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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

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Happy New Year

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Dear Friends;

Happy New Year! Yes, we survived 2018. In fact, we thrived because of your incredible support of our Foundation events, programs and students! We were able to accomplish a long-term Foundation goal and mission of promoting "unity of our community and its public schools" with the opening of the Elkhorn Alumni Center. In a few short months, we have hosted elementary principals and students from across the metro, high school booster club banquets, West Dodge Station elementary choir students, EPS speech pathologists, pre-school teachers and more! The Foundation is committed to continue its support of current programs and expand our services to meet the needs of a high growth school district.

If you registered a student for EKC, ran in our 5K, donated a basket to our silent auction, sunk a put at Golf Fore Grants, funded a scholarship, jumped on the TEAM BUS, nominated a Hall of Fame recipient, or volunteered, please know these are just a few of the reasons 2018 has been very successful!

I am personally grateful to each one of you for your tremendous efforts, and I wish everyone a rewarding, joyous new year. I look forward to working with you in 2019.

Stacey L. Falk
Executive Director, Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation



A panoramic view of The Elkhorn Alumni Center set up prior to the Hall of Fame Reception, with seating provided for 225, a buffet serving line, desserts, beverages and music areas.



Retired EPS teachers get together monthly to catch up at The Elkhorn Alumni Center.



Guests mingle during the Hall of Fame Reception held on October 25th in The Elkhorn Alumni Center.



The Elkhorn Alumni Center has held a variety of events and gatherings since opening this fall. This space will be available to rent for community events such as workshops, conferences, holiday get-togethers, alumni gatherings, graduations and more! For booking information, please contact bookings@elkhornfoundation.org.



The Elkhorn High School Softball team held their end of the year banquet at The Elkhorn Alumni Center on November 1st.



The Elkhorn Alumni Center was host to over 200 6th grade students and chaperones from all over the metro for a one day leadership conference on December 3rd.

HALL OF FAME RECEPTION



2018 Award Recipients



2018 Hall of Fame Award Recipients. Back row (l-r): Stacy Dryak, Katy Bode, Becky Hayworth, Charles Rohlffing and Dr. Kyle Ringenberg. Front row (l-r): Ross Tessendorf, Linda Lamb, Melissa Mehlmann, Molly Gonring and Dr. Brenda 'Barth' Roman.

On October 25th, the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation was thrilled to host its 24th Annual Hall of Fame Reception in the brand new Elkhorn Alumni Center located in the lower level of the Foundation's office building. Over 200 guests were in attendance when the Foundation inducted 10 recipients into its Hall of Fame. Foundation Board President, Paul Baumert welcomed guests, followed by Elkhorn High School student Susann Parlor singing the National Anthem. Guests were treated to heavy hors d'oeuvres from Sam & Louie's Catering and assorted desserts from Matt Edwards Fine Foods.

"It was a beautiful fall evening as we celebrated with Elkhorn families of all ages, honoring so many deserving recipients. The many accomplishments 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 L. Falk, Executive Director of the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation.

The following awards were presented during the ceremony: 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 Melissa Mehlmann. Melissa has taught at Westridge Elementary, Fire Ridge Elementary, and currently teaches fifth grade at Hillrise Elementary.

Nebraska Orthopaedic Physical Therapy was recognized as the Community Booster of the Year. Nebraska Orthopaedic is a new business to the Elkhorn community who has sponsored scholarships for Elkhorn Public Schools' seniors and has volunteered at various community events.

Former Educator of the Year was awarded to Charles Rohlffing who was with the Elkhorn Public School District for 27 years, serving as counselor and high school principal.

Dr. Kyle Ringenberg, Elkhorn High School Class of 1998, and Dr. Brenda (Barth) Roman, Elkhorn High School Class of 1980, were recognized as the Alumni of the Year for their successful medical careers.

