

Innovation, Creativity, Commitment

Words that encompass the Innovative Classroom Project Grants awarded for 2013-2014

The Foundation awarded 15 Innovative Classroom Project Grants this past May, totaling \$11,250. Each grant winner receives \$750 to see out their plans for improving their classroom and school. We recognized each grant winner with a certificate, t-shirt, and refreshments at the Oct. 22nd School Board meeting. We also awarded two \$250 professional development grants, one \$1,000 principal grant, and one \$500 TEC Dowling grant for Technology. We are so proud of all our grant winners and the amazing work they do in their classrooms every day!



New Grant Awarded: Principal Project

Keith Griffin—Springfield Middle School

Many times principals have programs or trainings they want to bring in to impact their entire school and finding enough funding for these efforts can be tricky. We wanted to provide a grant just for principals that may open up possibilities for them to bring in some new innovative programs to their school. The \$1,000 grant was awarded to Keith Griffin at SFMS for his project called, WEB project.

From left to right
 Assistant Principal-
 Mike Pratt, Principal-
 Keith Griffin



Beta Sigma Phi supporting the Foundation



The Beta Sigma Phi chapter of Fort Mill/Tega Cay recently held a calendar fundraiser and donated all profits to the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools for use on our Innovative Classroom Projects grant fund. Beta Sigma Phi is an international women's friendship network with the purpose of fundraising and providing service to others and meeting the needs of the local community. We are thrilled that Beta Sigma Phi has supported the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools for several years. This most recent fundraiser awarded \$4,000 to the Foundation.

How YOUR donations make a difference

All of our grants are funded through donations from local businesses, corporations, and individuals who value education and the success of our schools.

Ashley Mantel
Riverview Elementary School
Testimony from Ms. Mantel

The Foundation grant has given the students at RVES access to new and engaging books. Many students haven't had the opportunity to go to the books store and enjoy opening a brand new book that their friends are talking about. The grant allowed me to purchase books students wanted to read that their peers were talking about in school. Reading engagement continued to increase throughout the classrooms in our school as the students became more excited to read these books that everyone was talking about. This allowed my students to experience that feeling that leads to a lifetime of reading.

Lauren Crawford
Fort Mill Middle School
Testimony from Ms. Crawford

One of the sixth grade science standards is about energy transformations. I discovered these electronic snap kits while attending the USC Summer Institute. I was able to borrow them to use in my classroom. When I saw what a difference it made in the students' comprehension of energy transformations, I was very excited as this is a difficult concept to understand. Thanks to the Foundation, I got to purchase kits of my own. The students love them while learning the inquiry based way!



Riley Jordan and Daniel Reyes
 from Ms. Crawford's class at
 FMMS.

2013-2014 Grant Winners -- over \$13,000 in award money!

Innovative Classroom Project Grants: \$750

Samantha Warren, OPES-It's *Time for Kids* to investigate: Using non-fiction kids' magazines and digital cameras to synthesize their reading and compose information writing investigations.

Emily Gaither, RVES-Research in the Classroom: Learning through Non-Fiction Books

Susan Balsinger, SCES-Power Up a Kindle to Power Up a Reader

Bethany Prain, GHES-Multiplication Master In a Flash!

Jill Douds, Terry Bauer-Brown, Donna Randall, Yvette Senesi, FMMS-Grow With Us

Kelly Yates, RVES-Razzle Dazzle Reading with RAZ-Kids

Missy Babinchak, OPES-Take Math Into Your Own Hands

Brandi Ruth, PKES-School Inclusion Project

Janet Gaither, SFES-5th Grade Fraction Action

Kristina M. Combs, FMMS-FMMS WEB Crew "You Get Back What You Give"

Vicki Ball, NFHS-Cooking 411

Meredith Garrison, PKES-Books for Book Bags

Vicki Niedermeier, NFHS-Writing Tools for Success in Life

Amanda Brogdon, SFES-Get that *Sophisticated* Look by Exploring a Good Book!

Amy Rohring, Kaleb Greenan, Ashley Pfountz, GHES-Engineering a Path to Success: Learning Through STEM

Mark Your Calendars!!

**Grants for the 2014-2015
 school year will be
 available on our website in
 January and due by
 April 30, 2014.**

Professional Development Grants: \$250

Ryan Milling, OPES-Bucketfilling Program

Marion Cook, Heather Wolf, SFES-Fountas and Pinnell Prompting Guide

TEC Dowling Grant for Technology: \$500

Ashley Mantel, RVES-Why can't I skip my twenty minutes of reading?

Principal Project Grant: \$1,000

Keith Griffin, SFMS-WEB Project

Ryan Milling, OPES received a
 \$250 professional development
 grant to attend a conference on
 a Bucketfilling Program



School Supply Drive



As each school year approaches the local stores are flooded with sales for notebooks, pencils, binders, book bags, etc. However, there are many students in our community that don't have the opportunity to go shopping for new school supplies. The Foundation

had not taken on this task in the past and was briefly mentioned in an article the Rock Hill Herald printed in August as a location to send monetary donations for school supplies in Fort Mill. We were thrilled with the response of our community, which rose over \$1,700 for school supplies. Because of the great reaction from our community, we will be planning an even larger school supply drive for next year.

“Like” us on Facebook!

We are trying to get 1,000 more “likes” on Facebook in honor of our tenth year of serving the Fort Mill Schools. The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools was started many years ago by a group of business people, civic leaders, and educators with the help of former Fort Mill School District superintendent, TEC Dowling. We received our nonprofit status in November of 2003 and have distributed thousands of dollars in scholarship and grant money since. We want

more people to know about us and are asking for your help in getting our name out there! Please “like” the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools on Facebook and share us with your friends. We post updates on what we're doing and alert you to upcoming dates for grant and scholarship applications.



2013-2014 Scholarship Winners –over \$16,000 to high school grads!

Harold (Mac) and Phoebe McCallum Scholarship

Hugh White Memorial Scholarship

Tim Hawkins Memorial Scholarship

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Maggie Boyd (Clemson University)

Morgan Barradale (Winthrop University)

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Visit our website at www.ffms.org if you'd like to learn more about the scholarships we offer. You can also donate money to a specific scholarship account by simply noting that on your donation.

Scholarship applications will be distributed to the high schools and on our website in January 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Thank you 2013 Donors!

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Bernie Ackerman, Luther Dasher, Lynn Ringley, Martha Kinard, Karla Racer, Jim Babinchak, and Brian Murphy at our Grant Recognition Night at the School Board Meeting

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We'd like to say thanks to former board members, Karla Racer, Mary Kathryn Green, Anna Epps, Marc Howie, and Murray White. We wouldn't be where we are now without you.