

## A letter from the Chair....

When we were children, education was all about instruction in the three R's: Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. In 2014, our support of education has extended from the three R's to the three E's: Educate, Enrich, and Excel.



In 2014, donors to the Oak Grove Foundation provided over \$60,000 for the benefit of our children. As stewards of your donations, the Foundation worked directly with the Oak Grove Elementary School leadership and faculty to Educate, Enrich, and help all our children Excel. We “educated” our children by providing a literacy coach to improve and accelerate the reading level of our Kindergarten through second grade children with small group instruction. We “enriched” our students by incorporating additional Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math or “STEM” principles in the classroom and by funding “Big Idea” grants. STEM principles give our children practical problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Big Idea grants provide creative ways to learn, such as Pi Day, Frog Dissection, and Colonial Days, and also add such programs as Everyday Math and Literacy Immersion. Last but not least, we “excelled” by providing advanced teacher training to keep our teachers at the leading edge of best practices and educational tools. These efforts – and your donations – all help our children receive the highest quality education while having a little fun along the way.

As we finish 2014 and look toward next year, I want to thank all of our donors. You are a vital part of the Oak Grove Foundation’s history and our future, and it is your investment that allows us to educate, enrich and excel each child who steps through doors of Oak Grove Elementary School. Thank you for your generous donations and your support!

Sincerely,  
Lisi Winter  
Chair, Oak Grove Foundation

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# 2014

Oak Grove Foundation was created in 2009 as a non-profit (501)(c)(3) formed by parents and teachers that supports the quality of education through investments in personnel, technology, teachers and materials, funded entirely through YOUR donations!

# 2014 Accomplishments

With your generous support, the Oak Grove Foundation provided funding to supplement our children's  
**Teachers' Education - Academic Enrichment - Classroom Excellence**

## **STEM Coordinator (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)**

Hired consultant, Kendall Xides, to analyze certification requirements and implement programs and teacher training to begin Georgia STEM certification process for Oak Grove.

**Literacy Coach** Renewed our Literacy Coach, Stacy Welch, to support small group reading in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**STEM Supplies** Funded supplies for our STEM certification process including:

- Grade Level STEM kits
- Outdoor classroom Resource Center for teachers and students
- Pollinator Garden
- Garden signage

**Higher Opportunities for Teachers (HOT)** Sent 20 teachers and staff from all grades to 9 different conferences including:

- Training in Orton-Gillingham, a multi-sensory approach to reading
- GA STEM conference
- Master Gardner workshop
- National Autism Conference
- Positive Behavior Conference
- Differentiated Instruction for Physical Science
- Tech Boot Camp for administrators

## **Big Ideas Grants**

Gave \$4500 in grants for teachers for enrichment activities in classroom, including:

- Frog dissection
- Pi Day
- Colonial Days
- Everyday Math
- Social Studies/Literacy Immersion
- Rubik's cube math program
- Playout Fitness Game

## **Leadership Stipends**

Provided \$8,000 in incentives to reward and retain our amazing teachers who serve on the Building Leadership Team and as grade level chairs.

## **Foundation Fact:**

Did you know the Oak Grove Foundation purchased the 50 ipads and the synching cart currently used by all teachers at our school?

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# A letter from our Principal

As I continue my second year as Principal at Oak Grove, I marvel at the ongoing support of the Oak Grove Foundation. In some way, the Foundation has touched the lives of everyone at our school.

How, you might ask?



5th Grade Frog Dissection  
Sponsored by the Oak Grove Foundation

Students receive instruction from a teacher who attended a conference. Or students participate in STEM activities using one of our Engineering Is Elementary (EiE) kits. Perhaps, the Building Leadership Team (BLT) meets to discuss school-wide instruction. The Foundation supports all aspects of education at Oak Grove Elementary.

