

WINGS Educational Foundation

Nearing \$200,000 in Grants to Washington Teachers

OUR MISSION

The WINGS Educational Foundation strives to open new doors of opportunity for students by providing the funds to support programs which are not or cannot be funded by the School District of Washington.

WINGS was established in 1992 as a not-for-profit, 501 (c) (3) corporation to enhance educational excellence and set the pace for learning throughout life.

Providing teacher grants helps to connect more students to learning throughout the school district.

WINGS provides the way for teachers to help students connect to learning.

Since its inception in 1992, the WINGS Educational Foundation has focused on providing teacher grants to teachers throughout the Washington School District.

This fall will mark \$200,000 in total grants over the 16-year period. All the grant monies provided to teachers come from donations and fund-raisers.

There are three times during the year for teachers to apply for and receive grants: Early Bird Grants in September, Fall Semester Grants in December and Spring Semester Grants in May.

For the 2007-2008 school year, \$ 27,770 in teacher grants were awarded.

Teachers are very enthusiastic about the grants they have received. Shirley Hillhouse (Labadie) uses the Truman Trunk filled with history for all 4th grade students in the district, math manipulatives for geometry and fractions, and headphones for learning Spanish.

Labadie and Southpoint

students have benefited from Phonics is Phenomenal for the Accelerated Reading class. Every week they practice phonics games.

Melanie Trentmann, math teacher at WHS, says her Smart Board is her favorite grant. She uses it daily, making lessons creative, colorful and interactive. The students participate in problem solving because they like to use the board.

Wynn Scheer (5th Street) says her all-time favorite grant is Relive the Days of the Civil War. Members of a Civil War group spend the day with classes to step back in time. This grant has been used for several years, most recently by 170 4th and 5th graders.

Shanon Siebert (West) uses Listening Center activities and teaching resource books for grades 1-3.

Kelly Stone in Special Education, purchased hand bells and the special needs students learned to perform with them and gave concerts for their parents.

Grants touches many children and provides for learning opportunities.

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WINGS Newsletter**WINGS to Sponsor Hall of Honor in 2009**

The “ Washington Public School Hall of Honor Presented by the WINGS Educational Foundation” will be held for the first time in the fall of 2009. Those honored will be recognized at a formal dinner which will be open to the public.

The WINGS Educational Foundation is proud to recognize alumni, community leaders, and/or educators who have achieved success and made significant contributions to their communities. WINGS believes that

this Hall of Honor will be a way to celebrate the importance of education as well as show the community the success that these individuals have achieved. Furthermore, WINGS believes that the stories of those honored will serve to inspire and motivate current and future students in the Washington School District.

It is hoped that this will be an annual event held in the fall of each year. Since the date for Homecoming 2009 has not been determined, the exact date for the din-

ner is not known at this time. However, the dinner will be held on the Thursday before Homecoming.

Watch for more information in the local media concerning the exact date, how you can nominate individuals for this award, and how you can attend the dinner.

The committee hopes to involve WSD school administration and community leaders in the planning of this exciting event.

Joyce Brown-Outstanding Educator Teresa Jones-Outstanding Support Staff

Joyce Brown, science teacher and Chair of the Science Department at WHS, was awarded the Foundation Award for Educational Excellence this past May. She received the \$1000 award provided by Dr. Jerry Chambers and the *Missourian*. Described as a master teacher,

she teaches chemistry to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students.

Teresa Jones, janitorial staff at WMS, received the WINGS Foundation Award for Outstanding Service.

WHS seniors Jessie Eichholz and Jill Griffin received WINGS Future Educator Awards.

Robin Bilin received the 2007-2008 Wanda Lentz WINGS Memorial Scholarship. Amber Chumbley received this year's award for an LPN student provided by Dr. Kathy Lentz to honor her mother.

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636.239.7831 (Ext. 274).

WINGS Foundation Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund was started in 1997. As of April, 2008, it had grown to \$245,000. This year, the Foundation Board set a goal of \$1,000,000 for the Endowment Fund in order to continue to support teacher grants and scholarships throughout the Washington School District. The all-volunteer Board of Directors is focused on and committed to enhancing education for children in the WSD and solicits and manages investments. During the current Endowment Drive, 100% of the WINGS Board has pledged over \$196,000.

If you are interested in making a five year-pledge to the Endowment Fund, please contact Greg Hoberock (636-583-8698) or Brad Mitchell (636-239-783, Ext. 274) to discuss your plans. All deductions are tax deductible.



Once again this has been an exceptional year for WINGS, and we say a special thank you to all who have made donations. The grants, scholarships and awards happen only because of your generous support.