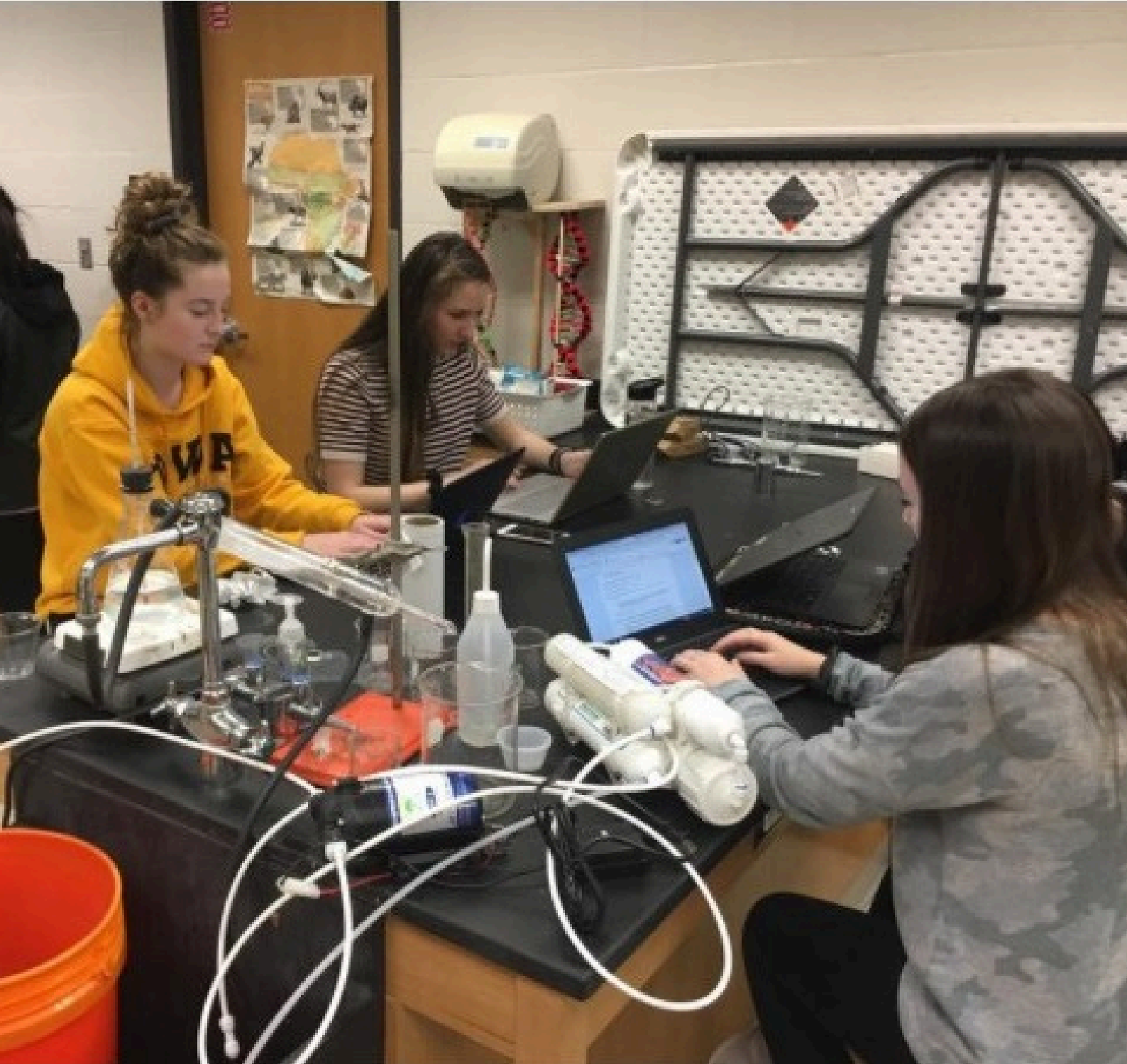


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THE BOOKS
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Annual Report



EMPOWERING EDUCATORS TO INSPIRE STUDENTS

Beyond The Books Educational Foundation
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About Beyond the Books

INTRODUCTION, 2024-2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Beyond the Books Educational Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to provide a long-term, self-sustaining financial base to fund innovative academic programs in Unit 5 and District 87 public schools. Organized in 1992, the Foundation is a group of private citizens and is not part of either school district. The Boards of Education of both districts encouraged the Foundation's formation and strongly support its efforts.



