

Holden RIII School Foundation Year-In-Review

2014-2015

1. Due to a General Fund cash surplus, this school year the Foundation voted to award up to \$8000 in teachers grants.

The fall grants were awarded to: 4th grade teacher Sarah Abel to help fund The 4th Grade's Mini Society. The foundation funded \$400 of the \$600 ask for on Mrs. Abel's grant. Carla House, MS Librarian, was awarded \$3600 to partially fund a Technology Advancement Cart.

The spring grants were awarded to: HS Chemistry teacher Dorell Murray, \$1342.00 for 3D pens. HS teacher Michelle Kearfott, \$1860.00 for new sewing machines and \$600.00 to the 1st Grade Team for a grade wide field trip to the Coterie Theatre to see Dr. Seuss' "*The Cat In The Hat*".

**The Foundation also received a request that was outside the teacher's grant window that we were able help fund. HSF contributed \$250 to help the MS TARGET Team's Individual Problem Solver, Lily Hertzog, attend the Future Problem Solving 2015 International Conference to be held at Iowa State University in June. Approximately 2200 students from all 50 states and several countries will be attending.

2. HSF provided \$2500 so that 300 3rd – 5th grade students could go on Guided Program educational trips to Powell Gardens. Robin Eissler submitted a request behalf of those teachers. Although the same amount was spent by the foundation as previous years, the number of students covered dropped due to the teacher's requesting Powell Garden's "Guided Tour Program" which is more closely tied to 3rd-5th grade classroom curriculum.
3. HSF membership drive at the beginning of the school year resulted in nearly 70 employees taking part in the payroll deduction program. Also sold 17 memberships to members of the community.
4. HSF received over \$2,000 in miscellaneous designated donations for programs within the district. This does not include scholarship donations.
5. HSF took part in several school and community events including Back to School night, the Optimist's/Chamber's Trick or Treat night and worked the concession stand for 3 basketball games.

6. HSF's Spring Fundraiser was our 1st (hope to be annual) 5K Color Run. Although this year the Color Run was held primarily as an advertising campaign for the foundation, we did make profit of about \$1200. We had over 100 participants in the Adult 5K and the Kid's Dash.
7. HSF administered 27 scholarships to graduating seniors for a total dollar amount of \$24,300.
8. HSF will be providing 2 alumni tours of the high school on June 13th. This will allow alumni to see the changes and improvements that have been made to our district. Two new scholarships that were awarded this year were a direct result of one of our previous alumni tours. At this time, the Holden HS alumni who funded these scholarships plan to continue to fund them in the future.