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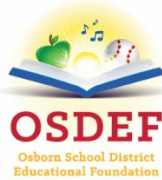
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Educational Foundation

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Save the Date

8th Annual Teachers of the Year

October 25th, 2025 - 5:30pm
Children's Museum of Phoenix



The Osborn School District Educational Foundation (OSDEF) is pleased to announce our 2025 TEACHER OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER. This will be our eighth event to celebrate excellence in teaching and raise funds to provide unique educational experiences for students in the Osborn School District.

This year's event will be held on Saturday October 25 at a new location—The Children's Museum of Phoenix, 215 N. 7th Street.

We will celebrate three more outstanding teachers who join the ranks of twenty-two other outstanding educators who have been recognized since the 2016-17 school year. **This year we will honor Mark Deyette, a Physical Education Teacher at Encanto; Jill Singh, Montessori Coordinator and Teacher on Assignment at Montecito School, and Erin Tikovitsch, a Math Teacher at Osborn Middle School.**

KidsRead HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL 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

Thanks to the generosity of donors at last year's Teacher of the Year event, we raised \$ 21,280 for KidsRead, a Foundation program that puts books in the hands of our third graders for their home libraries. Nine attendees at the event donated \$1,500 and adopted an entire classroom for the year. All district third graders received five books throughout the year to take home, enjoy and share with their younger siblings.

In addition, we had sufficient funds in the KidsRead account to once again supply books for approximately 200 K-7 grade students who participated in the district summer school program, June 2 to June 26 at Longview School. Each child received five books.



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 **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 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 such as the opening meeting breakfast and refreshments for staff development.

FALL TEACHER MINI-GRANTS APPROVED

In October, the OSDEF Board approved 24 Teacher Mini-Grants on a wide range of topics totaling \$11,000. Examples of projects to enrich student learning include:

- **Speech Therapy Materials** — Encanto
- **Attendance Incentives** — OMS
- **Translation Dictionaries** — Clarendon
- **Math Practice Games & Supplies** — OMS
- **Headphones** — OMS and Solano
- **Sorting & Hands-on Manipulatives** — Longview
- **Fish & Wildlife Program Materials** — Longview
- **Dance Club T-shirts** — Clarendon
- **Robotics: Building Bristlebots** (small motor powered robots) **for STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) **Exploration** — Longview

SPRING MINI-GRANTS APPROVED

In February, the OSDEF Board approved an additional 16 Teacher Mini-Grants totaling \$7,200. Examples include:

- **Health Office Educational Materials** — OMS
- **Lego Robotics** — Montecito
- **Kdg. Recess Materials** — Solano
- **Gardening Club Materials** — Clarendon
- **Head Phones**—Encanto
- **Tools for Conflict Resolution** — Clarendon
- **Literacy & Math Materials** — Longview
- **Reading & Math in Baking** — Montecito
- **Culinary Series**—Encanto

A total of \$18,200 in Teacher Mini-Grants were approved during the 2024-25 School year.

FALL AND SPRING REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

Staff members who develop projects for their students that exceed the \$500 Mini-Grant request total have an opportunity twice a year to request funding for more comprehensive projects. **In December 2024, the OSDEF Board approved four Requests for Funding totaling \$13,400.** These projects were completed in the Spring of this school year. **In May, the OSDEF Board approved an additional \$17,167 for four grants** some of which were implemented late this spring, others to be implemented in the fall. **In all, \$30,567 was paid out during the 2024-25 school year for Requests for Funding.**

Here are three excellent examples of the kinds of experiences OSDEF funding helped make possible for Osborn Students through the Request for Funding process:

- **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT BIZTOWN — Clarendon \$2,025**
This project combined in-class learning for fifth graders with a day-long visit to a simulated town in Tempe. Students had the opportunity to interview for various positions in banks, restaurants and other organizations and then gain practical experience in those roles for a day. This made for invaluable connections between the classroom and real life.
- **SIXTH GRADE TRIP TO THE GRAND CANYON — Clarendon \$5,000**
One hundred twenty-five sixth graders spent the day with Grand Canyon National Park Rangers in an immersive, hands-on learning experience aligned with Arizona Science Standards. Many of these students experienced the grandeur of the Grand Canyon for the first time. They returned to Phoenix with concrete knowledge of Earth Science, ecosystems and environmental issues. OSDEF funded transportation and snacks for the trip
- **MONTESSOSRI PRESCHOOL OVERNIGHT CAMPING EXPERIENCE — Montecito \$4,570**
After an over-night trial-run experience at the school, pre-schoolers in the Montessori Program spent a day and night at Camp Tontozona in Payson as part of their social studies and science curriculum.

These projects would not have been possible without support from sponsors and attendees at the Teachers of the Year event.

SPONSORS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

The **Osborn School District Educational Foundation (OSDEF)** cordially invites you to join us as a sponsor for our **8th Annual Osborn Teachers of the Year Celebration** showcasing educational excellence on **Saturday, October 25, 2025 at the Children's Museum of Phoenix!** Your generosity will go directly to support Osborn's teachers and students through literacy programs, classroom innovation, student health and arts education.

This year, we have a variety of new sponsorship levels with wonderful sponsor benefits & perks available.

View options & secure your sponsorship now!

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