“Beyond the Books Educational Foundation is a wonderful foundation which supports the innovative pursuits of local educators.”

*Nicole Henderson
Fox Creek Elementary*

2024-2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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More About BTBEF

MISSION STATEMENT, FOUNDATION STRUCTURE, GRANTS AWARDS PROCESS, AND MORE

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Beyond the Books Educational Foundation is to fund innovative enrichment programs for the students of McLean County Unit District No. 5 and Bloomington District 87 Public Schools.

FOUNDATION STRUCTURE

Beyond The Books Educational Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Illinois corporation that was formed in 1992. Its purpose is to provide a long-term, self-sustaining financial base that will annually fund innovative academic programs in District 87 and Unit 5 public schools. All work of the Foundation is accomplished by private citizens who serve without salary as the Board of Directors. Annually, the Board elects officers and directors, reviews policies and practices, evaluates the funded projects and conducts a financial audit. The Boards of Education of Unit 5 and District 87 encouraged the formation of the Foundation and strongly support its efforts ... a partnership for innovation in public education.

GRANT AWARDS PROCESS

Each winter, educators in both District 87 and Unit 5 are invited to submit a written grant application which describes the project, method of implementation, cost estimate and the value of the program to students. Applications are blind reviewed by the Beyond the Books Educational Foundation Board of Directors and funding is awarded according to established criteria. The selected programs are implemented the following school year.

WHAT KINDS OF ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS ARE FUNDED?

The objective of Beyond The Books Educational Foundation is to fund innovative programs (which are not currently offered) that enhance educational experiences. The Foundation is committed to educational excellence in the core academic areas, the arts and humanities, sciences, and technology. All age levels and areas of study are considered.

WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL GOAL OF THE FOUNDATION?

Beyond The Books Educational Foundation is working toward growing its endowment fund and increasing donor commitments to pass-thru grants with the goal of being able to provide funding for *all* eligible grants. The ongoing financial commitment of contributors to the Foundation will enable our children and our community to become the best they can be.

More About BTBEF

CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS AND DONATIONS

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

Your check, annual pledge or donation via PayPal is appreciated.

- Contribute online or obtain forms at BeyondTheBooksBN.com.
- Make an Honor donation to commemorate a special person (child, teacher, parent) or occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement).
- Remember someone with a Memorial gift.
- Name the Foundation in a bequest, real estate gift or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy.

WHERE DO I SEND MY DONATION?

Print, fill out and mail the Contribution/Pledge Card with checks payable to:
Beyond The Books Educational Foundation P.O. Box 908 • Bloomington, IL 61702-0908



Financial Update

REVENUE TOTAL & SUMMARY, EXPENSE SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR OF 2024

In 2024, the Beyond the Books Educational Foundation had total revenues of \$86,917 from a combination of individual, business, and charitable foundation contributions, and investment returns and interest.

CALENDAR YEAR 2024 REVENUE SUMMARY

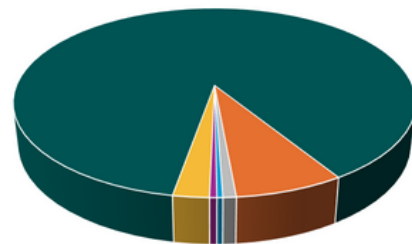
Regular Contributions	\$ 33,403
Ingold Family Donations	\$ 5,000
Shirk Family Foundation	\$ 10,000
Investment Returns & Interest	\$ 38,514
Total Revenue	\$ 86,917



