



2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT



PVSD Foundation
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PRESIDENT'S GREETING

Thank you for taking time to learn more about the PVSD Foundation, which has been a fixture in the Perkiomen Valley School District community for 24 years. It is the Foundation's privilege and honor to raise and award funding to school district personnel who are engaging and inspiring our students to learn. Through this annual report, we hope to share information with the community about our fundraising efforts and how that money is spent to enhance educational opportunities in the school district. We invite you to take some time to learn more about our all-volunteer organization. If you are inspired by what we do, we encourage you to join us in fulfilling our mission – whether that's by joining our Board, attending or sponsoring an event, or sending us a donation. We look forward to "growing the minds of the future" together with you!

Sincerely,
Allison Petersen, PVSD Foundation President

WHO WE ARE

The Perkiomen Valley School District Foundation is an independent, 501(c)(3), non-profit organization created to provide supplemental funding and to enhance the educational opportunities offered to the students of the Perkiomen Valley School District.

The Foundation mission is to provide funding for programs that would not otherwise be available through tax dollars and other traditional sources.



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WHAT WE DO

OUR FUNDRAISERS

Mixed Bag Designs - Held each fall, school families have the opportunity to purchase bags and other items through Mixed Bag Designs.

Catalyst Prep SAT Bootcamp - Held two times a year, these bootcamps help prepare students to take the SAT while also benefiting the Foundation.

Dodgeball Tournament - For the last 10 years, the PVSD Foundation has organized a Dodgeball Tournament that brings out hundreds of families to participate in an evening of spirited competition. This year's tournament raised over \$17,000 for the Foundation, thanks to all of the families, sponsors and volunteers who supported this event.

Harlem Wizards - The PVSD Foundation partners with the comedic basketball team, the Harlem Wizards, to raise funding through a performance held at Perkiomen Valley High School every two years. The Nov. 17 performance in 2017 helped the Foundation raise over \$9,000.



GRANT MONEY AWARDED

Fall 2018

- \$4,000 to fund educational trips/opportunities for at-risk or underserved students
- \$5,968 to fund electrophoresis classroom equipment and supplies to expose students to current applications of biotechnology in genetic analysis and DNA replication
- \$4,000 to assist with the full realization of a Robotics Team at Perkiomen Valley High School
- \$1,594 for ukuleles with storage to provide Schwenksville Elementary School students with age appropriate and accessible instruments
- \$250 to purchase decals with inspirational quotes as part of Schwenksville Elementary School's Schoolwide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) program
- \$700 for a portable video studio at Perkiomen Valley Middle School West
- \$380 for Keva Planks and Maker Bot maze to enhance a makerspace center in the Schwenksville Elementary School library

Spring 2019

- \$5,000 for vinyl sensory paths at Evergreen and South Elementary Schools to help students with gross motor skills, refocusing, and social skills
- \$741 for throwable microphones to be used in Skippack Elementary School music/library classes to help students engage in kinesthetic activities
- \$1,956 for a living wall at Perkiomen Valley Middle School East to teach students about plant care, photosynthesis, air purification and more
- \$1,583 for plaques, educational signs, bat boxes and pollinator boxes to be installed on the high school campus for the enhancement of science classes
- \$6,914 for the purchase of four panels to allow students with physical disabilities to have more options at recess at Schwenksville Elementary School
- \$5,000 to pilot the platform Almagest to increase the district's alumni database and alumni outreach
- \$5,000 to sponsor the 2019-2020 STEAM night for K-8 students
- \$15,000 to purchase STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) resources at the middle level

OUR GRANTS IN ACTION

Creating Dynamic Learning Spaces in STEM Classrooms: A Redesign of Static Computer Labs at Perkiomen Valley High School: \$6,950 Award

Grant funding was used to support the student-centered redesign of a high school computer lab to enhance collaboration and create open learning spaces with the purchase of whiteboard tables, stools, white board and portable projector.

"I just wanted to thank you all for your help on the design, support and installation of my classroom. Going into the school year, I can honestly say I have a tremendous amount of excitement to show my students their new classroom."

- Dan Pennebacker,

Business/Computer Teacher at Perkiomen Valley High School



Modernizing the Learning Spaces in Middle School Libraries: \$34,113 Between Schools

Libraries received funding to install a high-tech whiteboard and stadium seating (at East), technology and equipment to create Makerspace areas (at West), and other related items to facilitate collaborative work, such as seating, whiteboard tables, and more.



iPads, Apps and Apple Pencils for Art Classes: \$7,880

The Foundation granted the Art Department funding to pay for iPads, apps and Apple Pencils. Using these tools, students can create and share digital content and media, explore drawing and painting, digital photography, digital storytelling, animation, graphic design, website building, movie-making, songwriting, and more through various apps. Students at Perkiomen Valley Middle School East used iPads to photograph their shoes and then drew their shoes by hand, but also used the iPads and Apple pencils to create digital versions with the Procreate app.



