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The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation promotes student achievement and the unity of our community and its public schools by encouraging, supporting and recognizing excellence in innovative education, quality school programs and civic involvement.

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Happy Holidays

Becky, Sara, Stacey, Genice, Stacey, Amy, Maureen & Carol



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Dear Friends,

The holidays are a time for reflection, and a time to give thanks for the blessings we received throughout the year. At the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation, we're grateful for the support of our donors and sponsors to help us continue to grow, surpass new goals, and transform lives. Our dedicated staff has done an incredible job expanding our outreach initiatives while strengthening our programs. With your help, we invested over \$569,000 in programs that support Elkhorn students, teachers, and schools!

During 2017, the Foundation provided funding for a literacy center for preschoolers, additional math & reading instruction for elementary students, middle school play/musical programs, Smart projectors, graphing calculators, and AP tests! This year we added 10 new scholarship funds expanding the number of scholarships offered to high school students to 127! Thank you for your generous support of the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation!

During this special time of year, as you ponder how you might help others, we hope you'll consider a gift to the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation. Your donation impacts all of the Elkhorn Public Schools' students and staff!

From our family to yours,
wishing you a happy and
healthy holiday season!

Stacey L. Falk
Executive Director





& Elkhorn Alumni Center Summer 2018

On Thursday, September 21st, the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation hosted over 60 guests at a groundbreaking ceremony officially launching the construction of the Foundation's new offices and Elkhorn Alumni Center. In attendance were Foundation Board members, Elkhorn Public School Board members, Elkhorn Public Schools administrators, business partners, Foundation staff and neighbors. Paul Baumert, Foundation Board President, welcomed guests and Stacey Falk, Foundation Executive Director, shared the Foundation's past, present and future goals.

MCL Construction and Ken Hahn Architects unveiled the building renderings of the new facility.

The new building, set to open in September of 2018, will be located directly east of Pinnacle Bank on Veterans Drive in Elkhorn. It will provide much

needed office space and will accommodate projected needs for additional growth. With the move to the new office, the Foundation will also gain much needed storage, meeting and event space. The lower level will feature a community space, tentatively named The Elkhorn

Alumni Center. This space will be available to rent for community events such as workshops, conferences, holiday get-togethers, alumni gatherings, graduations and more!

ONE OF THE MANY LONG TERM GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN TO OWN ITS OWN OFFICE SPACE, ELIMINATE RENTAL EXPENSES AND CREATE A LONG LASTING 'FOOTPRINT' WITHIN THE ELKHORN COMMUNITY. IT'S EXCITING TO TAKE THIS NEXT BIG STEP! ~STACEY L. FALK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION





2017 Award Recipients

CARL L. WHITE

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Laura Seyl

GOLDEN APPLE

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Kendra Smith

FORMER EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Dennis Flood

SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Steven Smith

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Julie Mahloch & Doug Nielsen

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

Patti Franz

COMMUNITY BOOSTER OF THE YEAR

Jodi Schendt
(Popperista Gourmet Popcorn)

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Tom Scott

Over 200 guests attended the 23rd Annual Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Hall of Fame Reception at Elkhorn South High School on Sunday, October 23rd. A total of 9 educators, support staff members, volunteers, alumni, and community boosters were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Mayor Jean Stothert welcomed guests and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The reception featured Elkhorn High School's Jazz ensemble providing pre-event music and Elkhorn High School musical cast members of *Seussical the Musical* shared their talents and provided a sneak peek of their November production. An appetizer buffet and assorted desserts were enjoyed by guests. "It was a beautiful fall day as we celebrated with Elkhorn families of all ages, honoring so many deserving recipients. The many accomplishments



2017 Hall of Fame Award Recipients (l-r): Patti Franz, Steve Jodi Schendt, Julie Mahloch and Doug Nielsen. Not pictured

shared about each recipient and the supportive guests in attendance was a testament to the amazing Elkhorn community we live in and the outstanding Elkhorn Public Schools family," said Stacey Falk, Executive Director of the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation.

During the Awards Ceremony, the Foundation inducted 9 members into its Hall of Fame. The Carl L. White Outstanding Educator of the Year, presented to an outstanding administrator or teacher who has been with the district more than 5 years, was awarded to Laura Seyl. Laura



Elkhorn High School Musical Cast members of *Seussical the Musical* give a sneak peek of their November production.

2018 HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS ARE DUE MAY 31, 2018. NOMINATI

has spent the majority of her teaching career with Elkhorn Public Schools, currently teaching second grade at Spring Ridge Elementary. Jodi Schendt of Popperista Gourmet Popcorn was recognized as the Community Booster of the Year. Popperista has worked closely with various after school programs, summer leagues and school productions in the Elkhorn Public School District. Former Educator of the Year was awarded to Dr. Dennis Flood who was with the Elkhorn Public School District for 30 years, teaching



Steven Smith, Tom Scott, Kendra Smith, Laura Seyl, and Dr. Dennis Flood.

and serving as Director of Special Services. Julie Mahloch, Elkhorn High School Class of 1987, and Doug Nielsen, Elkhorn High School Class of 1986, were recognized as the Alumni of the Year for their successful entrepreneur endeavors in the Omaha community.