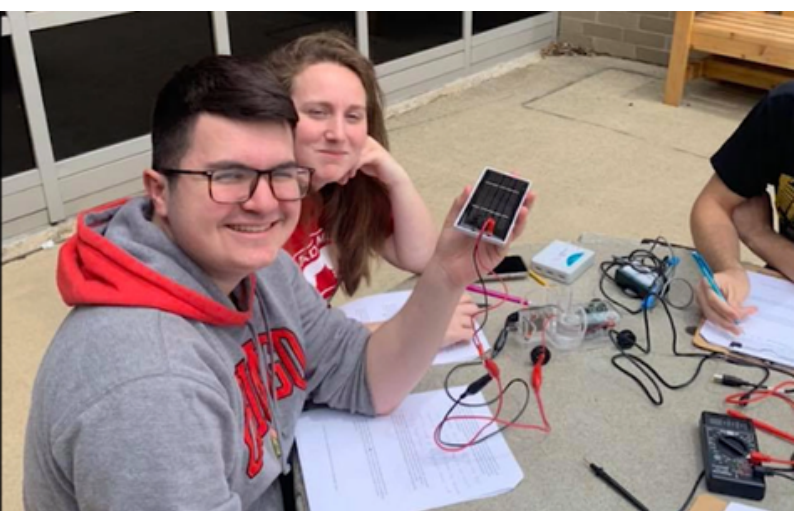
- Regular Contributions
- Ingold Family Donations
- Shirk Family Foundation
- Investment Returns & Interest

CALENDAR YEAR 2024 EXPENSE SUMMARY

2024 Grant Awards	\$ 80,645
Professional Fees	\$ 6,768
Mailing Supplies & Postage	\$ 809
Promotional Materials	\$ 360
Insurance	\$ 441
Information Technology	\$ 2,235
Total Expenses	\$ 91,258



- 2024 Grant Awards
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- Insurance
- Information Technology



How Grants are Funded

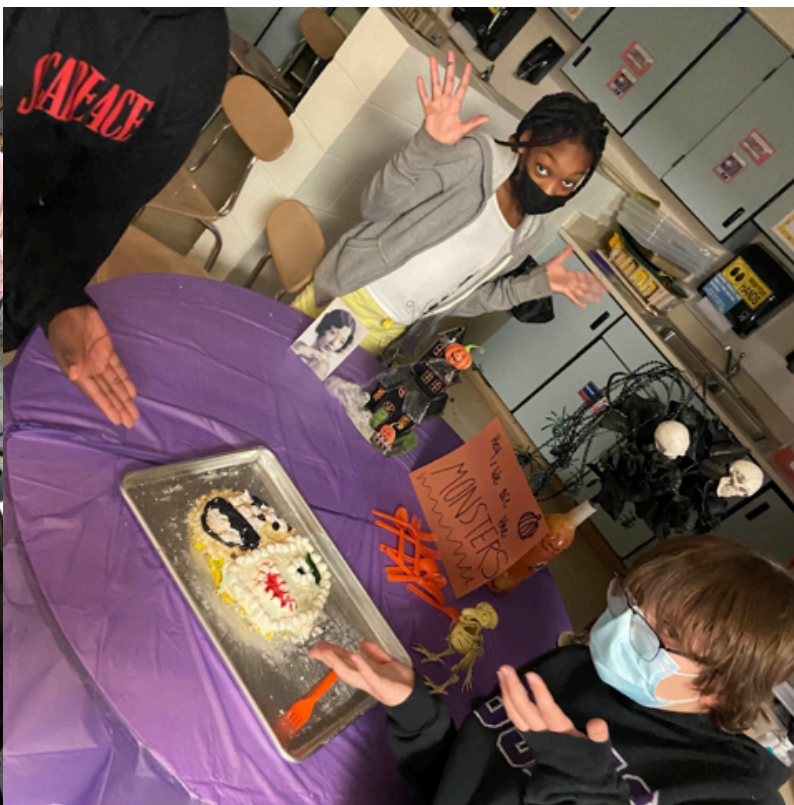
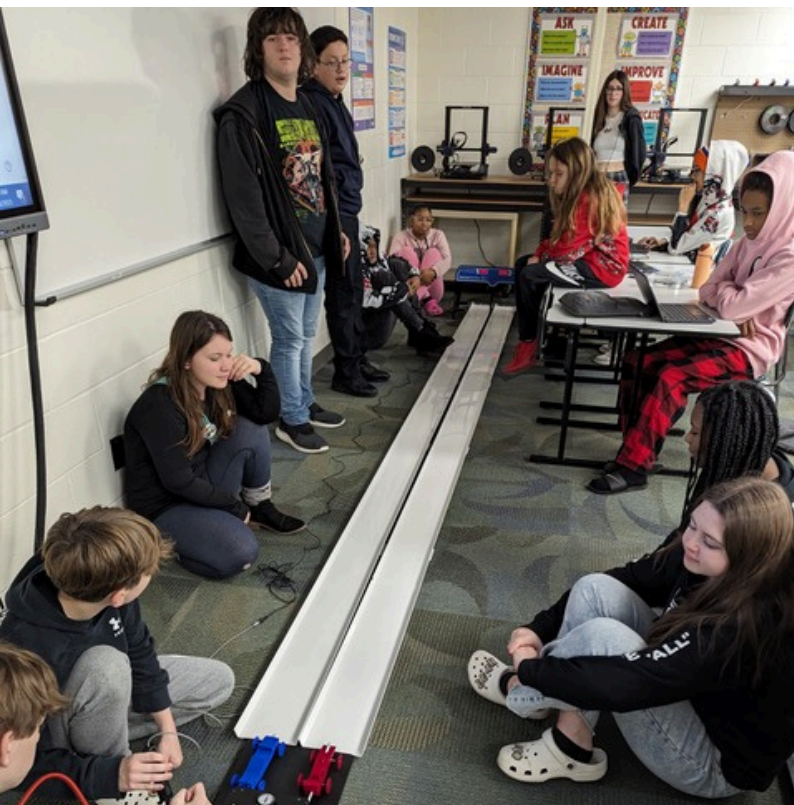
WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