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PVSD Day of Service: \$1,240 Award

Grant funding was used to purchase materials for community service projects completed by elementary and high school students during the Perkiomen Valley School District Day of Service held on Martin Luther King Day. The additional funding allowed the Day of Service Steering Committee to expand its event by offering more projects for more student volunteers.

"I wanted to extend a huge thank you for the Foundation grant that supported the expansion of our MLK Day of Service event. We estimate that close to 500 students participated. The Foundation grant allowed us to include middle school students who participated in activities like putting hygiene kits together for migrant workers, making knit hats for those in need, and making fleece blankets for One House at a Time. The 80 volunteer spots we had open for middle schoolers filled up right away, so it is obvious that they appreciated having the opportunity to join in on this Day of Service."

- Jessica Lester

Manager of School & Community Engagement, Perkiomen Valley School District

Google Expeditions/Virtual Reality at Evergreen Elementary School: \$4,000 Award

Using smartphones, selfie sticks, and the Google Expeditions app, students scan a code and are able to see subjects they are studying from a whole new perspective. As students move with the smartphones or raise and lower them, they have the sensation they are moving around the object. Those studying weather and geological formations, for example, are able to look inside a volcano and study the progression of a tsunami from all different angles. Others learning about animals were able to examine bees and zebras as if they were present in the classroom. Some even took a trip to Mars to explore the Red Planet.



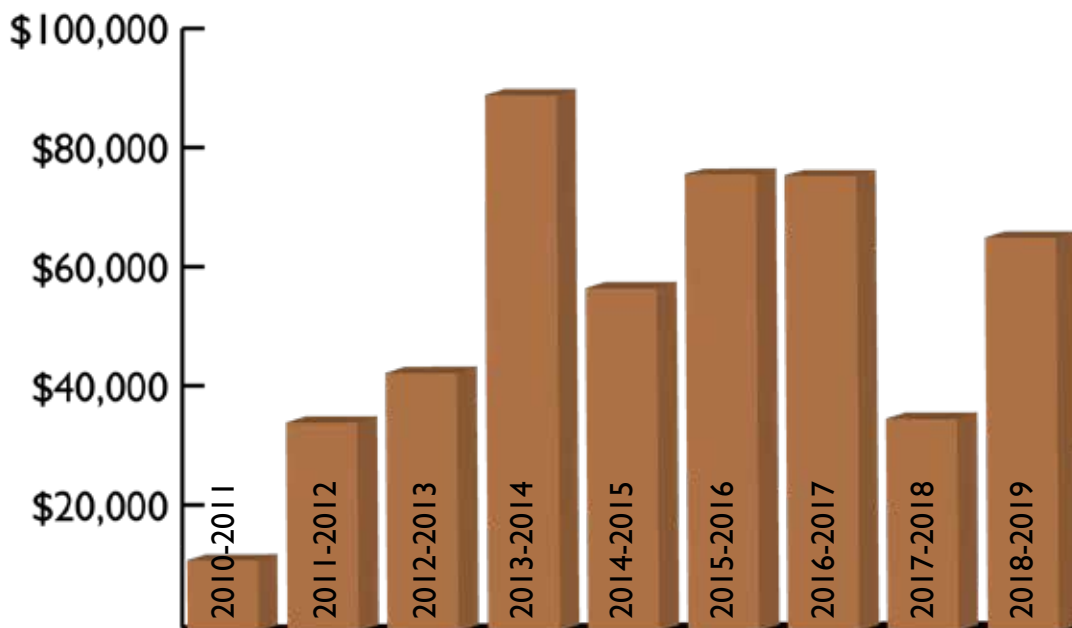
PVSD Hall of Fame Signage and Plaques for Inaugural Class: \$4,034 Award

Perkiomen Valley School District was able to welcome its first class of Hall of Fame inductees, thanks to a grant from the Foundation that helped pay for the installation of signage and plaques in the gym.

