Funding	Support for Principals
2019-2022	\$17,282	\$115,186	\$ 12,981

OSDEF SUPPORTS MONTESSORI CLASSROOMS

In 2020, the Foundation received a Request for Funding Proposal (RFF) on behalf of two Montessori classrooms at Montecito School for the purchase of practical life materials. Montessori education provides students with four general areas of study—language, mathematics, sensorial and practical life.

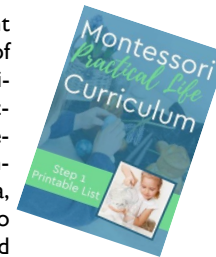
OSDEF funded the grant in the amount of \$5,963.88 to purchase 32 Practical Life Exercises and provide each classroom with \$1,250 to purchase practical materials such as dishes and glassware from thrift stores.

Practical Life is an important part of the education of young children, and materials are crucial to the curriculum. “It’s where three-year-olds start” says teacher, Ms. Tere Obrochta, “with opportunities to do the practical things you find at home, such as scooping” that help with learning, concentration, coordination and independence.

Children use fragile materials like glass, and normal breakage is used as a teachable moment so children

learn to control their movement and to carry things carefully.

Go to osbornfoundation.org under Educational Funding Opportunities, Request for Funding, to watch a brief video showing how this foundation grant helped the Montessori program with the purchase of Practical Life Materials to enhance learning for our youngest children.



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 Phoenix West Rotary Club 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!



SPRING 2022

OSDEF FUNDS TWO REQUESTS FOR FUNDING TOTALING \$ 8,683

#1 LONGVIEW BILINGUAL TEAM FUNDED TO ATTEND LA COSECHA CONFERENCE IN SANTA FE NOVEMBER 2-5

The Longview Bilingual Team —Rocio Ramirez, Rosaisela Elias, Maria Green, Nidia Hurtado, Roy Vasquez, Daniela Hernandez, Monica Artea, and principal Karen Grose submitted a successful **\$5,770 proposal to OSDEF to attend the bilingual conference in Santa Fe in November**. This will be a “hybrid” conference with options to participate in person or virtually.



The team wrote, “Our Longview Dual Language team is constantly seeking opportunities to support our program and look for relevant learning opportunities to enhance bilingualism, bi-literacy and multiculturalism in the classroom. We have found an amazing learning and growth opportunity taking place in New Mexico, the La Cosecha Dual Language Conference, which takes place in Santa Fe, NM, November 2-5, 2022. The 175+ professional presentations will help teachers and other professionals in developing bilingualism and biliteracy in our students. The presentations and workshops are designated to support two-way and one-way immersion, developmental bilingual and heritage/tribal language immersion programs.”

It is hoped that the conference will re-energize teachers with new strategies to meet their student’s needs. The conference will allow participants to “see,” both in person and virtually, different classrooms and hear what their colleagues across the nation are using to combat the pandemic’s impact on learning.

One requirement of the Foundation for providing the funding is that the Longview Dual Language team will share what they learn with their Dual Language colleagues around the District.

#2 ENCANTO FUNDED FOR ADJUSTABLE BASKETBALL HOOPS



Encanto Physical Education Teacher, Mark Deyette, submitted a proposal for adjustable, age appropriate, basketball hoops for the Encanto Playground. Currently, Encanto K-3 students must deal with hoops set at the standard eight foot height, more appropriate for older students and too high for 75% of Encanto students. Consequently, few children choose that option at recess.

Basketball Hoops in this project funded by OSDEF in the amount of \$2,913.14 are designed to provide age appropriate playground equipment for Encanto’s entire K-3 student population. The new basketball hoops are adjustable by an easily accessed handle. This will allow for students to participate in recess activities that are engaging, and at their ability, because teachers and staff who cover Encanto’s recess duties and PE classes will be able to easily adjust the hoops to the correct developmental height for students’ grade levels and ages.

SPRING 2022 TEACHER MINI-GRANT WINNERS



Congratulations to fifteen staff members below who submitted successful proposals for the Spring 2022 Mini-Grant cycle. Read the brief descriptions and be inspired! These innovative programs were funded by the Phoenix West Rotary Club. *Proposals for the fall mini-grant cycle will be distributed August 26th and are due September 23rd.*