THE ROLE OF PASS-THRU GRANTS IN ANNUAL GRANT FUNDING

The previous page lists the revenue received in the calendar year. However, this does not always accurately reflect how the year's grants are funded. There are two main types of donations: (1) *regular donations* that are added to the endowment and (2) *pass-thru donations* that go directly to fund grants. *Pass-thru donations* are often given in years prior to the time they are used. For example, donors who want to give a pass-thru donation must commit a minimum of \$15,000 over 3 years – which will fund grants of \$5000/year for 3 years. If the full \$15,000 is donated in year one, that donation will appear in the revenue list for year one, but will not be mentioned in years two and three. Nonetheless, \$5000 of the grant-money awarded in years 2 and 3 came from that donor. This page identifies whose money was used to fund grants in 2024.

SOURCES OF GRANT FUNDING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024

Endowment (<i>Regular Contributions & Investment income</i>)	\$ 60,645
Ingold Family in Honor of Jack & Ann Ingold	\$ 5,000
Rivian Automotive	\$ 5,000
Shirk Family Foundation	\$ 10,000
Total Grant Award	\$ 80,645



Grant Applications and Awards

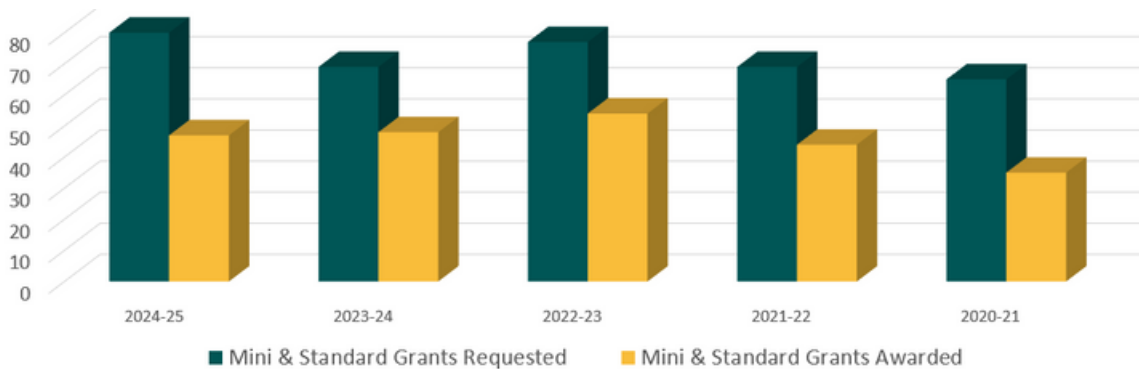
GRANTS THIS YEAR:

In 2024, Beyond the Books Educational Foundation received Mini and Standard grant applications from educators in Unit 5 and District 87, requesting a total of \$165,355. Of those 80 applications, 46 projects were awarded a total of \$70,645. In addition, one Beyond the Box grant of \$10,000 was awarded chosen from 6 applicants.

GRANTS OVER TIME:

Since 1992, \$1,263,014 has been awarded to support a total of 1,042 projects.

