



OSDEF
Osborn School District
Educational Foundation

8th ANNUAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE and FUNDRAISER

November 2025

CONGRATULATIONS 2025 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR!

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MARK DEYETTE, a Physical Education Teacher at Encanto; **ERIN TIKOVITSCH**, a Mathematics Teacher at Osborn Middle School, AND **JILL SINGH** an Upper Elementary Teacher at Montecito Montessori School, were celebrated on October 25 at the Children's Museum of Phoenix. As in years past, each honoree shared heartwarming stories about what ignited their passion for teaching and played a role in their decision to become a teacher. Videos of students, colleagues and administrators attested to the dedication, competency and commitment to excellence of these three outstanding educators.

WE RAISED FUNDS TO ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING!

**"Giving is not just about making a donation.
It's about making a difference."**

~Kathy Calvin

Thanks to the amazing generosity of 24 sponsors, many of whom have supported the last seven Teachers of the Year events, bidders on 96 auction items and 60 donors to KidsRead, the **Osborn School District Educational Foundation (OSDEF)** netted **\$60,012.62**—down from last year, but we remain grateful. You have made a difference! **Our sincere thanks and appreciation to:**

*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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- **Twenty-four generous Sponsors who donated a total of \$63,000.**
- **Generous Silent Auction Bidders on items valued at \$20,959, raising \$14,009.**
- **Donors to the KidsRead Live Auction, raising \$15,805** with four guests adopting an entire class for five book distributions totaling 150 books for the year. These donors will be invited to be guest readers. Eleven guests adopted a class of thirty students for one book distribution. Twenty-six guests adopted two students, each receiving five books for the year; eighteen guests adopted one student for the year and one guest donated a book for one student. **Thank you for putting books in the hands of third graders for their home libraries. Having books in the home is critical to growing readers!**

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 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

THANK YOU 2025 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR SPONSORS!

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”

~William James

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FALL TEACHER MINI-GRANTS APPROVED

The OSDEF Board recently approved 24 Teacher Mini-Grants totaling \$10,573. All schools received funding. Most approved grants included materials that can be used to enrich student learning for multiple years. Examples of approved projects include:

- **A set of microscopes** — Clarendon
- **A set of novels for class discussion** — Longview
- **Writing/Language Support Materials** — Montecito Montessori
- **Chef Knives for Culinary Education** — Child Nutrition
- **Computer Controlled Cutting Machine (Cricut) to design and create ELL Materials** — Osborn Middle
- **Noise Canceling Headphones**—Clarendon

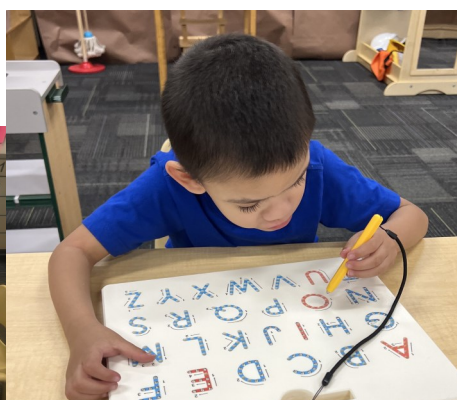


NOTE:
Applications for
Requests for Funding
are due December 1.

FALL MINI-GRANTS ALREADY IN ACTION

Michelle Megia, Developmental Disabilities Preschool Teacher at Solano, wasted no time in spending her \$500 check to benefit her students with the sampling of materials shown below.

She writes: *With the generous support of the Osborn School District Education Foundation (OSDEF), our preschool classroom serving students with developmental disabilities was able to enhance our learning environment. The \$500 mini-grant was used to purchase a trampoline and a variety of sensory, STEAM, fine and*



gross motor materials, including sensory rice, sand tools, magnets and other tactile manipulatives. These additions have greatly expanded opportunities for our students to develop critical physical, emotional, and social skills through structured play and exploration.