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## New Endowment fund

Smart Choices for Healthy Youth Fund was established with funds left over from the Parent Pact for Smart Choices Program. The Parent Pact Program was designed to offer drug and alcohol awareness programming in the Kettering City School District. The program had fallen by the wayside several years ago, and Terri & John Jump made the decision to gift the remaining funds to the Kettering Education Foundation to provide seed money to start the Smart Choices for Healthy Youth Endowment Fund. The original \$6,000 has been invested and the Foundation will utilize up to 5% of the fund balance on a yearly basis to provide funding for existing or new drug and alcohol awareness programs in Kettering City School District, such as the mock car crash that takes place at Fairmont High School before prom. While the seed money for this fund has been donated by generous individuals in the past, the hope is that others will see the good in the program and contribute as well, thus allowing the program to serve more students in the future.

## New Scholarships Established

The Kettering Education Foundation was very fortunate to be able to establish three new scholarships during 2008: *The Cookie Weeks Scholarship*, the *Charles R. Craig Scholarship* and the *Kettering Jaycees Foundation Scholarship*. These three scholarships are unique in whom they serve and how they are structured, but like all the rest of the scholarships the Foundation administers, they are designed to give a deserving Fairmont graduate a much needed financial boost as they continue on their educational journey.

The *Cookie Weeks Scholarship* established by Cookie Weeks to assist a graduating Fairmont Senior that was also a graduate of her Beavertown Elementary class. The award is a \$1,000 one year scholarship and will be given to a student that has a combination of high GPA, and is active in the community and school.

The *Charles R. Craig Scholarship* was created as a memorial tribute to Kettering Fairmont educator and band director Charles Craig. One \$500 scholarship is offered annually to a graduating senior of Fairmont High School who is involved in the music program. The award may be applied to tuition, room and board and other related educational expenses at an accredited two-or four-year college, university or trade school.

*Kettering Jaycees Foundation Scholarship* was established by the Kettering Jaycees Foundation, a group which for many years raised money through Cruise-ins and concessions sales, all for the purpose of donating funds to worth-while programs throughout the Kettering area. In a tribute to their first original love— cars and cruise-in's – the group donated the funds from its Foundation to the KEF when it disbanded for the purpose of establishing an endowed scholarship that will provide funding for students who are furthering their education in the Automotive Trade.

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Change is defined, as follows, in *Webster's Dictionary*: to undergo *transformation, transition or substitution*. Change for many can be a feared word; it brings the promise of the unknown, potential pitfalls, new hurdles and challenges. For others, change is a welcome experience: starting college, beginning a new career or retiring are a couple examples of major life changes that are warmly embraced. Above all else, the one thing that is constant is that change happens.

This year we have seen a lot of well-publicized change, here in our own community, in our country and across the world. We have seen a change in our economy and how we do business, and we have seen changes in leadership. The loss of General Motors, combined with an already growing population of economically disadvantaged students, is creating an impact on our community and schools. We have also seen major changes in the leadership of the Kettering City School District, with the resignation of Dr. Bob Mengerink, the naming of Dr. Jim Schoenlein as interim superintendent and a 20% turn-over in administrative positions. All this change created a very challenging year for the Kettering Education Foundation.



The Foundation's fiscal year started in the midst of one of the worst economic recessions in recent history, and just as this has impacted businesses and individuals all over the country, it has impacted the Foundation, as well. The KEF saw a 10% decrease in total year-over-year donation dollars, although it only realized a 3% decrease in actual donations in 2009. What this tells us is that for the most part, people are still giving, they are just giving less than in past years. This follows national trends for charitable giving, and the impact of the economy did not stop at this. The Foundation had to make the tough decision to cancel its largest fundraiser, the *Cincinnati Bengals Charity Basketball* game, due largely to the loss of several key sponsors who had to withdraw support due to the impact of the sluggish economy on their own businesses. Overall, this added up to a 28% reduction in income for the Foundation from fiscal year 2008.

Due to these circumstances, the Foundation was also forced to make some reductions, and was able to fund only 14 of 53 grant applications this year, for a total of \$10,000. And, while the Foundation awarded 11 scholarships, totaling \$19,750, to graduating Fairmont High School seniors in 2009 this, coupled with the grants, means that the Kettering Education Foundation gave a grand total of \$29,750 in funding to the Kettering City School District, a significant reduction from last year's record amount of \$53,803.

These changes have forced the leadership of the Foundation to take a hard look at all aspects of the Foundation, including how we operate and what we fund. In addition to looking at opportunities to reduce expenses, the Foundation will also look for potential growth opportunities in new fundraisers.

