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BACK ROW: MICHELE EMERY, VP OF EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD; (AND DAUGHTER); ODETTTE ADAR, EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER; RON GALLINAT, SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE FOR EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD; STEPHANIE ERICKSON, EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER; ERIC CORNETTI, EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER; BOB JONES, EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER; DAVE BELTRAMINI, EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER; FRONT ROW: JESSI LORD, OFFICE/PROGRAM MANAGER; ANGIE COLE, EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER; MICHELLE JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOUNDATION; WENDY GRAUNITZ, PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD; JENNIFER NEWTON, EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

Education Foundation Awards Nearly \$70,000 for Innovative Stem, Art, Music & Wellness Classroom Grants

The Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools awarded nearly \$70,000 in classroom grants to public schools in Bend, La Pine and Sunriver, for use during the 2019-2020 school year. Priority of awards is given to high-need district schools and is based on merit of the request and available funding. Over the past decade, the Foundation has invested more than \$1.5 million into our public schools — positively impacting students in Bend, La Pine, and Sunriver.

For the 2019 academic year, the Education Foundation funded a wide variety of classroom projects that will impact students and teachers at every grade level. Additionally, several SAMS Lab coding kits were awarded to the District Technology department for use by all public middle schools. The 40 partially or fully funded grants consisted of a mix of requests from ten elementary schools, seven middle schools and five high schools. 16 of the requests were from Title 1 schools. For a complete list of Classroom Grants awarded visit engagedminds.org.

Teacher recipients of a classroom grant at schools all across the Bend La Pine district were surprised when presented their award certificates at staff meetings or in their classrooms. The responses were excited and grateful, and at times emotional, considering how hard our teachers work for their students, and how much of their extra time, and in many cases, their own dollars, are put into running their classroom successfully day in and day out.

Scott McDonald, instructional technology coach, stated, "There have been some exciting emerging technologies in education that have been, and continue to be, developed for student learning that are both meaningful and FUN. The Education Foundation helps us bring that technology into the classroom each and every year with their classroom grants program. This year, they have provided the teaching and learning department with three SAM Lab Inventor kits. The kits contain multiple sensors that can be manipulated on an iPad. Students use logic, math and programming to change the behavior of each sensor depending on what they are creating. The kits are shared by any school or grade level teacher wanting to integrate the technology into their classroom. The Education Foundation Classroom Grants program allows us all to work together in order to make the most of these unique emerging education technologies."



MICHELLE JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOUNDATION GIVES SCOTT McDONALD, INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY COACH, BEND-LAPINE SCHOOLS FUNDING FOR HIS GRANT REQUEST FOR (5) SAM LABS STEM KITS TO BE USED ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Bike for Life Camp

Bike for Life, a five day camp designed to help individuals learn how to ride bikes, takes place July 15-19 at Elton Gregory Middle School in Redmond. They believe learning this skill opens up a lot of opportunities and is important for achieving a sense of independence. With specialty-designed bikes, this camp is open to anyone at any skill level, including those with special needs. Each participant will be accompanied by two assistants for one hour and 15 minutes each day. Contact Dianna Hansen at dianna@codsn.org or 541-548-8559 for more information.



LINDSAY MANITSAS, TEACHER AT BEAR CREEK ELEMENTARY; KEVIN GEHRIG, PRINCIPAL AT NORTH STAR ELEMENTARY; AND MICHELLE JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOUNDATION GIVING AWARD FOR HER GRANT REQUEST FOR A SENSORY PATH TO BE INSTALLED ON THE WALLS AND FLOORS OF KINDERGARTEN HALLWAY

The Education Foundation plans to launch a "mini classroom grant funding cycle" for teacher requests in October of 2019 to be used for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. "More details to come related to this effort, however, we are excited to present our educators at the start of the upcoming school year with a foundation of further support," stated Angie Cole, Allocations Committee chair and Education Foundation board member.

Thanks to the generous donations from grant partners, individual and corporate donors, and the Bend community, the Education Foundation is humbled to provide support to teachers and students. The work of the Foundation affects the greater population of 18,300 students and 2000 educators and staff equitably within the Bend-La Pine school district.

"We are excited to announce this year's classroom grant awards," said Wendy Graunitz, Education Foundation board president. "Every spring the Foundation provides financial and resource support to public school educators on a district-wide level for high impact, academically proven innovative projects with solid implementation and evaluation plans in the areas of STEM, art, music and wellness. We serve to bridge the gap between the educational community and the business community in Bend, La Pine and Sunriver."

Annual fundraising events include Mt. Bachelor Ski4Schools, local charity nights and the always fun & competitive Trivia Night, held annually for the past 14 years at the Tower Theatre.

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MICHELLE JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOUNDATION GIVES ERIN MICKEL, TEACHER AT (TO BE OPENED) NORTH STAR ELEMENTARY, AWARD FOR HER GRANT REQUEST FOR A SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELLNESS SCHOOL WIDE STARTER KIT | PHOTOS COURTESY OF EDUCATION FOUNDATION