Kendra Smith (Fire Ridge Elementary) was honored as the Golden Apple Outstanding Educator

of the Year. This award is granted to an outstanding administrator or teacher who has been with the Elkhorn Public Schools District for five years or less. The Partners in Education Mentor of the Year award was presented to Patti Franz who has made notable differences in the education and life experiences of Elkhorn students. Steven Smith was awarded the Support Staff Member of the Year for his dedicated effort as Head Custodian at Arbor View Elementary School. Tom Scott was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for his 14 years of volunteering and positive contributions to Elkhorn High School's Power Drive Team.



National Honor Society Volunteers (l-r): Krista McNeill, Brooke Carlson, Torrie Cammack, Nora Santelman, Reise Thomsen, Kelsey Zach, Jenna Stevens, Ally Metschke

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1st Annual

5K RUN & SATURDAY STROLL



A PARTNERSHIP AIDING SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR ELKHORN YOUTH

The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation, in partnership with the Elkhorn Soccer Club, held their 1st Annual 5K Run on Saturday, October 21st. Close to 90 participants signed up for the 5K race, 100 yard Kids Dash and Saturday Stroll. Prior to the race, 20 kids ran across the Elkhorn High School football field for the 100 yard Kids Dash. There were 58 runners signed up to run the 5K race which was professionally timed by Black Squirrel Timing. The 5K course began and ended in the Elkhorn High School football stadium. During the 5K race, non-running family members participated in a Saturday Stroll, where parents walked around the track while their other family members ran the 5K course. After the race, participants received bagels from Panera, bananas from Johnson Snack Supply and water from Sam's Club.

Medals were given to the top

3 overall winners as well as the top 3 in 6 different age brackets. David Sumrell claimed the overall title, with Kami Allesandro coming in second

IT WAS REMARKABLE TO SEE SO MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES COME AND SUPPORT OUR 1ST ANNUAL 5K EVENT. WHETHER YOU RAN, WALKED OR WERE A SPONSOR, YOU HELPED MAKE AN IMPACT ON SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE ELKHORN COMMUNITY, AND FOR THAT WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

~STACEY L. FALK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

and Christopher McWilliams coming in third.

More than just a morning of fun activity, it was an important event to benefit special education programs for Elkhorn

youth. The proceeds will aid both the Elkhorn Soccer Club's TOPSoccer Program and the Foundation's Classroom Grants program for Special Education in the Elkhorn Public Schools District. TOPSoccer is a US Youth Soccer program that stands for The Outreach Program for Soccer. It's a program designed to provide opportunities for players who, for physical, mental or emotional reasons, cannot commit to a conventionally structured soccer competition. TOPSoccer participants include players with Autism, Down's Syndrome, and physical disabilities. The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation funds grant requests from Elkhorn Public Schools' Special Education teachers which have included thematic language and cross-curricular activities, equipment for sensory processing needs, toys for play skills therapy and much more!

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2017-2018 CLASSROOM GRANT CHECK PRESENTATIONS

111 GRANT 'WISHES'

\$166,000

AWARDED

ALL 16 SCHOOLS



ON BEHALF OF THE FOUNDATION, STACEY FALK AWARDED A CHECK TO THE ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT FOR OVER \$166,000 FOR CLASSROOM GRANTS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR AT THE HALL OF FAME RECEPTION. EACH SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE A CUSTOMIZED VERSION OF THIS CHECK (SHOWN BELOW) SHOWING THE AMOUNT AWARDED TO THAT SCHOOL AND A LISTING OF THE BUSINESSES, FAMILIES, AND FUNDRAISERS THAT DONATED TO THE GRANT A WISH CAMPAIGN. IPADS, CHROMEBOOKS, SMART LIGHTRAISE PROJECTORS, BOOKS FOR MEDIA CENTERS, LITERACY WORKSHOPS, SCHOOL PLAYS, ANTI-BULLYING RALLIES, ROBOTICS EQUIPMENT, SCIENCE EQUIPMENT AND MUCH MORE!





TEAM

CAMPAIGN *Together Everyone Achieves More*

The 2017-2018 T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) Staff Campaign was kicked off on August 14th at opening day for all EPS district staff. Stacey Falk gave an overview about the campaign and spoke about how staff donations help fund programs such as 'Kids in Need', 'Teacher Tuition Reimbursement' & 'Classroom Grants'. All staff who donated that day were entered into a drawing to

win one of 3 Amazon Echo Dots.

All T.E.A.M. Campaign donors could participate in a jeans day on September 7th, and also received a small gift from the Foundation. Any staff member that donated \$50 or more received a bonus gift. New this year, a donation of \$75+ got entered into a drawing for a gift certificate to The Locked Room Omaha for an evening of fun and escape. Each year schools compete to have the highest average donation per staff member to win quarterly food and snack treats from the Foundation. The Elkhorn Public Schools staff truly put together a T.E.A.M. effort raising a record breaking total of \$43,000 in donations from 672 donors! Congratulations to Elkhorn High School, Elkhorn Grandview Middle School and Westridge Elementary School, who won treats to be provided by the Foundation. **Thank you** EPS Staff for 'Getting on the Bus' with the Foundation! We are truly humbled by your kindness and could not be prouder of your compassion and commitment to your students!