This year, I asked the Foundation to support our journey toward STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Certification by funding a part-time STEM Coordinator. Kendall Xides works tirelessly with faculty, staff, parents and community members to develop STEM culture at OGE as we strive for Georgia State Certification. Kendall has evaluated existing STEM curriculum, researched successful STEM program, determined OGE's objectives and set goals necessary for certification. Daily, Kendall provides support to teachers by offering STEM standard-based lessons, sharing resources and coordinating professional education opportunities. Kendall works with the garden volunteers in the creation and on-going transformation of the outdoor classroom, acquires and implements EiE and Lego classroom kits, surveys teachers to assess needs for STEM integration success and keeps the Oak Grove community informed and educated on STEM in the weekly Oak Tree Newsletter.

Without Kendall and the support of the Foundation, we would not be able to even consider STEM Certification.

In addition to our STEM Coordinator, the Foundation continues to sponsor our part-time Literacy Coach, Stacy Welch. Stacy works with students in grades K-2 who are struggling with a literacy aspect. After students are assessed, Stacy works with these students daily in small groups for four to six weeks. After that time, she reassesses them to make sure they are progressing at the appropriate level. Additional interventions are made if students do not improve. Teachers, parents and students unanimously agree that the services provided by Stacy have been highly-effective for our youngest students.

It is a struggle to put into words all of the ways that the Foundation supports the academic focus at Oak Grove. The most important thing I wish to convey is: keep in mind - in some way your child is directly impacted by the Oak Grove Foundation. I ask that you support OUR ongoing efforts to deliver the excellent academic environment at OGE. Without you, all these things are not possible.

Sincerely,  
**Mindee Adamson**  
Oak Grove Principal

“Without our STEM Coordinator, Kendall Xides and the support of the Oak Grove Foundation, we would not be able to even consider STEM Certification.”

Mindee Adamson,  
Principal, Oak Grove

# 2014

## Financials



<b>Income - Calendar Year 2014</b>	
<b>Direct Public Support</b>	
2014 Spring Campaign	
2014 Campaign - Donations (check, cash)	\$17,671.00
2014 Campaign - Donations (Paypal)	\$22,893.97
2014 Campaign - Corporate Matching	\$3,200.00
2015 Spring Campaign	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Direct Public Support</b>	<b>\$46,764.97</b>
<b>Special Events Income</b>	
2014 Auction	
2014 Auction - Sponsorship	\$1,250.00
2014 Auction - Ticket Sales	\$4,919.06
2014 Auction - Art Sales	\$1,025.00
2014 Auction - Square D (ticket sales, art, teacher wishlist, STEM EIE kits)	\$17,424.65
<b>Total Special Events Income</b>	<b>\$24,618.71</b>
<b>Investments</b>	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	\$18.03
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$18.03</b>
<b>Other Types of Income</b>	
After School Clubs	\$175.14
Amazon / Misc Revenue	\$604.55
Zone of Light - Art Night	\$182.80
<b>Total Other Types of Income</b>	<b>\$962.49</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$72,364.20</b>
<b>Expenses - Calendar Year 2014</b>	
<b>Awards and Grants</b>	
2014 Campaign Teacher Wish List	\$5,186.89
Big Ideas	\$5,955.31
Building Improvements	\$411.10
Higher Opportunity for Teachers	\$3,229.48
Leadership Stipend	\$8,000.00
STEM EIE Kits	\$906.48
<b>Total Awards and Grants</b>	<b>\$23,689.26</b>
<b>Contract Services</b>	
Literacy Coach	\$29,534.40
STEM Coordinator	\$7,317.83
Technology Coach	\$3,835.20
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	<b>\$40,687.43</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	
2014 Spring Campaign	
Printing / Supplies	\$972.84
2014 Silent Auction	
Venue/Catering	\$5,908.20
Beverages	\$262.92
Decor/Lighting	\$300.00
Printing	\$496.65
Supplies/Misc.	\$314.94
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>\$8,255.55</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Accountant Fees	\$650.00
Bank Fee	\$6.00
Postage, Mailing Service	\$10.71
Printing and Copying	\$497.67
Supplies	\$90.38
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,254.76</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$73,887.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(\$1,522.80)</b>
<b>Ending Balance (December 31, 2014)</b>	<b>\$68,796.42</b>

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