GRANTS REQUESTED VS. GRANTS AWARDED - 5-YEAR TREND:



TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED VS. AWARDED - 5-YEAR TREND:



\$80 K

Total Grant Funds
in 2024

47

Grants awarded
in 2024

\$1.26 M

Total Grants
since 1992

Donors in Fiscal Year 2024

JANUARY 1, 2024—DECEMBER 31, 2024

David and Cathy Anderson

Lucas Barger

W Brad and Tonya Barker

Chiolet Beaugard

Diana B Behnke

John Bierbaum

Erin Bowman

Gail Ann Briggs

Nicholas Bussan

William and Mary Caisley

Harry and Mary Campbell

Alan and Kathie Chapman

Angela Codron

Kathy Cooper

Jerry and Jan Crabtree

Frances Davis

John and Laura Dirks

Gil and Betty Dorsey

Fred & Jamie Drake

John Farney

Douglas Ficca

Guy C Fraker

John Goeckner

George and Myra Gordon

Shauna Gourley

Shashidhar Gowda

Steven and Cathleen Haas

Dr. Herschel & Carolyn Hannah

Rose Harms

Matthew Harr

Lisa Heaser

Julie Hiles

Sarah Hinch

Nancy Hoeflerle

Shauna Hoffman

Wally and Jan Hood

Chuck and Susan Hurliman

Katherine and David Hurst

Dr. Michael and Carol

Hutmacher

James & Martha Ingold

Charles Johnson

Chad Kahl

Natalie Karr

Emily Kauten

Karmy Kays

Dawn Kelley Lett

Margaret Killian

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Erin Knuth

Lynn Kwitkowski

Connie and Rick Laleman

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Kathleen Lenzini

Arnold and Barbara

Lizakowski

Elizabeth Luering

John and Cathy Lust

Chris and Susan Magnuson

Gregg Mecherle

Hayley Jo Mennenga

Margaret Modglin

Don and Shari Morkin

Michael and Rachael Mosley

Marilyn Myers

Margaret Ninness

Mary O'Brian

Janine Palma

Heather Pasewald

Michelle Pilon

Jolynn Plato

John Pratt

Santhy Ramanathan

Keith Rice

Reid and Cathy Richards

Micheal Richardson

Julie Riley

Dr. Jerry and Carole Ringer

John Robertson

Karrie Ruestman

Ed Jr and Sally Rust

Russell and Margaret Rutter

Jennifer Schieler

Christina Schulz

**YOUR GENEROSITY HELPS FUND INNOVATIVE
ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

See a list of grant winners at
www.BeyondTheBooksBN.com

Donors in Fiscal Year 2024

JANUARY 1, 2024—DECEMBER 31, 2024

Janenne Scott
Dawn Sheppelman
Kristy Siebert
Carl and Chantal Sneed
Dan and Kathy Steadman
Lewis F Steinbach
Susan Steinbach
Todd Stewart

Ann Sullivan
Beverly Verdery
Dave and Mary Ann Webb
Lyndra Webb
Bill and Peg Wetzel
William Wetzel
Kris Williams
Scott Wilson

Jamie Wolfe
Mark and Ellen R Wylie
Fleet Feet
Renaissance Administration
LLC
Rivian Automotive
Shirk Family Foundation

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

BENJAMIN

* Christina Schultz | \$3480 | *Growing The World In Our School Yard*

CARLOCK

* Jennifer Burns | \$3,270 | *Whatjamajig????? No, It is a Rigamajig!!*

* Stacy Herren | \$702 | *Purposeful Play*

GLENN

* Angie Grubic, Jamie Haseman, Bridget Law & Leeann Bain | \$1,086 | *We ARE a Thinking COMMUNITY, come THINK with us!*

IRVING

* Erin Knuth | \$642 | *Books for All*

NORTHPOINT

* Meghan Pantaleone | \$645 | *Parks for All*

OAKLAND

* Sarah Martin | \$795 | *Empowering Education Through Playaways*

PRAIRIELAND

* Danielle Estes | \$519 | *Mighty Language Learning with Miniature Objects*

* Suzanne Schertz | \$291 | *Growing Away from the Book*

STEVENSON

* Jason Studryvin | \$655 | *Remote Control Tag*

* Jason Studryvin | \$736 | *Jumping Rope Should be for Everyone*

SUGAR CREEK

* Karen Showalter | \$794 | *Building a "Sound" Reader*

* Karen Showalter & Rachel Mattson | \$799 | *No Words = More Words*

* Laura Yost | \$773 | *Step Into School*

WASHINGTON

* Maggie Killian, Jayme Corcoran & Erin Bersche | \$4,875 | *Garden Greenhouse Gateway to Learning*