Despite all this change, the Foundation created two new endowment funds and two new scholarship funds this year and was the recipient of proceeds from the Kettering Mayor's Ball for Charity. In addition, the creation of two brand new fundraisers -- the Hoopfest 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and the Gifts Fundraising Card -- will help the Foundation close out 2009 on a positive note.

The Kettering Education Foundation is proud of what we have been able to accomplish with your support. Please continue to read on about all the wonderful accomplishments that the Foundation is excited to share with you in this annual report.

# 2009-2010 GRANTS

## Opening Doors to Literacy, Part 2

J. E. Prass  
Shannon Dipple  
Renewal

This is a continuation of Opening Doors to Literacy. The project will provide fluency intervention programs and enrichment for all students in the second grade, as well as continue to provide more high-interest books and books-on-tape for families. The funds will be used to purchase more read-aloud books and books-on-tape.

## Musical Chairs

Oakview  
Janis Combs  
Renewal

This is a renewal of a 1999 grant that provided musical instruments for all K – 5th graders at Oakview Elementary. Over the past 10 years, these instruments have enabled students to build music literacy skills and to broaden each student's musical experience. The funds will be used to purchase new instruments to replace the old, worn out instruments. New this year will be a set of five geometrically shaped drums that will reinforce the math content standards involving geometry and spatial shapes.

## The Building Blocks of Mathematics

J. E. Prass  
Christy Kremer  
New Grant

This self-designed unit will be utilized every Friday during the STEM (Science Technology Math and Engineering) block, to link the Ohio standards in a unique way to encourage interest in the STEM fields. The unit

involves two-parts; algebra and geometry, and through the use of a Hands-on Equation class set, Magna Tiles, and Architecture Books combined with verbal workbooks and Engineer and Architect classroom visits from LBJ, Inc. it will inspire students and help provide them with the needed foundations in geometry and algebra.

## From Ordinary to Extraordinary – Clay Clocks

Fairmont High School  
Susan Bennett  
Renewal

This is the second year for this grant in which students are given the opportunity to create "extraordinary clocks" out of clay. Students are shown the art of Oaxacan Indians, Aboriginal art and several modern artists. After a series of problem-solving exercises each student will perfect their own design and create their clock.

## Book Study... Everyone Invited

J. E. Prass  
Teresa Ewing  
New Grant

This new grant is designed to improve the literacy skills of Teresa's fourth grade classroom through the use of book study groups, book reflection, character analysis, and much more. The funds provided are going to be used to purchase 140 new and exciting books for the classroom library.

## Green Energy

J. F. Kennedy  
Rebecca Brandenburg  
New Grant

The funds provided for this

grant will be utilized for the purchase of a "Renewable Energy Classroom Pack", and an "Energy Conservation Kit." Both of these kits will be used to help demonstrate green technology concepts including solar, wind and water power as well as generating and converting electrical energy.

## Variety is the Spice of Literate Life

Kettering Middle School  
Elizabeth Hageman  
New Grant

Wanna know how to get students to read more? Give them easy access to a variety of books that engage, interest, empower, surprise, inform, anger, touch, move and shock them. Then give them time to read! The funds provided were used to purchase a variety of high-quality, high-interest reading materials, with a goal to serve all students with a variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama and graphic novels.

## Reaching Readers through Recovery and Results!

Moraine Meadows  
Joshua Stucky  
New Grant

The monies provided were used to purchase a new edition of the SRA's Open Court. The Open Court system, a long-time favorite of the kids, allows students to monitor their own growth and perform at their own level. It covers all areas and genres including; Fine Arts, ESL, Test Prep, Phonics, Intervention, Fiction, Non-Fiction, and Gradual Release of Responsibility.

## Indian Riffle Mail Call

Indian Riffle Elementary  
Beth Frederick  
New Grant

This project is a postal system within the school community. Students will learn to write different types of letters, according to their grade level standards, correctly address an envelope and mail the letter to a friend, teacher or staff member within the school. There will be Indian Riffle Mailboxes created for the school, and each classroom will have an address that will be their hallway name and their room number. The students will receive two-fifteen minute blocks of time per week to write letters, which will be placed in the main mail box for collecting, sorting and delivery. Each week, different grade levels will be responsible for the postal duties. The goal is to increase student writing- for-a-purpose while working on friendly letters.

## Classroom Jeopardy

Oakview  
Kimberly Panek  
Renewal

This grant will enable the teacher to update the Classroom Jeopardy System by purchasing new games that will reach more students with varying ability levels. The technology can be utilized for chapter reviews, test preparation, unit test and Ohio Achievement Test reviews.

## Connecting to the Curriculum!

Greenmont  
Esther Mata  
New Grant

The goal of this program is to integrate the science and social studies curriculum into a daily Readers & Writers Workshop in the classroom. The objective is for the students to use and build prior knowledge and make deeper personal connections to the science and social studies curriculum through the use of level appropriate books during guided reading.