Dr. Ringenberg currently serves as the Director



Left: Former EPS Superintendents Steve Baker and Dr. Roger Breed chat with 2018 Former Educator of the Year Recipient Charles Rohlffing. Middle: Sagewood Principal Jan Peterson gives 2018 Support Staff Member of the Year Recipient Stacy Dryak a hug. Right: Former EPS educator Pat McCoy introduces Dr. Brenda (Barth) Roman as one of the 2018 Alumni of the Year.

CARL L. WHITE
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Melissa Mehlmann

GOLDEN APPLE
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Molly Gonring

FORMER EDUCATOR
OF THE YEAR

Charles Rohlfing

SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS
OF THE YEAR

Linda Lamb & Stacy Dryak

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Dr. Kyle Ringenberg
& Dr. Brenda (Barth) Roman

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

Becky Hayworth

COMMUNITY BOOSTER

OF THE YEAR

Nebraska Orthopaedic
Physical Therapy

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Katy Bode

of Liver Transplant Anesthesia with UNMC. He has also developed Enhanced Recovery After Surgery programs, taken part in multiple international medical trips, and serves on the UNMC College of Medicine Admissions Committee.

Dr. Roman currently serves as the Associate Dean for Medical Education at Wright State University Boonshoft School (BSOM) in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Roman led the transformation of teaching medicine at BSOM to a 'lectureless' curriculum utilizing entirely flipped classroom models of learning, including team-based learning and peer instruction. She is also a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.

Molly Gonring of Elkhorn South High School (ESHS) 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. Molly is in her third year with ESHS, and co-teaches the curricular choirs and directs the Shock Wave & Power Surge show choirs and the Spring Musical.

The Partners in Education Mentor of the Year award was presented to Becky Hayworth who has positively influenced and greatly impacted her Manchester Elementary student mentees.

The Support Staff Members of the Year were Stacy Dryak and Linda Lamb who were recognized for their dedication as teacher assistants at Sagewood Elementary and Arbor View Elementary.

Katy Bode was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for her numerous volunteer endeavors, not only with West Bay Elementary, but for her active role in the community as a whole.

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Westridge PTO

2019 Hall of Fame Nominations are due May 31, 2019. Nomination forms can be found at

www.elkhornfoundation.org/events



The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation, in partnership with the Elkhorn Soccer Club, held their 2nd Annual 5K Run on Saturday, September 22nd. Close to 125 participants signed up for the 5K race and 100 yard Kids Dash. Prior to the race, 30 kids ran across the Elkhorn High School football field for the 100 yard Kids Dash. There were 95 runners signed up to run the 5K race which was professionally timed by Black Squirrel Timing. The 5K cross country style course began and ended in the Elkhorn High School football stadium. After the race, participants received bagels from Panera, bananas from Johnson Snack Supply and water from Hy-Vee (156th & Maple). Medals were given to the top 3 overall winners, as well as the top 3 in 6 different age brackets. Spencer Stednitz claimed the overall title, with Shane Lippold placing second and Andy Kamin coming in third.

More than just a morning of fun activity, it was an important



event to benefit special education programs for Elkhorn youth. Event proceeds will fund both the Elkhorn Soccer Club's High 5 Program and the Foundation's Special Education Grant program in the Elkhorn Public Schools District. The Soccer Club's High 5 Program was created through funds raised from the 1st Annual 5K Run. It delivers innovative curriculum designed for players who, for physical, mental or emotional reasons, cannot commit to a conventionally structured soccer competition. The program addresses 5 key components/skills: motor, social, sensory, emotional & soccer. The Foundation's Special Education Grant program funds requests from Elkhorn Special Education teachers in the district for items such as thematic language and cross-curricular activities, equipment for sensory processing needs, special education iPads, toys for play skills therapy and much more!

Net proceeds from the 5K Run increased 400% from last year! This event would not have been possible without support from the community. Players from the men's & women's Nebraska Christian College soccer teams directed runners along the course. Numerous local businesses generously sponsored the event. Elkhorn Training Camp was this year's Platinum Sponsor. Nebraska Realty, Brain Balance, Coerver Coaching, Nebraska Realty and CHI Health Lakeside were Gold sponsors. Fifteen other local businesses were Silver & Bronze sponsors of the event. "It



was a wonderful morning for an incredibly noble cause. So many community members and their families came out to support our 2nd Annual 5K Run. This fundraiser immensely supports our special education children here in Elkhorn. Whether you ran, walked or were a sponsor, you were helping to make an impact, and for that we are extremely grateful for your generosity" stated Stacey L. Falk, Executive Director of the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation.