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MIDDLE SCHOOLS / JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

BLOOMINGTON JHS

- * Kristen Ayers & Jessica Dougall | \$324 | *Birthday Bags*
- * Rachel Kuehnl | \$419 | *Winning with Math Game Play*
- * Caley Oltman & Lillian Harrison | \$698 | *Building Skills through Board Games*

CHIDDIX JHS

- * Jillian Meszar | \$740 | *Empowering Minority Music*

EVANS JHS

- * Elisa Palacio, Bethany Schlipf & Jessica Hoy | \$796 | *Building Linguistic and Cultural Bridges*

KINGSLEY JHS

- * Anita Holland | \$322 | *Hands on History*
- * Jennifer Ritchason & Nikki Brienem | \$675 | *Promoting Reading, Writing, & Book Ownership Through Creating Picture Books*
- * Jennifer Ritchason | \$500 | *Sometimes Wonderful Community Service Opportunities Fall into Your Lap!*
- * Jennifer Ritchason, Mindy Leverton, Nikki Brienem & Katie Starkey | \$505 | *Improving Social & Emotional Regulation with Board Games*
- * Eric Stegemann & Lakeisha Banks | \$3,918 | *A Studio to Keep Kids in the Know*

PARKSIDE JHS

- * Shiann Papandrea | \$790 | *Breakout Boxes for Reading Engagement*
- * Jessica Lawent & Shelby Gresham | \$784 | *Magnatiles for Surface Area!*

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HIGH SCHOOLS

BLOOMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

- * Marla Brady & Casey Kelley | \$600 | *To Kill A Mockingbird Graphic Novel*
- * Jacob Beinborn | \$4,479 | *Percussion Practice Accessibility: Tools and Aides for Effective Practice*
- * Lisa Clover | \$2,663 | *Recipe for Success*
- * Angela Thatcher & Amy Ehrich | \$4,930 | *Rescue Ready: Elevating Student Preparedness with CPR & AED Training*

EUGENE FIELD

- * Jordan Newton-Gonzalez, Abby Everett & Jenni Decker | \$4,000 | *Building Independence Through Apartment Living*

NORMAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

- * Wendy Davis & Zach Barr | \$798 | *Learning Environment for In School Suspension*
- * Kara Klepp & Dave Feeney | \$734 | *Pickleball Club*
- * Caroline Fox Anvick, Michelle Hawkins, Emily Houk, Jodi Tamburini & Laura Turner | \$798 | *Hooray for Hi-Lo!*
- * Kathleen Pufahl | \$1,240 | *Balances for Biology*
- * Kathleen Pufahl & Amanda Long | \$4,100 | *A "Little" Fun With Electrophoresis*
- * Hunter Watts | \$400 | *Concepts in Practice: Statecraft Simulations*

NORMAL COMMUNITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

- * John Bierbaum | \$824 | *Let's get digital, digital: Convert Archival Materials for Online Access*
- * Ryan Budzinski | \$740 | *Seeing Myself in My Music*
- * Remy Garard & Katie Bovenkerk | \$950 | *Children's Books as Windows and Mirrors for Research*
- * Natalie Spath | \$515 | *Speak Now (Journalism version)*
- * Abigail Primo | \$961 | *Science is Unbelievable: Student-led Experimental Design*
- * Valentine Walker, Joel Swanson, and Michael Burt | \$4,976 | *Oh Canada, You Are On Fire!*
- * Valentine Walker, Joel Swanson, Daniel Highby & David Lehr | \$4,920 | *Recycling: Let's Keep Plastics Out of Our Oceans and Extrude Them!*
- * Dave Weber | \$1,484 | *STEM Is Elementary*

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SPECIAL GRANT AWARD - BEYOND THE BOX (UP TO \$10,000)

NORMAL COMMUNITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Dave Weber, Jackson Suddarth, Dave Lehr, John Mackinson, Ali Akyuz & Becky Frangella |
\$10,000 | *Designing a Space for All*

Students design, create, and implement more functional and collaborative common spaces at a high school.

Monies for this award are provided by the Shirk Family Foundation.