



Birmingham Education Foundation 2008-2009 Awards- Year to Date

Foundation Grants

(Awarded to support district- wide, grade- wide, school wide or existing school programs requiring additional funding)

- Detroit Symphony Orchestra, every 4th grade student (775 students) in Birmingham Public Schools attends the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with tickets purchased by the BEF. (\$3,870)
- Groves High School, Sound Equipment, Groves performing Arts Company. More than 200 students participate directly in the theatre arts programs. Additionally audiences are comprised of many school and community members that enjoy the exposure to creative, innovative and high-quality arts programs. (\$1,500)
- Detroit Institute of Arts, Shaping Identity Tour, every 8th grade student will attend the DIA to gain a greater appreciation for art and its role in shaping identity. The tour is aligned with district/state standards in Social Studies and Language Arts. (\$2,840)
- Authors & Artists in Residence, in Spring 2009, young adult author and screenwriter Neal Shusterman will be working with all middle school students throughout the district in intensive interactive workshops and through inspiring storytelling. (\$13,000)

Great Idea Grants

(Awarded to schools or teachers demonstrating innovative and/or unique ideas and programs)

- Pierce, Reading Adventure Club, Instructional reading materials for use by students that are at or below grade level readers - grades K-3. (\$1,200)
- Seaholm High School, Blogging the 2008 Election, iFlip cameras, digital tape recorders, headphones and other equipment to be used by students in Flex, government classes, and debate. Allows students to participate electronically in the 2008 Presidential Election (\$1,000)
- Berkshire, Education 2.0, a model for bringing technological tools and fusing them with the appropriate media and curriculum essential to integrating all students into the 21st Century classroom. (\$14,400)
- Seaholm High School, Physics Department, induction coil that produces electricity by moving a magnet through an enormous coil. Levers and simple machines project and a sound project that involves an organ pipe and large PVC tubes. To be shared with elementary and middle school students. (\$1250)
- Seaholm High School, Engineering Technology Grant, students are building a Seaholm Segway that will be shared with Elementary and Middle School Students (\$2,500)
- Birmingham Covington School, 3rd and 4th grade classrooms, Flip cameras to be used for video journals, guest speakers, blogs, essays and documentation of science experiments. (\$996)
- Derby, Promethean Interactive Whiteboards for all Math Classes, the Derby PTA raised a substantial amount to put these interactive whiteboards in all of the Derby math classes. The

Foundation is supplementing the additional funds to make sure that every math class receives the Promethean board. (\$3,552)

- Birmingham Covington School, Physical Education, a replacement Paddlebuoy paddleboard to be used for PE swim classes. This Paddlebuoy will also be used during choice hour and adaptive physical education classes. (\$394)
- Greenfield, League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, a program targeting at-risk young men that will concentrate on respect, responsibility and kindness.(\$375)
- Beverly, LINKs Program, students enrolled in the LINKs program work collaboratively with students that have disabilities on common goals. LINKs students act as peer advocates and mentors. (\$300)
- Greenfield, Book Swap, a book exchange that matches children with books at the appropriate reading level, encouraging students to read more and have fun while doing it. (\$500)
- Birmingham Covington School, Edmark Reading Program: Level 2 Software, for use with students reading below 3rd grade level, including those with developmental disabilities.(\$359.75)
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- Beverly Elementary, Books for Bobcats. Funds will be used to build a literacy library for grades (k-2) for guided reading at the appropriate level. (\$500)
- Derby, LINKs Program, equipment and games to be used to foster social skills and interaction between students with autism and with general education students. This provides additional activities for the peer to peer support program. (\$512.77)
- Beverly, Books for Bobcats, leveled readers (6 books to a set) will be used in guided reading groups within the K-2 classrooms. This allows students to read at their own targeted and appropriate instructional level. (\$497.45)
- Groves, Peer to Peer Retreat, allows students from different populations to interact in a non-academic setting; creating an opportunity to learn about each other and themselves outside the social confines of the High school. (\$400)
- Bingham Farms, African American History Experience, all the fourth graders will visit the First Congregational Church in Detroit, which is one of the sites of the Underground Railroad. The students will also visit the Detroit Historical Museum where students will learn about more recent history of African Americans. (\$500)
- Pierce, Core Democratic Values, all Pierce students will increase their knowledge of core democratic values with a presentation by Doug Sheer's, Uncle Sam's Comedy Jam. The presentation covers the Thirteen Colonies to the Bill of Rights. (\$600)
- Greenfield, Creation of a National Wildlife Federation Schoolyard Habitat, the habitat is for play and independent exploration by students along with use in Social Studies, Science and Environmental lessons. (\$500)
- Seaholm, Etching Press, to be used in art class to create art prints. (\$1,000)