

THE BEF BANNER



For the Staff of Birmingham Public Schools

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FIRST GRANTS AWARDED

MORE THAN \$18,000 AWARDED IN SEPT & OCT!

Beginning with the "shoe-fie" contest, and continuing this month, the BEF has awarded more than \$18,000 in grants to support a wide variety of enriching opportunities for BPS students. On the following pages, you can learn more about these grants, and see the fun photos of teachers being surprised with the news, Publisher's Clearing House Style.

We also wanted to invite you to join the BEF **tomorrow** for Shop for our Schools Night in Downtown Birmingham! From 4 - 8 pm, select businesses will be donating a portion of sales to the BEF! See page 4 for full details.

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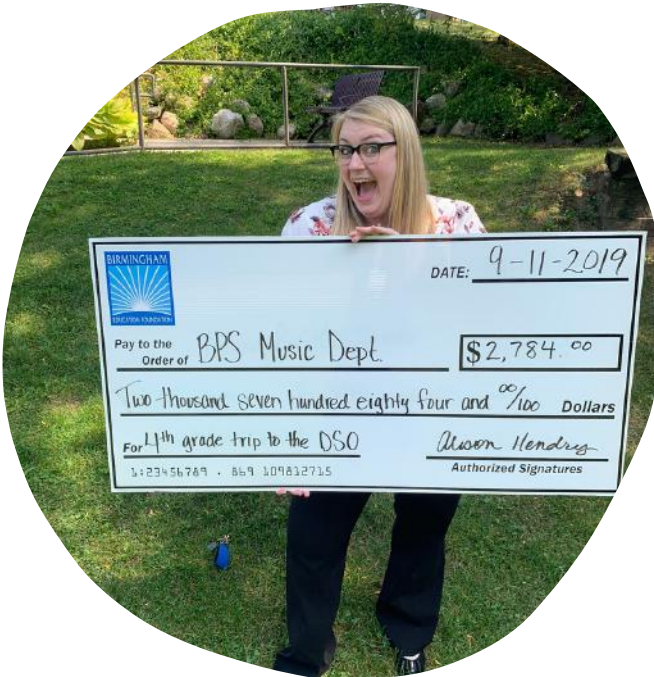
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER GRANTS AWARDED



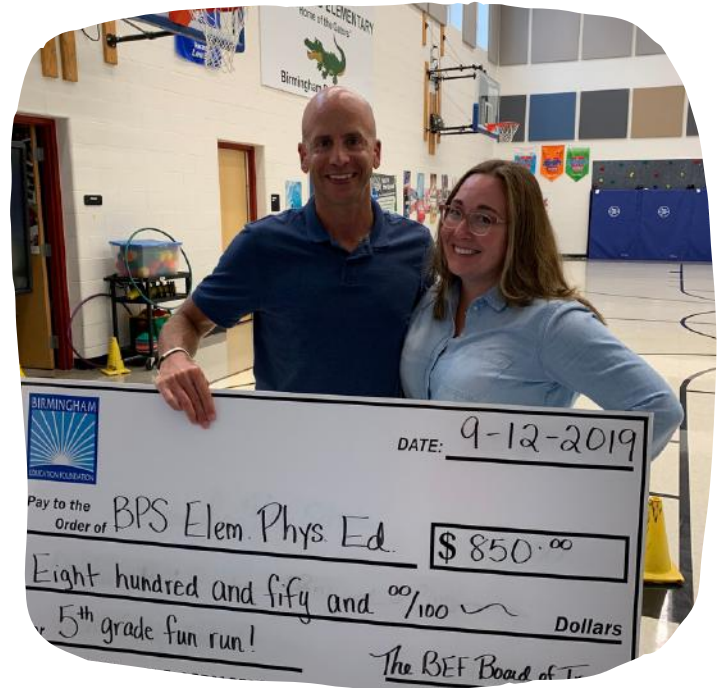
\$500 awarded to Greenfield for winning the shoe-fie contest



\$3,575 awarded to BCS for Challenge Day, thanks to an application submitted by Cindy Balicki



Olivia Zang's application earned \$2,784 for the Music Department to send every 4th grader to the DSO



\$850 was awarded to the BPS Phys. Ed. Department to support the 5th grade fun run, thanks to Derek DiGiovanni's application

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER GRANTS AWARDED



Joshua Finn at Seaholm was surprised with a \$700 grant for DeafBlind Experiences for his ASL classes



The combined Birmingham HS Robotics Team was awarded \$5,000 thanks to an application submitted by Bernie Simms

