

Fall 2015 BHS Foundation Mini-Grant Awardees

On Friday, November 13, the BHS Foundation awarded more than \$21,000 in grants. We received forty-two applications requesting more than \$100,000 for programs and materials district-wide. We are impressed with all of the requests and appreciate the effort required in preparing an application. We're working hard to raise funds and hoping to award significantly more grants in the winter of 2016.

Community Outreach Mosaic/Art Installment-Conant

Funds for supplies to create a large group mosaic by Conant Elementary fourth graders using ceramic, clay and glass. This will be permanently installed at the Bloomfield Township Public Library for the greater community to enjoy.

Eastover Diversity Book Collection-Eastover

Winner of the Shelly Lazarus Grant, this will allow the Eastover Media Center to purchase books that reflect the great diversity of this school. Eastover is very racially, culturally and socio-economically diverse. These books will represent all types of families, religions, races and abilities.

Drawing in the Digital Dimension-Lone Pine

3Doodler pens and digital pencils will be purchased to give art students the opportunity to create new and exciting projects. 3Doodler pens combine the drawing tool of a pen with a 3D sculpting tool. The digital pencils will allow students to explore digital painting, combining traditional drawing methods with innovative digital tools.

Garden Club-BHHS

Gardening tools and supplies will be provided to ARP and Deaf and Hard of Hearing students, who will learn how to maintain and update plants (annuals, perennials) in a courtyard garden at BHHS.

Grading from the Inside Out: Tom Schimmer-Dept. of Learning Services

Tom Schimmer, educational author, speaker and consultant from Vancouver, BC, will work with the grades 5-12 staff on the upcoming March 8th Professional Development Day. Mr. Schimmer promotes a specific way of thinking about teaching and learning. He speaks about sound grading practices, assessment FOR learning and leadership within the classroom and beyond. This will be presented as a mini-conference for staff, with Mr. Schimmer as the keynote speaker, followed by breakout sessions.

GoPro or GoHome-BHHS Student Leadership

One GoPro camera will be purchased for each grade to record student engagement at events and activities throughout the school year. Videos will be created for upcoming events, student montages and to recap school events.

littleBits Maker Space-BHMS

Two sets of littleBits circuits (which include hardware and computing platforms) will be purchased for use at a “Maker Space” during indoor lunch recess and will be available for staff checkout for use in classrooms. These tools allow students to “play” and experiment with electronics.

Michigan History Day/National History Day 2016-BHHS

Fees to enter 27 student projects in the National History Day district competition and 12 projects at the state level. Project categories include a research paper, performance, website, exhibit or documentary. All 10th grade students enrolled in American Literature 1600-Present/AP U.S. History will participate at the school level, with 27 projects selected for district-level competition (3 per category).

C.H.E.W (Cook-Harvest-Eat-Well) Mobile Kitchen Fund-Eastover

Healthy ingredients such as fresh fruits/vegetables, herbs, Native American wild rice, beans, etc. will be purchased for the current mobile kitchen. Students learn about the environmental and health benefits of eating locally grown and fresh produce by cooking healthy recipes in the classroom.

Our Voice: iPad, Communication app, Case-Wing Lake

Two iPads will be purchased, along with a communication app, to help students with severe multiple impairments communicate with others in their school and community. These devices will help bring educational experiences to them and, using apps like “GoTalk Now” will help break down the barriers between the students and their community.

Pay It Forward with Worms-Bowers Farm

Vermiculture bins will be purchased for Agriscience students. Vermiculture is the process of composting materials like paper and vegetable matter using worms. The Agriscience students will develop a practical guide to raising composting worms and will develop an application process for distributing 10 bins to BHS classrooms across the district.

Robotics-BHMS

20 EV3 brains and 20 EV2 Core Set kits will be purchased to enhance the Academic Extension robotics curriculum across the three middle schools. The new equipment will replace the outdated brains and kits and will allow for a 2:1 student to robot ratio.

Student Garden Accessibility and Sensory Garden-Eastover

The existing student garden will be made more accessible to ALL students and expanded to include a Sensory Garden specifically designed for the special education population. More user-friendly seating will be purchased as well as plants, wind chimes and a water feature.

Theatre Promotional Banners-BHHS

Banners will be purchased to help promote high school student productions and give the Broken Leg Theatre Company (the BHHS Drama Club) a visual presence in the new high school building. These banners will be used for the annual musical, play and open-mic/coffeehouse nights.

The I's Have It: iPad, iPad Cover and Language Application-Wing Lake

One iPad will be purchased along with a language application to support learning and increase communication in an out of the classroom. This classroom supports nine learners with significant cognitive and physical impairments. The iPad and AAC Application allow for a variety of audio/visual and tactical voice/options that allow for more accessibility and personalization for the students.