

**OMAHA SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**  
**Grant applications**  
**December 18, 2014**

Approval by the OPS Board is requested for the following classroom grants reviewed by the OSF Grants Committee, OPS Department of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment and OSF Board of Directors:

- 1. Fontenelle Elementary**  
**Kelly Hiatt**  
**“Fontenelle Lego Club”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide materials for the before school Lego club.**

**Amount granted: \$690.49**
- 2. Fontenelle Elementary**  
**Kelly Hiatt**  
**“Fontenelle Elementary STEM Club”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide materials for the before school STEM club.**

**Amount granted: \$617.57**
- 3. Fontenelle Elementary**  
**Kelly Hiatt**  
**“Robotics Club”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide materials to help the robotics team get to a competition level.**

**Amount granted: \$539.94**
- 4. Gomez Heritage Elementary**  
**Dan Moran and Julia Harris**  
**“Lego Education Story Starter”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for this program which strengthens literacy skills, improves writing, language and reading abilities.**

**Amount granted: \$798.95**
- 5. Dundee Elementary**  
**Caroline Darling**  
**“Plant Life at the Children’s Museum”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide partial funding for an in-depth field trip on plant life.**

**Amount granted: \$517.50**
- 6. Miller Park**  
**Myra Hudson and Ashley Struebing**  
**“STEM Lab Experiments”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for a mini-fridge for the lab.**

**Amount granted: \$150.00**
- 7. Crestridge Magnet**  
**Marjorie Reed-Schmid**  
**“Multi-cultural Theater Experience”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide partial funding for an artist-in-residency in the dual language program.**

**Amount granted: \$1,500.00**

8. **Adams and Druid Hill Elementary Schools**  
**Mark Kelln and Cherice Williams**  
**“Theater in the Special Education Classroom”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for an artist-in-residency to work with the ACP/BD students at each school for a five-day residency.**
- Amount granted: \$2,000.00**
9. **ILP**  
**Leandra London**  
**“Poet in Residence”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for 15 poet visits and publishing costs of the final writing anthology.**
- Amount granted: \$2,750.00**
10. **Accelere Program**  
**Shawn Graham**  
**“Zoo Project/Career Exploration Training”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide partial funding for bus transportation to the Zoo.**
- Amount granted: \$2,500.00**
11. **J.P. Lord School**  
**Darcy Cleveringa**  
**“Sensory Exploration for Students with Vision and/or Hearing Impairments”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for adaptive equipment that will expand student interest by increased interactions with learning materials.**
- Amount granted: \$1,350.55**
12. **Central Park Elementary**  
**Scott Sturgeon**  
**“Play Aways to Enhance Vocabulary, Comprehension and Fluency”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide partial funding for Play Away audio books that build background knowledge, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension for all 1<sup>st</sup> grade students.**
- Amount granted: \$1,452.33**
13. **Dundee Elementary**  
**Connie Tippet**  
**“History Alive”**  
**Summary: Grant provides funding for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in an arts residency to expand their classroom learning in social studies. (Matching grant with NE Arts Council)**
- Amount granted: \$495.00**
14. **McMillan Magnet**  
**Kathleen Schmedding**  
**“Inclusive Communities”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for a one-day retreat for students with the Inclusive Middle Program including monthly meeting follow-ups with the McMillan “Diversity Club.”**
- Amount granted: \$2,200.00**
15. **Gomez Heritage Elementary**  
**Kay Zielinski and Nicole Johnson**

**“Lincoln NE State Capitol and Memorial Stadium Tour”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide partial funding for bus transportation.**

**Amount granted: \$625.00**

16. **Burke High School**  
**Nadine Reyes**  
**“Future Educators State Competition”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide registration fees for students attending the competition.**

**Amount granted: \$625.00**

17. **Wilson Focus School**  
**Christine Moats**  
**“Lion Pride Enrichment”**  
**Summary: Grant will fund the enrichment program offered within the extended day to all Focus School students.**

**Amount granted: \$3,000.00**

18. **Burke High School**  
**Emily Mokrycki**  
**“Artists in Schools Collaborative”**  
**Summary: Grant will fund a guest artist choreographer and technical director to partner with the Burke Rock Stars as they write/produce/present “High School Musical Rock Star Style.” (Nebraska Arts Council Matching Grant)**

**Amount granted: \$2,000.00**

19. **Benson High School**  
**Tony Kobza**  
**“Business School Store”**  
**Summary: Grant will purchase a mobile vendor cart and Shopkeep Merchant System for the new school store that will be operated by the Principles of Business Management and Marketing Class.**

**Amount granted: \$1,650.00**

20. **McMillan Magnet**  
**Kala Peyton**  
**“Omaha Street Percussion and McMillan Drum Line Partnership”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide partial funding to purchase the necessary instruments for this program.**

**Amount granted: \$4,573.00**

21. **McMillan Magnet**  
**Jessica Brandt**  
**“Spatial Geometry”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for Coordinate Plane/Geo Boards**

**Amount granted: \$121.95**

22. **McMillan Magnet**  
**Laurie Rabiola**  
**“Strategy for Collaboration”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide partial funding for the Lion Pride Chess/Checker program.**  
**Amount granted: \$150.00**

23. **McMillan Magnet**  
**Stefanie Conley and RJ Kammandel**  
**“Egg Drop Project”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide materials and transportation for a student research/development team who will present their findings at the Master Craft Building.**
- Amount granted: \$2,420.00**
24. **Lothrop Magnet**  
**Gina Fitzpatrick**  
**“After School Connections”**  
**Summary: Grant will fund after school enrichment that includes Vex Robotics, Chess and a Young Medical Researchers Group.**
- Amount granted: \$1,000.00**
26. **Howard Kennedy Elementary**  
**Maureen Harrington**  
**“Visual Phonics Enrichment”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for the Visual Phonics program to enhance letter and sound association.**
- Amount granted: \$164.00**
27. **McMillan Magnet**  
**Shea Gonzales**  
**“Youth Frontiers Courage Retreat”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for one day of a Youth Frontiers Retreat that empowers students to act with moral character and make responsible decisions.**
- Amount granted: \$2,945.00**
28. **McMillan Magnet**  
**Rose Rydberg**  
**“Black Violin”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for students to attend “Black Violin” at the Holland Performing Arts Center.”**
- Amount granted: \$750.00**
29. **McMillan Magnet**  
**Connie Colton**  
**“A Reason for Caring About Math Achievement”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for three math classes of students to tour the UNO campus with an emphasis on math/engineering, experience a lesson taught in a college classroom and a discussion with college students regarding the importance of mathematics.**
- Amount granted: \$300.00**
30. **JP Lord School**  
**Sherri Frisbie and Judy Carroll**  
**“Learning About Our World”**  
**Summary: Grant will provide funding for materials to benefit students with multiple motor, cognitive and sensory disabilities to increase avenues for learning about the world around them.**
- Amount granted: \$1,803.10**
31. **Burke High School**  
**Sarah Tripp**  
**“University of Nebraska-Lincoln Language Fair”**

**Summary: Grant will provide funding for the entrance fee and transportation so that the French students may present their projects (in French) as they compete with others from around the state.**

**Amount granted: \$420.00**

**TOTAL: \$40,109.38**

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