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2018-2019 TEAM CAMPAIGN



TEAM

CAMPAIGN Together Everyone Achieves More

The 2018-2019 T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) Campaign kicked off on August 9th to all Elkhorn Public School District staff. This annual district-wide employee donation campaign is held in August and September of every year. Stacey Falk gave an overview about the campaign and spoke about how staff donations help support several programs in each of the schools, such as 'Kids in Need', 'Math & Reading Intervention' & 'Classroom Grants'. All staff who donated that day were entered into a drawing to win PITCH Pizza for a Year and Netflix Gift Cards. All T.E.A.M. Campaign donors could participate in a jeans day on September 6th. Any staff member that donated \$55 or more received an exclusive Elkhorn Proud t-shirt, and donations of \$80+ received the t-shirt and a Foundation branded camp chair. Each year schools compete to have the highest average donation per staff member to win quarterly food and snack treats from the Foundation. Congratulations to Elkhorn High School, Elkhorn Middle School, Westridge Elementary School and Sagewood Elementary School, who won treats to be provided by the Foundation. The Elkhorn Public Schools staff truly put together a T.E.A.M. effort raising a record breaking total of \$50,000 in donations from 736 donors! **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!



Team Campaign T-shirt prize on display.

SAVE THE DATE



CHIP IN

To directly impact thousands of Elkhorn students through our Classroom Grant Program at our 20th Annual Golf Fundraiser

JUNE 3, 2019

CHAMPIONS RUN

Registration & sponsorship opportunities at
WWW.ELKHORNFOUNDATION.ORG

7TH ANNUAL



*Bids
4
Kids*

BENEFITING BEFORE
AND AFTER SCHOOL
MATH & READING
INTERVENTION
PROGRAMS

April 4th • 6-9PM • Elkhorn Alumni Center
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*Did
You
know?*

500

The number of elementary students anticipated to participate in our Math & Reading Intervention program this school year

93,000

The amount the foundation funded in the 2017/2018 school year for this growing program

3,150

The number of hours spent on additional instruction time to increase student's test scores, boost student's confidence and improve overall reading and math comprehension

WITH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, THE FOUNDATION CAN CONTINUE TO FUND THIS GROWING VITAL PROGRAM THAT IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN STUDENTS' TEST SCORES AND CONFIDENCE! WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER TO HELP OUR EFFORTS

- DONATING AN AUCTION ITEM, GIFT CARD OR BASKET •
- BECOMING A SPONSOR OF OUR EVENT •
- OFFERING A MONETARY DONATION TO BE USED TOWARDS THE EVENT •

Please contact Stacey Selk at 402-289-1727 or sselk@elkhornfoundation.org for more information.