The Foundation table ready to take T.E.A.M. Donation cards on August 14th at the EPS Staff Opening Ceremonies.



Elkhorn Grandview Middle School staff members enjoy their Sam & Louie's catered lunch.



SAVE THE DATE



Bids 4 Kids

April 5th

Noah's Event Venue

Purchase tickets @

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GOLF GRANTS FOR

Golf Fore Grants

June 4th

Champions Run Golf Course

NEW DATE & LOCATION!

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

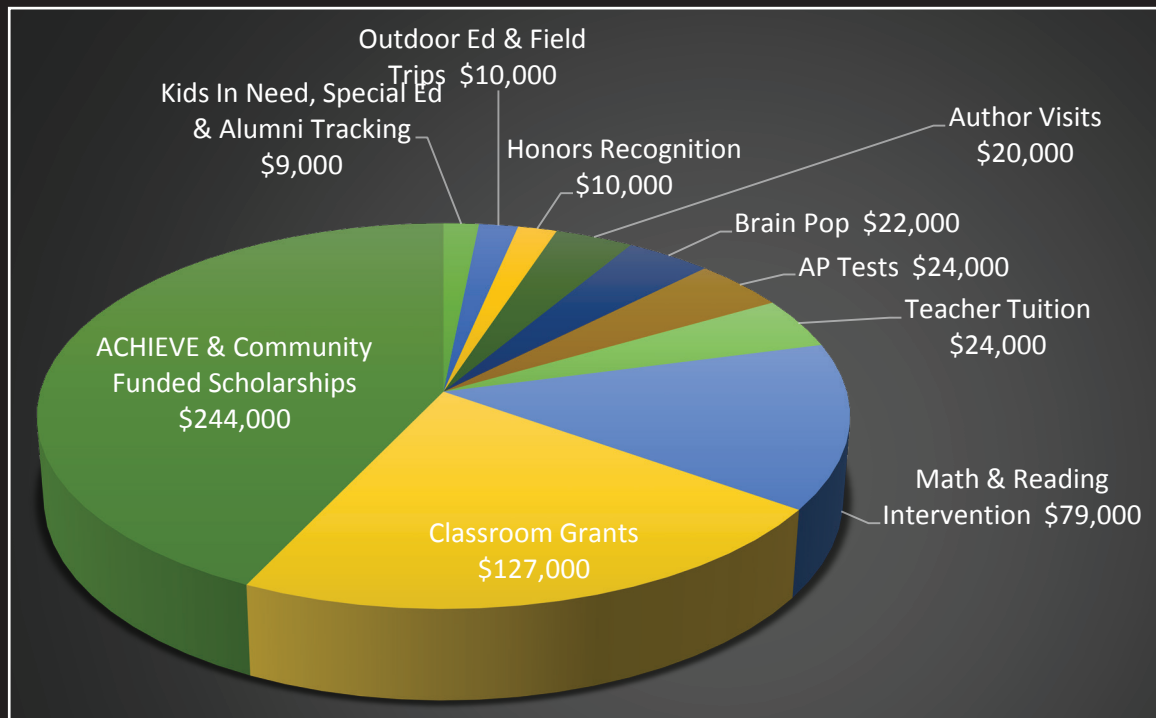
AUTHOR VISITS

Each year, the Foundation provides funding for an author to speak at each elementary school in the district. This year, authors Cynthia Lord and Kevin O'Malley visited all of the elementary schools, talking to students about how they became an author, how they come up with story ideas and more!



Author Kevin O'Malley visits Westridge Elementary School on November 8th.

During the 2016 – 2017 school year,
the Foundation invested over
\$569,000
in programs to help students, teachers and schools!



The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation, formed in 1983, is a non-profit organization providing educational enrichment opportunities for more than 9,000 students in the Elkhorn Public School District. Our mission can be summed up in three words: Encouragement, Involvement, and Achievement. Funding was made possible through general donations, events hosted by the Foundation, and most importantly - tuition from the Elkhorn Kids Campus. As much as the Foundation has grown, more work must be done to keep pace with the growing school district enrollment.

Please consider a year-end tax-deductible donation to the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation to help further our mission in 2018 and beyond!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE
DUE FEBRUARY 1ST!

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SAVE THE DATE

SCHOLARSHIPS DUE	FEB 1
EKC REGISTRATION	FEB 19
BIDS 4 KIDS	APRIL 5
HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS DUE	MAY 31
GOLF FORE GRANTS	JUNE 4



Winter 2017

2018 EKC REGISTRATION INFO

FEB. 19-21: 8am - 7pm

FEB. 22: 8am - 4pm

(CURRENTLY ENROLLED FAMILIES ONLY)

FEB. 22: 4pm - 7pm

(CURRENTLY ENROLLED OR NEW
FAMILIES)

FEB. 23: 8am - 4pm

(ALL FAMILIES)

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