## Introduction to Civil Engineering for Physics Students

Kettering Fairmont High School  
Jeffrey McManus  
New

The grant will fund the purchase of equipment that students will use to study basic civil engineering principles. The specific topics of study will include; static equilibrium, stability, I-beam design and stress-strain relationships. The students will do a series of activities, such as comparing spring constants of equal length, measuring the stress-strain relationships on an I-beam and more.

# Student Response Systems

In 2008 the Kettering Education Foundation awarded the Kettering City School District a \$12,000 grant for the purchase of Student Response Systems (SRS). This money was combined with funding received through federal Title 1 funds and the technology budget and enabled the Kettering City School District to put this powerful piece of technology in every math classroom from the 5th through 10th grades, as well as in some special education math resource rooms.

A Student Response System provides teachers with immediate feedback with regard to how well the students comprehend the material in the lesson that is being taught. Each student has a radio frequency clicker at his or her desk that transmits student responses to the teacher's computer software program. Periodically during their lessons, the teacher will put up a multiple choice question on their Smartboard or screen and the students respond by clicking in their answer on their receiver pad. This technology provides the teacher with immediate assessment of how many students are understanding the concepts being taught. Furthermore, the system allows the teacher to track the students' answers over several weeks, allowing them to rapidly identify students who may need extra help.

The decision to place the SRS's in the math classrooms was a result of the 2007-2008 State Report Card that showed that 5th grade math was one of the two out of 30 indicators that the Kettering City School District missed. In 2008 69.2% of all 5th grade math students were ranked proficient. The state requirements for 2008 were 75%.

For the past year, the KEF and the Kettering City School District have been eagerly awaiting the 2008-2009 test numbers to see what type of impact the SRS grant has had on student scores, and the news was very positive. On the 2008-2009 report card 76.2% of all 5th grade math students were ranked proficient! This was one of the highest yearly increases in all of the 30 indicators, and across-the-board the district saw strong growth in the math numbers.

The test results are hard statistical proof that putting technology in the hands of our many wonderful, talented teachers will have an impact on student achievement. Furthermore, this technology is now one of the most sought-after in the District, and the district's technology department has added them to their yearly budget and is fielding more requests than they can handle.

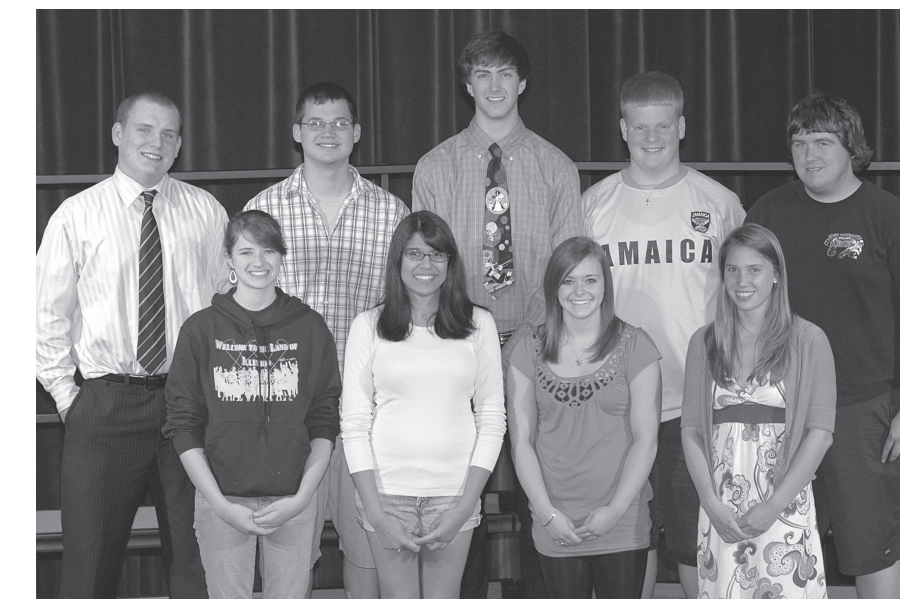
This is proof that the initial investment of funds from the KEF made a lasting, indelible impact on the educational standards of the students of the district further proof that your donations make a difference.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kettering Education Foundation awarded \$19,750 in scholarships during the 2008-2009 school year. These scholarships were awarded to 11 different students with the funding being provided by nine different scholarship funds.

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of the donors who helped establish these scholarships, the KEF has been able to award \$51,950 in scholarships to 27 different students over the last three years.



## Foundation Scholarship Recipients

### Sally Roush Brown Scholarship

Allison Streithorst

### Cookie Weeks Scholarship

Jason Tipton

### Mary Lou Holland Scholarship

Chenoa Courtney

### James Lockwood Scholarship

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