

Bright Futures Spring Board Report 16-17 School Year

January

- Chili/Soup Fundraiser & 50/50 Raffle (1/6)—At Middle School in coordination with boys/girls basketball games; Earned \$270; Money used in part to purchase fidgets for Middle School counselors and Student Support Center (chair bouncy bands, wobble disc for seat of chair, hand-held fidgets)

February

- Underwear Drive—School Coordinator facilitated event at High School in coordination with game/Court Warming; Collected about 20 packs of underwear

March

- Community Coordinator attended Bright Futures USA National Conference in Siloam Springs, AK; Brought back a lot of resources and ideas
- Presented about Bright Futures Program at Optimist Club meeting
- Backpack program sent food home with families for Spring Break week
- Discussions about how to streamline and coordinate process of utilizing volunteers so that Bright Futures (and other programs) don't need to find their 'own' volunteers, but perhaps a pool of volunteers can be shared across the district and various programs
- Discussions about how to better communicate and coordinate events between community entities and the various programs within the school so that we best support one another and do not compete with one another

April

- Community Coordinator attended Bright Futures Regional Coordinators meeting; Holden will host the next meeting in September
- Bright Futures informational flyers at Kindergarten Screening
- Bright Futures Informational flyers at the Insp;re 5k event
- Holden now has a Bright Futures Webpage that went active this month and we are now able to accept donations online! (holden.brightfuturesusa.org)
- T-shirt fundraising opportunity through Bright Futures USA—sold 10 shirts and made \$50
- Middle School started a Lunch Cabinet to serve students who would not otherwise eat at lunch (i.e. negative lunch balance and embarrassed to get cheese sandwich); This service has been utilized several times and is going well

May

- Plan a thorough cleaning/organizing of the HUB to get a general inventory and identify holes/needs
- Working to identify/recruit Site Council members for Elementary, Middle, and High School for 18-19 school year

Summer (June, July)

- Working to identify and recruit three replacement Advisory Board Members
- Discussion and planning of programs/events and fundraising ideas for upcoming school year

August

- Booth at the Holden Street Fair
- Advisory Board members, along with Community Coordinator, will be attending other affiliate community "Kick Off Breakfast" Events to learn more about how to do that here in our community; Grain Valley's is 8/3 and Harrisonville's is 8/22

Funding / Expenses January 2017 through April 2017

- Starting balance January 2017 = \$20,863.05
- Donations/Fundraising = \$1,669.13
 - mostly donations
- Expenses = \$1,937.47
 - contributed to community effort to address negative lunch balances, holiday break food backpack program, adopt a family for the holiday program, clothing/shoes for students we didn't have in HUB, Bright Futures USA National Conference
- Ending Balance = \$20,594.71

Reoccurring Monthly Needs / Services

- shoes, socks, underwear, clothing
- snacks / food
- backpacks
- headphones/ear buds
- zippered binders

Other

- Bright Futures USA has a YouTube page with videos from conference award winners
- Currently working on identified need for re-useable, sanitary, and affordable 'heating pad' options for nurse's office in each building
- Discussions about how to get more parents/guardians to complete the Free & Reduced Lunch paperwork and how Bright Futures can support that process