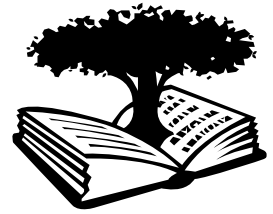




Zionsville Education Foundation's

ZEF Express



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Many Thanks & Congratulations!

In January, four committed ZEF volunteers retired from the board of directors. Together Mary Ann Sturges, Andy O'Donnell, Bill Metzger, and Barb McLaughlin had more than 25 years of service to ZEF and were vital to its success. Their leadership and dedication has helped ZEF to grow and flourish. Mary Ann served as special events chair for five years. She worked with other ZEF volunteers to establish the highly successful Z'Slam and Oktoberfest events. Andy served as chair of the grants committee. He oversaw the awarding of more than \$160,000 in grants to our ZCS educators between 1999 and 2005. Bill was our board treasurer for the past three years and brought many positive changes to our system of accounting. Barb served ZEF for 10 years in many capacities. Her most important role was president where she was instrumental in establishing a paid executive director position. We graciously thank Mary Ann, Andy, Bill and Barb for their dedication to our community and our students.

ZEF's mission is a simple one: to promote academic excellence. This mission is best accomplished through the distribution of more than \$40,000 in grants annually to our educators. This fall we were delighted to award 17 ZCS staff \$22,000 in grants. Check out the wonderful opportunities for learning coming to students through the fall grant program. Please congratulate the grant recipients the next time you see them. We look forward to seeing their grants come to life in the classrooms.

The ZEF Board of Directors

ZEF Mission & Vision

Mission

The mission of the Zionsville Education Foundation is to serve its school community by providing funds that promote academic excellence.

Vision

The Zionsville Education Foundation will partner with its school community to instill in students a lifelong desire for knowledge.

ZEF Expands Board of Directors & Elects Officers

The Zionsville Education Foundation welcomed several new members in 2006.

Joining the board are:

Jane Becker
Eva Collins
Peggy Edwards
Melinda Heim
Dorothy Hitchins
Lori Hockema
Julie Redman
Melanie Stallings

The following officers were elected to serve for a one-year term:

Leslie Sherman - president
Greg McRoberts - vice president
Melanie Stallings - treasurer
Karlee Moore - secretary
Thomas Peterson - past president

Continue service on the board are:

Julie Husseleman
Mary Lueders
Tom Peters

Eagle Honors Program

I/We would like to send an "Eagle Honor" with our gift to the Zionsville Education Foundation.

Enclosed is my/our gift of \$ _____ honoring _____ at

_____ school for _____

(Please briefly state why you are honoring this school member.)

Name of donor(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Here's a way to say thank you to all those in ZCS who help make your student's education better. With a minimum \$25 gift per honoree to ZEF, we will send a personalized acknowledgement letter to the individual and a thank you to you.

One form per teacher/administrator/personnel please. Make check payable to the Zionsville Education Foundation and mail it with this completed form to: Zionsville Education Foundation, EAGLE HONORS Program, 900 Mulberry St., Zionsville, IN 46077.

ZEF Awards \$22,000+ to ZCS

The Zionsville Education Foundation is pleased to offer over \$45,000 in grant funds to ZCS employees each school year. This fall, ZEF awarded 13 grants impacting education on all levels.

“SMART Board - Promotion of Academic Excellence Through Interactive Technology”; Janet Ostendorf, ZWMS; \$1,500

Using the SMART Board enhances learning, increases the students’ level of interest and excitement and promotes discussion and joy in learning. It’s an interactive tool that crosses subject lines and engages students.

“Celebrating Musical Beginnings at Zionsville West Middle School”; Julia Shaw, ZWMS; \$500



This grant provides an opportunity for choir students to help create and perform a piece of music written specifically for their school.

“Special Needs Library Additions”; Emily Duhn for all ZCS elementary schools; \$492

This grant increases the resources for teachers to help their students throughout the entire school corporation.

“Love and Logic Seminar”; Emily Duhn, Stonegate; \$1,500

The “Love and Logic Seminar” is designed to teach adults to gain control, include children in the decision making processes, help children learn from their mistakes and help children increase their self concept. This grant provides funding for four teachers to attend this seminar and promote its teachings throughout the school corporation.

“Calculating Acceleration Using a Radar Gun”; Bart Archer, ZCHS; \$2,100

This grant provides funding for radar guns to be used by students to measure velocity at a specific point in time. The equipment will also be incorporated in other physics activities.

“Brand New Readers for Brand New Readers”; Jane Pettibone on behalf of all ZCS elementary school reading specialists; \$1,200

This grant focuses on buying additional books to be used in the school corporation’s STAR Program, which is based on the Reading Recovery strategies.



“Earth Balloon Program”; Joni Golde for all ZCS elementary schools; \$2,975

This grant provides an opportunity for all ZCS students to experience the Earth Balloon program, which is an interactive journey inside and around the earth.



“Engaging Young Minds Through Interactive Technology”; Beth Ditto, PVUE; \$2,747

This grant provides funding for a mimioBoard, which is an interactive whiteboard that provides for a virtual classroom environment.

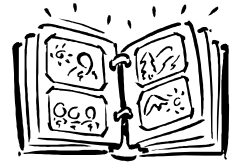
“Union Elementary Reading Overnight”; Delora Douglas and Susie Cash, Union; \$1812.50

Reading Overnight is a fun activity focused on students expanding their reading enthusiasm, interests and abilities through varied genres and activities. The culminating activity is an overnight experience at school.



“Picture This...to Better Writing”; Sarah Seligman and Carrie Sanders, ZMS; \$252.37

This grant provides funding to purchase picture books and instructional materials to support the school-wide adopted writing plan, 6+1 Traits of Writing.



“Listen as You Work”; Michal Murphy, PVLE; \$1,269.60

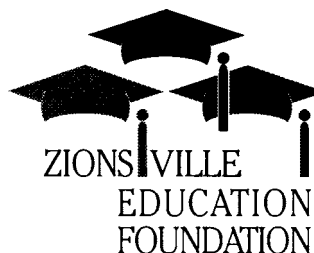
Through this grant, kindergarten students receive program material that reinforces the importance of reading, writing and spelling.

“Student Assistance Committee Research Team”; Chris Willis, ZCHS; \$450

This grant provides funding for two representatives to visit a school of similar demographics as ZCHS to observe, review and interact with staff and students then return to implement key processes and procedures to reduce low grades and student failures.

“Zionsville Middle School Makes Getting Fit Top Priority”; Andy Maguire, Vince Flecker, Trisha Faulkner, and Steve Simmons, ZMS; \$5,224.25

Through this grant, equipment will be purchased to provide students and staff with increased wellness opportunities.



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