

Osborn District Educational Foundation

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The Osborn School District Educational Foundation (OSDEF) has three long-standing signature programs:

- **KidsRead**
- **Teacher Mini-Grants**
- **Sports Programs PLUS**
- **Requests for Funding, (RFF) a new program added in 2018.**

THIRTY TWO YEARS OF ENRICHING LEARNING

The Osborn School District Educational Foundation, (OSDEF), founded in 1986 is thirty-two years old this year.

Nancy Fournier, a former Encanto teacher, who was president of

the Osborn District Governing Board that year envisioned an organization to *encourage innovation, promote healthy campuses and support creative experiences for Osborn students.* Sue Corbin, currently a district Board member, and Dr. Wilma Basnett, retired superintendent, were two of the founding members of OSDEF.

Over the years support has focused on three longstanding signature programs to enrich student learning both in and outside the classroom: KidsRead, Teacher Mini Grants and Sports Programs.



Longview teachers shown left to right, Maui Taylor, Kdg. ; Bill Lightfoot, 4th grade; Carrie Crompton, Kdg.; Maria Green, 2nd grade Dual Language; Renea Micallef, Art, were five of eight teachers who received checks from OSDEF President, Dr. Wilma Basnett for their fall mini-grants.

KidsRead—This program was formed in 1996 by Eileen Bailey, a community member and former OSDEF board member. Twenty-two years later, OSDEF is still giving away books to third graders to start their home libraries.

Teacher Mini Grants—Every spring and fall since 2005, teachers have been able to request up to \$300 to support innovative programs for their children. Last school year, \$7,000 in grants was approved for 26 classrooms. In October, eight teachers received checks for fall mini-grants totaling \$2,000. For the past four years, Phoenix West Rotary has pro-

vided \$6,000 annually for this program. Classrooms have been enriched by close to \$80,000 over the life of the program.

Sports Programs: OSDEF funded after school sports program last year in the amount of \$9,000. Board Treasurer, Bill Boyd, who retired as a CPA for Price Kong this past fall secured \$10,000

in funding for the past ten years from the Price Kong Golf Tournament to fund sports.

New Grant Option—Last year OSDEF added a Request For Funding (RFF). Teachers may request amounts exceeding the \$300 cap of mini-grants. Last spring OSDEF distributed \$16,000 in funds for projects underway this fall. Grants in the amount of \$18,600 were approved in November for implementation this spring.

Funds for these programs come from individual donations and our Teacher of the Year celebration/fundraiser.

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.

Requests for Funding (RFF) provide funding for programs that demonstrate collaboration or impact across an entire grade level or school.

GRANTS ENRICHED CLASSROOMS FOR FALL 2018

Last spring OSDEF funded eight district teachers at four district schools for programs totaling \$16,000 through a new Request For Funding (RFF) program. Grants ranged from \$325 to \$3,600 and included a variety of activities from Basketball Uniforms for Osborn Middle School girls, to African Drums & Respect Curriculum for General Music classes at Solano, to a district request from music staff to form an Osborn 6th Grade Honor band, a new program for the highest-performing and most dedicated 6th grade band students who are working toward a March 22 event this spring.

Specific grants funded by school include the following:

Clarendon and Longview

- **Ann Aken**—Focus on Literacy—Using Authentic Texts to Teach Point of View to Dual Language \$325
- **Rodi Vehr**—Focus on Fitness/Team Activities—Peaceful Productive Play, \$3,400

Osborn Middle School

- **Dyana Dryja**—Set of Female Basketball Uniforms—reversible shorts and jerseys \$1,000
- **Sara Allen & Annie Kitchen**—Innovation & Literacy—7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens texts and workbooks \$1,700

- **District Music Staff**—Osborn 6th Grade Honor Band \$1,200

Solano

- **Amy Swietlik**—Arts D.R.U.M. Curriculum—Discipline, Respect & Unity Through Music—African Drums & Respect Curriculum for General Music Classes
- **Jessica Button**—Girls on the Run Team—running and self esteem building program \$1,800
- **Amy Swietlik**—Youth Fitness/Team Activities, Innovation,—Solano Health & Wellness Support \$2,700

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING APPROVED FOR SPRING 2019



This past fall, the Foundation funded a **\$14,000 proposal submitted by district principals** that is part of a larger project to be instituted district wide between January and summer 2019.

For over ten years, Osborn schools have been implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) focused on teaching and reinforcing school-wide and classroom behavior expectations.

Many students need greater support so this funding, among other things, will provide teachers with professional learning and strategies they can immediately apply in their classrooms.

The Foundation also funded four other proposals as follows:

Osborn Middle School

- **OMS Transitions Committee**—Eighth Grade Experience at NAU or U of A—part of a larger project to educate students about higher education options.

Encanto

- **Emily Flathers**—an after-school Guitar curriculum for third graders.

Longview

- **Renea Micallef**—a Puppetry grant to enhance both the arts and literacy.

Solano

- **Mae Nevarez and Solano Fifth Grade Team**—to provide subscriptions to Brain Pop for fifth graders as a means of integrating Reading, math and science.

Since the spring of 2018 OSDEF has funded 13 Requests for Funding totaling \$34,597.88

Staff may apply for Requests For Funding Grants in the fall for spring implementation and in the spring for fall implementation.

THIRD ANNUAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION AND FUNRAISER

October 20, 2018 was a special night for three outstanding Osborn teachers—**Brendan Mann, Osborn Middle School, Maria Garcia, Encanto and Rodi Vehr, Longview**, pictured left to right below. Each was celebrated as a **2018 Osborn Teacher of the Year**. They join the ranks of a select group of six other teachers who were so recognized in 2016 and 2017.

Center, included a live and silent auction and a call to support KidsRead. Marty Makar, retired OMS

Over \$9,000 was raised to support KidsRead and will provide books to third graders to take home. A gift of \$10 provides one book for a child; \$50 five books for one child for the year. A gift of \$300 covers a classroom for one book/child/year.



Each teacher received a beautifully engraved crystal award, and a check from OSDEF in the amount of \$1,000. In addition to celebrating excellence in teaching, the event, held at the Doubletree Inn by Hilton at Metro-

principal served as emcee and honoree Brendan Mann, handled the live auction and call to KidsRead.

The **Fourth Annual Teacher of the Year Celebration and Fundraiser** will be held at the **Doubletree Inn by Hilton at Metro Center on Saturday, October 19, 2019.** Mark your calendar now!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

Eleven special friends to the District helped assure a successful Teacher of the Year event by purchasing sponsorships totaling \$55,000. We are grateful to each and everyone for their support.

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Special thanks to Phoenix West Rotarians who stepped up to handle registration and check-out.

FOUNDATION LOGO CONTEST

The Osborn School District Educational Foundation (OSDEF) is looking for a logo. No, it isn't lost—we simply don't have one. After 32 years as a successful educational foundation, we feel we need one and we are giving Osborn students a chance to help design it! We feel that if OSDEF were more easily recognized and we did a better job of publicizing our good works, more individuals would be will willing to con-

tribute funds resulting in more funds finding their way into classroom projects directly benefiting district students. A clever and easily recognizable logo, we feel, is a good first step.

The contest was announced November 19 and will end at noon on Thursday, January 31, 2019. The winning submission will be used as the basis for the final logo and will earn the winning student's classroom a pizza party and a \$100 prize to be used for classroom activities.

The winning design will be selected in early February with the winner being notified shortly thereafter.



Funding for OSDEF sponsored programs come from individual donations and our major fund raiser, Teacher of the Year.