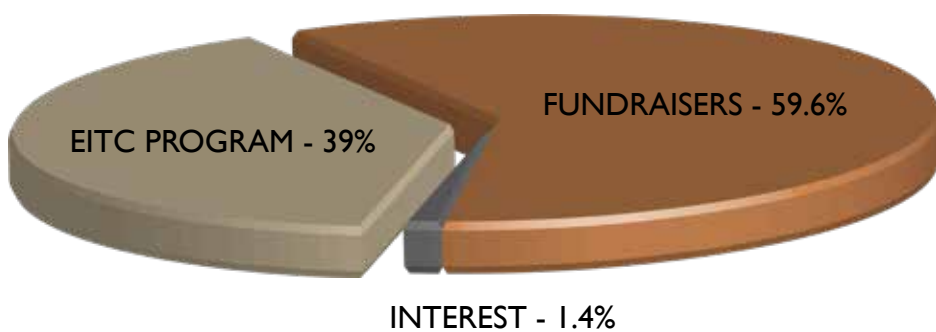


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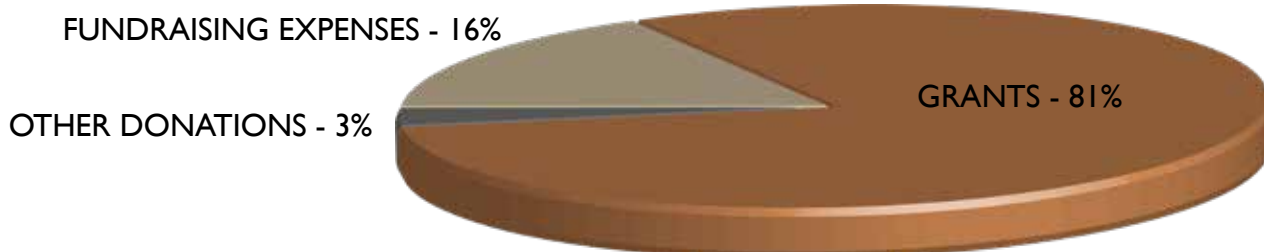
TOTAL AMOUNT OF AWARDED GRANT DOLLARS BY SCHOOL YEAR



WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM:



WHERE THE MONEY GOES:



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Contributions made to the PVSD Foundation are an investment in stronger educational programs for students and, therefore, an investment in our community. Every time the school district is able to incorporate new and updated programs that challenge and empower students, our students' academic potential grows and our school district community is strengthened. Strong school districts attract new residents, businesses and students to our community. There are many ways to support our school district and community through the PVSD Foundation:

JOIN THE EITC PROGRAM & DONATE TO GET TAX CREDITS

The PVSD Foundation has been approved by the PA Department of Community and Economic (DCED) Development as an educational improvement organization.

Through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC), a state program that provides companies with tax credits for donations to a nonprofit educational improvement organization, a business can receive a tax credit equal to 75% of a contribution (up to \$750,000 per year). Credits can be increased to 90% of the contribution, if a business agrees to provide the same amount for two consecutive tax years.

**Special Thanks
to Our 2018-2019
EITC Donors:**



\$32,000



\$1,500

By donating to the Foundation through the EITC program, you are supporting public education and keeping state tax dollars in the local community.

What Types of Businesses are Eligible to Participate in EITC?

- C-Corporations
- S-Corporations
- Partnerships
- Sole Proprietors
- Limited Liability Companies (LLCs)
- Subchapter S-Corporations and other businesses that pay their state business taxes under the personal income tax on PA business income

DONATE FUNDS/SPONSORSHIPS

Donations can be made by sending checks made payable to the "PVSD Foundation" at 3 Iron Bridge Drive, Collegeville, PA, 19426. Or you can donate via PayPal on our website at pvsdfoundation.org.

You can also donate every time you make a purchase on Amazon by selecting the Foundation through Amazon Smile. Perkiomen Valley School District employees

can support the PVSD Foundation through payroll deduction.

We invite sponsors to assist with costs for fundraisers such as the annual Dodgeball Tournament. Sponsorships help offset the costs for organizing and setting up this event each year.

ATTEND/PARTICIPATE IN AN UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

- Sept. 28-29, 2019 – Catalyst Prep SAT Course
- Fall 2019 – Mixed Bags Fundraiser
- November 16, 2019 – Harlem Wizards
- March 7, 2020 – Dodgeball
- March 7-8, 2020 – Catalyst Prep SAT Course
- Spring 2020 – Online Auction
- Annual Appeal



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ANNUAL APPEAL - THANK YOU!

In the 2018-19 school year, the PVSD Foundation began its first annual appeal, called "Be a Hero to Your Favorite Viking." This initiative raised \$19,496 for the Foundation in its inaugural year. Donations shown here represent those collected up until June 30, 2019. Donations received after that date will appear in next year's report. We are grateful for the support of the following donors:

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Anonymous (1 donor)

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