



OLENTANGY
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2020

IMPACT REPORT

Enhancing the educational
experience in Olentangy Schools

President's Message

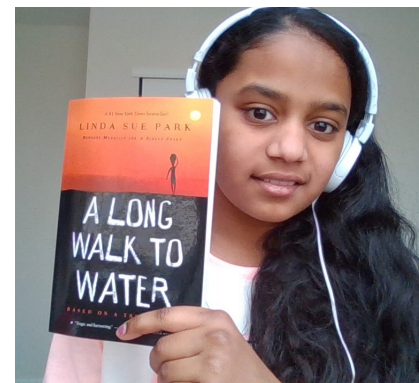
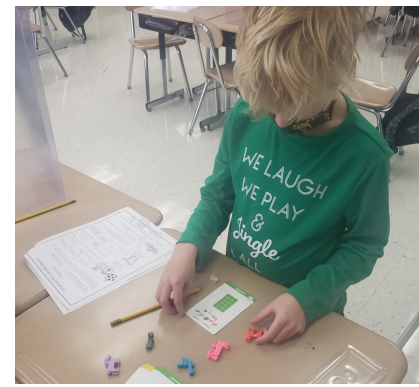
Looking back on a year that was unprecedented and full of uncertainty, our organization was able to continue progressing with our mission to support Olentangy Schools with innovative grants in classrooms for in person and online learning.

OEF recognized the year as an opportunity to be present and supportive for students, teachers and administration. Our ability to be flexible with the grant process as the situation remained fluid throughout most of the year was nothing short of amazing.

Of course, we could not have continued with our mission and classroom grants without sustained sponsorships and donations for the many years OEF has existed.

Thank you to our community of supporters and thank you to our board of trustees for staying the course and making a difference for our students, teachers, staff and families.

Lisa Moore
OEF President



Grant Highlights

DEVELOPING LIFELONG LEARNERS

Developing Lifelong Learners will be focused on developing the four dispositions of the Portrait of a Learner. OCE's building goal is to maximize learning for all students. We believe we can do this by helping elementary students dig deep to develop an understanding of the disposition, what it looks like and sounds like to display those dispositions and identify short-term and long-term goals aimed at being a lifelong learner.

GARDEN BASED LEARNING

This grant will explore experiential education through gardening, teach outdoor learning in a school garden, teach with a purpose to develop student connections, and build community with parents and teachers. Students will learn about soil health, sharing their harvest, pursuing a healthy lifestyle, and being active participants in the health and wellness of the planet. This will empower students to grow plants with curiosity and engage students in civic actions such as earth health.

SOFT STARTS

A "soft start" is a gentle invitation to the school day, or a settling-in period at the beginning of the day. Soft Starts help students have purposeful time to communicate and collaborate with their classmates. Soft starts help to foster critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration, all while building a positive classroom community.

5TH GRADE MULTICULTURAL BOOK CLUB

Multicultural book clubs let students experience through literature and discuss the struggles of other people. Multicultural education explores histories, texts, values, beliefs, and perspectives of people from different cultural backgrounds. Students will also learn about social injustices by looking into the lives of others and seeing things when they are not fair or where injustices exist.

STEAM IN THE MUSIC CLASSROOM

Using a set of classroom iPads students will learn music technology and STEM skills through project based learning models that will enable them to become digitally literate and provide a strong start in fostering 21st century skill sets.

OOMS CREATIVITY CENTER 2.0

The OOMS Creativity Center builds upon an established flexible learning environment in the atrium and seeks to provide a space where values about thinking and learning are present. Our goal is to encourage students and staff to practice creativity through interactive, engaging activities. In the era of COVID-19, we are seeking innovative ways to engage our students in creativity through digital means providing a safe and healthy option to continue making our students thinking and creativity visible and promoted.

VALUE ME FOR LIFE FITNESS SYSTEM

Using the trademarked Valueme/UFIT2 Visual System, this sustainable and self-empowering program is designed to improve access to lifelong fitness, wellness, and mobility for individuals with developmental, physical and neurological needs. This program is user friendly and utilizes easy-to-follow cards with pictures/prompts to support lifetime fitness goals/activities that can be done remotely and also includes an app to track progress. This system will promote independence, motivation, and lifelong health/fitness benefits in any space with limited fitness equipment.

DIGITAL LEARNING FOR CDL

Document cameras will allow Committed Distance Learning teachers to easily display modeling to students in virtual learning.

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RAISED BED GARDEN

Sophomore Biology and Geometry students, with ACT students, are building a raised garden bed on the Olentangy Academy property. In Geometry, students will design bed size and plant location based on crop yield and volume. In Biology, students will study photosynthesis and plant growth requirements. ACT and STEM students will collaborate on the planting, tending, and harvesting of the garden.

YOUSCIENCE IMPLEMENTATION

YouScience is a career exploration platform that not only assesses student interests in various activities and fields but also their aptitude. This platform exposes students to careers they might not have otherwise thought they had the ability to pursue.

MANY VOICES DIVERSE CLASSROOM LIBRARY

More than ever, it is important for students to see themselves in the story of our shared past. In the social studies classroom, the shift has already begun to move toward a more inclusive conversation about curriculum; however, this is just the first step. Having a classroom library filled with books that focus on the stories of marginalized Americans will assist in bridging the gap with students, providing them an opportunity for additional exploration of the robust narrative of all people. It is a simple way to start conversations and help all students feel included.