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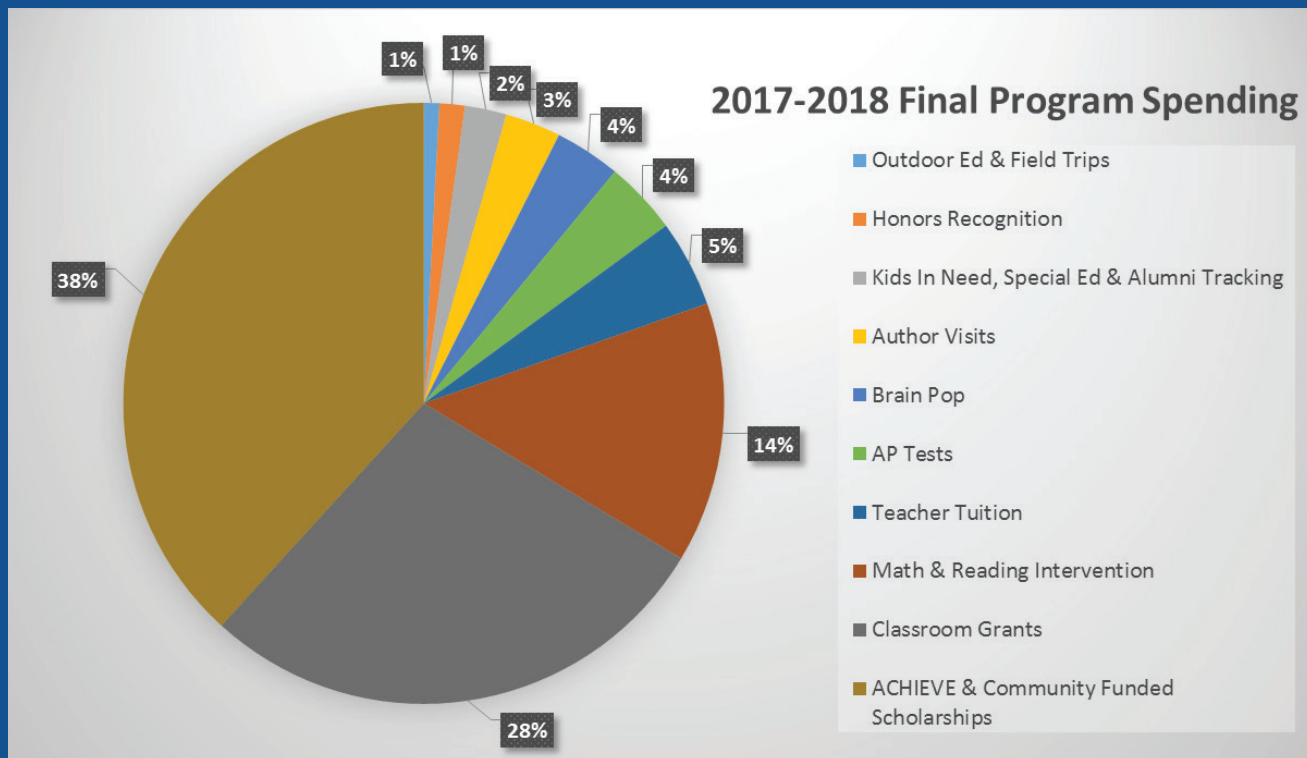
The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation, formed in 1983, is a non-profit organization providing educational enrichment opportunities for more than 10,000 students in the Elkhorn Public School District. Our mission can be summed up in three words: Encouragement, Involvement, and Achievement.

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.

During the 2017 – 2018 school year, the Foundation invested over

\$667,000

in programs to help students, teachers and schools!



Our commitment to quality education and the children of the Elkhorn School District will ensure our continued efforts to grow the Foundation. Please join us in meeting our children's educational needs and consider a tax-deductible donation to the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation to help further our mission in 2019 and beyond!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THE ELKHORN ALUMNI PROGRAM

The Antler class of 1998 met on June 16th at Shadow Ridge Golf Course for their 20 year high school reunion. Have a reunion coming up? Contact the Foundation office for help with graduate names and contact information!



Keep in Touch!
elkhornfoundation.org/alumni



Felicia (Brooks) Janovich, EHS 2007 graduate, was looking for a way to give back to her alma mater. Felicia owns LIVE Hydration Spa in Omaha and held a fundraiser on October 7th at Activ8Fitness. A donation of new winterwear and undergarments was encouraged for attendees, with the donations being dispersed to Elkhorn families in need. Additionally, donations were also made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Thank you, Felicia, for your generosity in giving back to those in the community!



A few of the donations from the fundraiser that will go towards Elkhorn families in need.

