

Education Foundation

Blue Springs School District



Annual Report

2015-2016



A Message From Our Chair



Dear Friends,

I am so grateful for the amount of support the Blue Springs School District community shows for all of our students. The sharing of your time, talents and treasures has ensured our children have the best possible resources, igniting their spark to become lifetime learners and to continue their ascent far beyond the brick and mortar of the Blue Springs School District. While true that great schools transform communities, I believe the school/community relationship to be symbiotic in which great communities sustain their schools' greatness. The Blue Springs Education Foundation has proven a vital conduit between our schools and community.

I encourage you to thumb through our annual report as we have highlighted achievements from the various programs BSEF supports. Learn how thousands of children, as well as adults, have benefited from the W.E.E. Learning Bus, how Blue Springs teachers, administrators and staff have utilized grants to transform not only individual classrooms but grade levels and entire schools, and how BSEF awards scholarships and assistance to our most vulnerable students.

We still have work to do. Each year brings with it a wide-eyed class of kindergarten students who are hungry to learn, challenges for teachers and staff to stretch their resources while continuing to be engaging and innovative in the classroom, and ever evolving challenges life tosses to our students.

Please join me in supporting Blue Springs' students, teachers and staff with your donation of time, talents or treasures. By pooling our means we can continue to "Advance the Legacy" of the Blue Springs School District, Blue Springs Education Foundation and most importantly, our students.

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A Year in Review

Fall Updates

I like flowers
they are great
keep planting more
They make you smile.

And In The Spring

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They make you smile.

Enhancing Our Schools Through Grants

Blue Springs High School

Spectrum of a Rainbow

Jan Brown

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TI-84 Graphing Calculators for Special Education

Brea Clary

Focusing on the Science of Agriculture 2

Morgan Payton

Enhancing Instruction Through Hands-on Experiences

Susan Bubalo and Beth Roberts

Blue Springs South High School

Mathspace in the Classroom

Dannelle Barnett, Nathan Dorsch, Kathy Wilbers,
Monte Davis, Errich Oberlander, Kellen Laws, Jakob
Estep and Jackie Qualls

Brittany Hill Middle School

PE Get Fit Online

Shelly Neuweg

Delta Woods Middle School

Creating a Monarch Waystation

Karen Kraus and Annalisa Stonner

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Using Data Collection to Prepare

Students for STEM Careers, Karen Kraus

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Focusing on the Science of Agriculture

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Positive Behavior Support Phase 2

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Howard

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PBIS for Success

Emily Hauck

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Differentiated Learning Supports

Marissa Giangrosso

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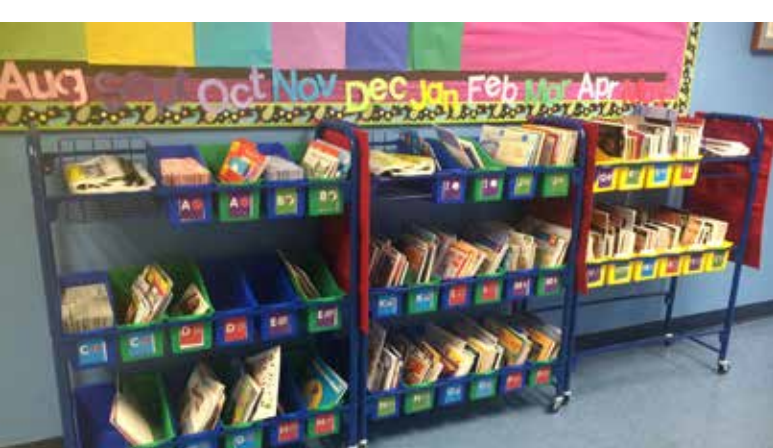
Thomas Ultican Elementary

Actively and Independently Engaged in Kindergarten

Stephanie Callahan

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Grant Awarded for Community Literacy

December 2014, a \$5000 grant was awarded to Daniel Young Elementary (DYE) by the Women Endowing Education (WEE), a giving circle within the Blue Springs Education Foundation. Any employee of the Blue Springs School District was eligible to apply for the grant; the purpose was to support a project that improved student achievement, increased student opportunity, and/or assisted underperforming student groups. DYE's Administrative Intern Allison Spencer was chosen to receive the grant for DYE's Community Literacy Program. The grant will provide more than 800 high-quality books for DYE students and families to read at home. These books will not only improve the students' reading ability, they will also promote reading at home, leading to lifelong learning. Allison noted, "We greatly appreciate WEE funding this grant opportunity because it bridged the home-school connection in reading." Congratulations to Allison Spencer and Daniel Young Elementary.

WYE Awarded \$10,000

New this year, BSEF offered a \$10,000 collaboration grant. This grant was awarded to William Yates Elementary for their program, Reading Recess. The collaboration of teachers Amy Borchers, Kaitie Harris, Corie Cromwell, and Hollie Ryan will use this funding to excite and empower the love of reading in their students and families. Reading Recess will provide an extensive and sophisticated library to be strategically utilized by WYE students. This library will include Playaways. The Playaways will enable the students to follow along in a book, away from school, while their teacher, friend, or principal narrates the book back to them. WYE is a fully-funded Title 1 school, meaning 50% of their students receive free and reduced lunch. Reading Recess will give the families of WYE the tools they need to continue reading at home, including the opportunity for siblings that are not yet school-age to participate.



Foundation Leadership

The Blue Springs Education Foundation is a non-profit organization serving the students, staff, and schools of the Blue Springs School District. The Foundation is governed by a board of directors who dedicate their time, talent, and treasure to enhance the programs and services within the school district.

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Daniel Young Elementary was granted the W.E.E. Grant.



Public Speaker at Blue Springs South fired up the student body on goals and next steps.



Jersey Mike's Subs owner, Kevin Rohrbach, presented the Education Foundation with a check from the "Day of Giving".



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Barton, Bartolotta Honored

The annual fundraising breakfast, Spring into Giving, was held on March 26, 2015. 350 attendees were entertained by students, Superintendent Dr. Jim Finley, and BSSHHS graduate/American Idol Contestant, Zack Kaltenbach. Retired BSSD administrator and BSEF Executive Director Katherine Barton was honored for her vision, service, and leadership of the education foundation. Blue Springs Education Foundation Board Member Phil Bartolotta received the Spirit of Service award for his contributions to the school district, foundation, and community.



Katie Woolf, Director

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