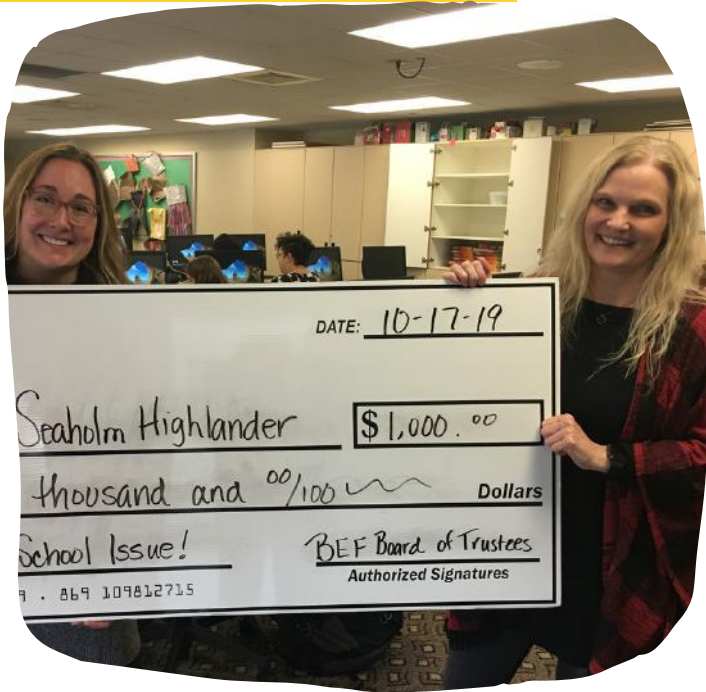


Renee Hart & Jenny Sawmiller at Pembroke were awarded \$729 to take their third-grade classes to programming at the Cranbrook Science Center



Thanks to Paul Shawver's request, \$3,000 was awarded to the Groves Orchestra, allowing them to bring musicians from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to work with students!

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER GRANTS AWARDED



\$1,000 was awarded to the Seaholm Highlander, funding the printing of one full school issue, thanks to an application submitted by Barb Slatin



On crazy hair day at Harlan, Joanne Rowe's fifth grade class learned that they'd received a grant for \$289.99 to purchase a Silhouette machine for their Makerspace

SHOP FOR OUR SCHOOLS TOMORROW!

Join the BEF **Tomorrow** in downtown Birmingham for our second Shop for Our Schools night! Visit the following businesses **between 4 and 8 PM** and a portion of your purchase will be donated back to the BEF.

Participating Stores include:

- Beyond Juice
- Gazelle Sports
- Scandia
- Stem & Stone
- Suhm-thing
- Sara Campbell

GRANT APPLICATION UPDATES

THINKING OF SUBMITTING A GRANT? MAKE SURE YOU READ ON!

We've been getting question about our guidelines and how to submit a grant. Here are some quick tips to help you as you apply!

- Grants are due by the first of each month in order to be reviewed that month. (Ex. Grants submitted by November 1 will be reviewed in November. Grants received between Nov. 2 and Dec. 1 will be reviewed in December.)
- Grants will be considered monthly between Sept - Jan, Mar - April.
- Technology Grants are due by March 1 and will be considered in March.
- Grants should be for things that enhance and enrich the curriculum, not for basic necessities.
- Prior to applying for a grant, the applicant must ask their Principal, PTA and department chair (or similar) for funding. It is ok if these people all say no to your request.
- Grants must include a detailed, clear budget.
- We will email your application to your principal for approval. We must receive this approval before we can consider your grant.
- Grants cannot pay for transportation of students, professional development, standard classroom technology, consumables, as well as other items. For a full list, please visit supportbef.org/grant-guidelines
- If you are unsure or something or have questions, please contact BEF Executive Director Alison Hendry for guidance.





WAYS TO HELP!

FROM SOCIAL MEDIA, TO VOLUNTEERING TO DONATING - YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

- Apply for a grant!
- Let us know how your grant went after it's finished. Send pictures, quotes and stories that we can share.
- Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or Instagram.
- Sign up for Smile.Amazon.com and select "Birmingham Public Schools Charitable Foundation" as your charity of choice.
- Register your Kroger Plus Card with the Kroger Community Rewards Program, and select us as your charity.
- Let parents know if you receive a grant!
- Drop off items for the garage sale (or come pick up items for your classroom at the end of the sale).
- Volunteer to help with one of our events.
- Attend the Bash in February or BBQ in May.
- Help us find items for the Bash Auction in February.
- Ask for a BEF Sticker and rep the BEF on your car, computer or water bottle!
- Make a donation to the BEF.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!