HYBRID/DISTANCE LEARNING AND CERAMICS

With the purchase of mini pottery wheels, both hybrid and distance learning students will benefit, as well as those in the traditional brick and mortar classroom. Having the equipment allows more flexibility for our students learning styles but also give our students the time to practice their skills in the comfort of their own homes without the restriction of our 45-minute class period or by learning hybrid/remote without the non-transportable wheels.

INTEGRATING MICROSCOPY WITH TECHNOLOGY

USB/Bluetooth Digital microscopes will provide an opportunity for students to work in groups and observe small organisms and forensic evidence using familiar technology. The use of this technology greatly increases interest, engagement, collaboration and learning. This is especially useful in times of social distancing when traditional microscopes would require frequent disinfecting and close proximity between students. Such microscopes allow one student to manipulate the scope and focus the image while all students can view it using a phone, tablet or computer.

BRINGING DIVERSE BOOKS TO ALUM CREEK

This grant provides funds to build a collection of diverse books for student and teacher access at Alum Creek Elementary. The goal is to provide as many diverse texts for students so that they can connect themselves to their own culture and also allow them to gain positive experiences and make connections with others. This will encourage respect and empathy towards others, and prepare students to be global citizens.

THE VISUAL ARTS BRING COLOR TO OUR WORLD

During the current pandemic, there are restrictions and procedures that can limit student exposure to fundamental art supplies due to limited budgets and available resources. By providing basic individual materials to as many Olentangy's elementary students as possible, we can allow them to work in ways to express themselves and their experiences, in color. Watercolors, paintbrushes, and markers may have been taken for granted in the past as students share these art materials. The grant funds supports all Olentangy Elementary School visual art programs by supplementing current available physical resources in the building.



DIVERSE BOOKS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

Using diverse picture books to reinforce the concepts in 4th grade social studies is key to helping students understand different perspectives. It's more important than ever for students to show empathy, awareness, respect, and acceptance for all people past and present in Ohio.

SCHOOL GARDEN

Glen Oak's School Garden is a collaborative space where classes are able to engage with science through real-world experiences. Children are able to explore the web of interactions among the living and non-living players that sustain life and gain further knowledge on maintaining a healthy lifestyle, being environmentally responsible, and bonding with others.

READING DIVERSE TEXTS TO TAKE ACTION

Glen Oak plans to use culturally diverse texts through interactive read alouds to provide spaces for students to see their identities celebrated, to learn about other identities, and to take action in our school and community. These books will be used within our newly founded Diversity Club. Additionally, we plan to develop lesson plans for each of these books in conjunction with educators. These plans will then be entered into a database for all building educators to use.

THE WATER PROJECT

This project combines literature with a service project to allow students to fully understand the global water crisis. The students will be immersed in information regarding a way of life completely different from their own and have the opportunity to make a positive impact on communities in need. By educating students about this issue, we will open their eyes and minds to global issues and show them that they have the potential to make a difference.

ENHANCING AND INDIVIDUALIZING MATH LEARNING WITH VERSATILE AND A HANDS-ON APPROACH

The use of the Versatiles math tool and new math manipulatives offers each student the opportunity to enhance their math learning. The use of this tool allows students to learn at their own pace and receive instant feedback on their learning. Having new math manipulatives available to all students ensures the hands-on learning experience.

RULING OUR EXPERIENCES

Liberty Tree Elementary is excited to implement Ruling Our Experiences (ROX). The purpose of ROX is to provide girls with the knowledge and skills necessary to live healthy, independent, productive, and violence-free lives. The School Counselor at LTES will deliver a 20-week evidence-based program with girls in grades 3-5.

ONE COMMUNITY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

These funds will be used to secure a speaker for the One Community Conference.

CULINARY

The Building Knowledge in Cooking project supports Family Consumer Science teachers with professional learning in cooking skills to enhance and extend student learning in the cooking and cuisine classes.

Event Highlights

OEF TOUCHED EVERY SCHOOL IN THE OLENTANGY DISTRICT DURING THE 2020 GRANT PROCESS

We hosted our first Donor Appreciation event at COhatch in February. It was an inspiring evening, celebrating successes. The highlight was previous OEF recipients sharing the impact that grant dollars made in their classrooms and school communities.



When we made the decision to cancel our traditional fundraisers due to the health concerns of the past year, we shifted our focus to a \$20.20 for Olentangy campaign. Thanks to the generosity of the community, we were able to raise over \$11,000.



Scholarships

LINDA GREGG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Evette Harrell, OBHS

JENNIFER HROBUCHAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Brianna Hibbitts, OBHS

JENNIFER LAWRENCE-KENT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Julia Burns, OLHS

Financials

CONTRIBUTED INCOME	\$106,323
INTEREST & INVESTMENT INCOME	\$31,982
GRANTED TO CLASSROOMS	\$60,608
OLENTANGY STAFF SUPPORT & RECOGNITION	\$5,295
SCHOLARSHIP EXPENSE	\$3,000
INVESTMENT ADVISOR FEES	\$6,563
OTHER EXPENSES	\$42,634
NET INCOME	\$20,206
ENDOWED ACCOUNTS	\$36,551
TOTAL ASSETS	\$689,224

Save the Date

ZOOLENTANGY

August 13, 2021

CHARITY CHALLENGE 5K, BENEFITING THE REITTER FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND

August 14, 2021

OEF GOLF OUTING

October 4, 2021

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