Project/Teacher	Grade School	Description	Budget
Flexible Seating Martha Clark	Grade 5 Clarendon	Flexible seating—yoga balls, wobble chairs, cushions, lap tables, wiggle stools for student choice	\$261
Garden Beautification Jennifer Flaherty	Grades 4-6 Clarendon	Student garden areas —new soil/compost—every child participates in Planting Day—hands-on learning to explore how food is grown, harvested & prepared	\$285
Building Leaders Thru Flag Football Bj Valentine	Grades 4-6 Clarendon	Flag Football program for 4-6 students—to address health and well-being of students. Practice football fundamentals and also life/social skills focus	\$300
Literacy & Math Centers Desiree Barnett	Kdg Encanto	Hands-on materials for literacy and math centers to hold interest, allow for independent practice and greater social distancing	\$295
Flexible Seating Kimberly Pavlisick	Grade 2 Encanto	Flexible seating--allows students to bounce, wobble, work in different places, stand, lean and more to enhance learning, motivation and engagement for all types of learners	\$292
Breakout EDU! Amanda Renning	Grade 2 Encanto	Students collaborate, problem solve and learn—focus on 4C's—collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity--teacher Subscription Plus Kit and Breakout Kits.	\$278
Guinea Pig Habitat Katrina Roberts	Grade 2 Encanto	Funding of classroom pet habitat to give students opportunity to care for a pet--Guinea pig provided by a classroom family	\$274
Small Group Stations Cristal Trujillo	Kdg. Encanto	To build up literacy thru small groups with storage and seating materials—small groups will give kids additional one-on-one support	\$309
Reader's Theater Nikole Fletcher	Grade 2 OCiS	Flexible, leveled Reader's Theater options for students to improve fluency, collaboration, vocabulary and proficiency.	\$296
Secret Stories M. Holderman	K-3 iSchool	Science of Reading (SOR) research/ materials to increase reading achievement K-3—Focus on early literacy and providing research-based methods of teaching phonics to struggling readers	\$305
Building Background with BrainPop	Grades 3-6 OCiS	Adding BrainPop videos to ELA instruction to increase background knowledge for students to aid in deeper understanding and comprehension	\$230
Social Emotional Learning Book Library Lushanya Echeverria	Grades K-3 Montecito	Social emotional learning books with literature guides—use one book/week with accompanying literature guide for 25 minutes/day	\$300
Future Mad Scientists Research Materials Jill Singh	PreK-8 Montecito	Set of encyclopedias geared toward younger learners to support curiosity, motivation and progress in research related content areas	\$300
Sensory Flowerpots and Bulbs Primitiva Rose	K-8 Montecito	Students create sensory flower pots for classroom or school garden--enhances science curriculum on plant growth and adhesives	\$300
Sensory/SEL Items Tatiana Torres	7-8 Osborn Middle	Sensory items, fidget toys and SEL curriculum supplies to enhance mental health and social-emotional wellbeing of all students on campus—creating safe space with appropriate sensory tools	\$299
TOTAL DOLLARS OSDEF FUNDED SPRING 2022			\$4,324





WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

The Osborn School District Educational Foundation is an avid supporter of education in the Osborn School District. **Providing funds and support for innovative programs to enhance education for Osborn students is our sole purpose.**

WHAT PROGRAMS DO WE SUPPORT?

We provide direct funds to classroom teachers and special support staff via our four long-standing signature programs: KidsRead, Teacher Mini-Grants, After-School Sports Programming and our Request for Funding Program (RFF).

- **KidsRead** puts books in the hands of 3rd graders for home libraries
- **Teacher Mini-Grants** award up to \$300 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 level or district level programs in amounts in excess of \$300 with no top cap. The 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 meetings.



HOW DO WE RAISE FUNDS?

Our major fundraiser has been the Annual Teacher of the Year celebration that serves a dual purpose—to recognize excellence in teaching and to raise funds through ticket sales, a raffle and silent auction. After going two years without this event, we are in the planning stages of our Fifth Annual Teacher of the Year celebration for October 22nd of this year.



THANK YOU O.H.S.O.

Our thanks to O.H.S.O., a local restaurant, nano brewery, distillery and dog-friendly social hot-spot, for hosting a GIVE BACK event last spring at the Arcadia location at 4900 E. Indian School. They donated 25% of the proceeds of the evening to the Foundation, netting \$1,561.06 for this first event. O.H.S.O. and CORE Construction donated raffle items including two O.H.S.O. gift baskets, airbuds and a tablet to raise additional funds.

Two O.H.S.O. GIVE BACK events will be held this year—one event in the fall and the second in the spring! You won't want to miss these fun events. It's a win-win. You spend a few hours with friends and colleagues and at the same time help OSDEF raise funds for student programs.

THANK YOU TEACHER OF THE YEAR SPONSORS

Our thanks to the following sponsors for helping to assure that our upcoming Teacher of the Year event will be a success. We are grateful for your ongoing support.

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