2019 SENIORS
 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 1ST!
elkhornfoundation.org/scholarships

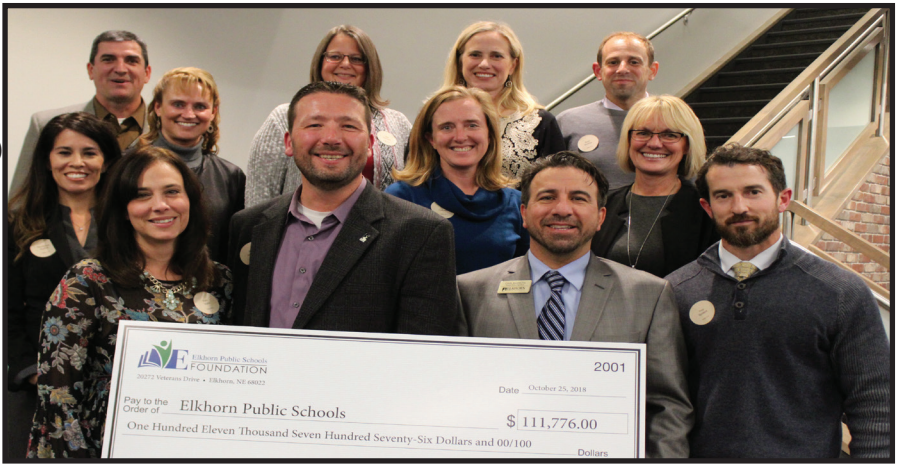


PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: CLASSROOM GRANTS

76
WISHES' GRANTED

\$111,000
AWARDED

16 SCHOOLS



On behalf of the Foundation, Stacey L. Falk awarded a check to the Elkhorn Public Schools District at the Hall of Fame Reception to fund classroom grants for the 2018-2019 school year. Each school will receive a customized version of this check showing the amount awarded to that school and a listing of the businesses, families, and fundraisers that donated to the Foundation's Grant A Wish campaign.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: KIDS IN NEED FUND

The Kids in Need fund was created to help Elkhorn students whose families are experiencing a financial hardship. Examples of needs previously funded through the Kids in Need fund include the following:

- ~clothing (coats, shoes, etc.)
- ~groceries
- ~utility assistance
- ~educational supplies
- ~student fees
- ~eye & dental exams

School principals communicate needs to a District staff member in charge of distributing the funds. Students who receive assistance remain anonymous.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: AUTHOR VISITS

Each year, the Foundation provides funding for an author to speak at each elementary school in the district. This year, author Aaron Reynolds visited all of the elementary schools, talking to students about how he became an author, how he comes up with story ideas and more!



Author Aaron Reynolds visits Westridge Elementary School on November 8th.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: TEAMMATES MENTORING

Together We Transform Lives

TEAMMATES
MENTORING
of ELKHORN

As Elkhorn Public Schools (EPS) continues to experience significant growth, and its student population progressively diversifies, the need for extra student support increases. Recently, EPS made the decision to transition its current, district-run Partners in Education Mentoring Program into a chapter with the TeamMates Mentoring

Program. This school-based mentoring program, founded by Dr. Tom and Nancy Osborne, is an additional tool utilized by EPS to provide more structured support and encouragement for students. TeamMates mentors are asked to meet with their student mentee once per week during regular school hours, within the school building. "Our students need caring adults and positive role models more than ever. TeamMates will bring more mentors into our program while allowing us to retain the majority of our current mentoring relationships already in place," states Dr. Bary Habrock, EPS Superintendent. If you're interested in making a difference in the life of an EPS student, please visit <https://teammates.org>.



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SCHOLARSHIPS DUE	FEB 1
EKC REGISTRATION	FEB 18
BIDS 4 KIDS	APRIL 4
HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS DUE	MAY 31
GOLF FORE GRANTS	JUNE 3



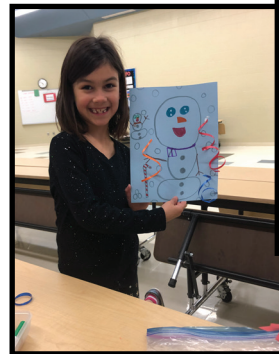
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2019 EKC REGISTRATION INFO Dates: February 18-20

More Details To come!

Check the Foundation Website Mid-January for specifics!



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