

A letter from the Chair...

On behalf of the Oak Grove Foundation, I want to personally thank you for your support. Your generous donation helps us bridge the gap between our children's needs and what we receive in public funding.

This year, we worked closely with our school's dedicated teachers and faculty to put your money to work. Here's what we accomplished:

- A literacy coach to accelerate the reading level of K-2 children
- A STEM coordinator to advance Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math principles in the classroom
- Advanced teacher training
- 30 new computers
- 2 charging carts
- "Big Idea" grants that provide students with creative ways to learn
- Training for teachers on Orton Gillingham

It's a testament to your involvement as parents and benefactors that Oak Grove Elementary continues to be regarded as one of the top public elementary schools in the city.

As we look to the 2017 school year, I am very excited for some of the creative proposals we've received from the faculty. With your continued support, we can make these concepts a reality.

Thank you,

Molly Taggart
Oak Grove Elementary Foundation Chair



2016

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.

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2016 Accomplishments

With your generous support, the Oak Grove Foundation provided funding to supplement:

Teachers' Education | Academic Enrichment | Classroom Excellence

STEM Coordinator (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math).

Renewed consultant, Kendall Xides, to analyze certification requirements and implement programs and teacher training for our STEM program.

Literacy Coach. Renewed our Literacy Coach, Stacy Welch, to support small group reading in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

STEM. Funded supplies for our ongoing STEM program:

- TV Production Studio
- Engineering is Elementary Kits
- Outdoor Garden and Classroom Resource Center for teachers and students
- STEM Murals, STEM Books, STEM Days
- Lego We-Do Kits
- Lego Night

Higher Opportunities for Teachers ("HOT"). Sent teachers and staff from all grade levels to several different conferences including:

- Orton- Gillingham Training for 27 teachers
- GA STEM conference
- Across the Spectrum: Autism/Asperger's Conference
- Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia Annual Conference
- Share the Wealth—Georgia Association of Health and Physical Education Conference
- Gifted Program Certification

Big Ideas Grants. Gave up to \$5000 in grants for teachers for enrichment activities in classroom, including:

- Frog dissection
- Pi Day
- 10/10 Day
- Social Studies/Literacy Immersion
- Rubik's cube math program
- Cooking Class

Leadership Stipends. Provided \$10,000 in incentives to reward and retain our amazing teachers who serve on the Building Leadership Team, STEM team, and as grade level chairs.

Foundation Fact:

Did you know the Oak Grove Foundation purchased 30 computers and two synching carts currently used by all teachers at our school?

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A letter from our Principal

As we approach the second campaign of my time at Oak Grove, I am excited to share the many ways the Foundation has touched every student in the building. The list continues to grow as people continue to give. Thank you for providing so generously for all students. As you invest in them, you are touching the future.



5th Grade Frog Dissection
Sponsored by the Oak
Grove Foundation

Your gift to the Foundation provided 30 hours of Orton Gillingham training last summer for 27 staff members (PK – 5th, Special Ed, and paraprofessionals). Those staff members use the skills to help students in all grades close reading gaps. Another direct impact for closing reading gaps is through a part-time literacy coach. Mrs. Stacy Welch's work with small groups of students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade has been so successful the Foundation has agreed to renew her contract another year!

The Foundation will also continue to support the STEM/STEAM initiative through the part-time coordinator, Mrs. Kendall Xides. Mrs. Xides continues to plan STEM-focused activities for the entire school and provides support to the staff directly and through the STEM committee. Mrs. Xides can often be found providing meaningful enrichment in the garden and/or writing fun facts on the board to increase background knowledge. She has a gift for stimulating interest in science and technology, even in reluctant learners. Mrs. Xides has provided training for teachers with Engineering is Elementary (EIE) kits and teachers are using the kits to enrich the content through problem-based learning.

It is my goal to ensure every student has easy access to technology. It is critical students have experience with both Apple and MicroSoft platforms so they can function in a digital society. Last year, through your generosity, the Foundation purchased two charging carts and 30 laptops for student use. While devices are not intended to replace great teachers, teachers use technology to enhance the overall learning, as well as teach the research process. It is my goal to have at least the same number of laptops purchased again this year to make devices more accessible to all students. Your generous gift can help make this dream a reality.

The Foundation does so much to support the instructional program at Oak Grove by sending teachers to conferences, funding staff positions, purchasing resources, and providing technology for all students. Every dollar given to the Foundation has an impact on children. The Foundation touches EVERY child at Oak Grove! I sincerely appreciate the instructional support provided by the Foundation, funded by your generosity. Thank you for giving.

Sincerely,

Lynda Mauborgne

2016 Financials



Income	
Direct Public Support	
Total 2016 Spring Campaign	\$96,624.78
Total Corporate Contributions	\$1,222.40
Total Individual and Business Contributions	\$58.50
Investments	
Total Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	\$131.35
Other Types of Income	
Total Amazon.com Revenue	\$3,441.46
Total Income	\$101,478.49
Expense	
Awards and Grants	
Total 2016 Campaign Wish List	\$5,950.14
Total Big Ideas - Classroom Enrichment	\$2,743.46
Total Higher Opportunity for Teachers - Training	\$9,106.80
Total Leadership Stipend	\$9,150.00
Total STEM Supplies	\$2,196.34
Total Computer Technology	\$17,799.90
Total Awards and Grants	\$46,946.64
Contract Services	
Total Literacy Coach	\$29,643.34
Total STEM Coordinator	\$17,014.58
Total Contract Services	\$46,657.92
Fundraising	
Spring Campaign 2016	
Total Events – Food, Venue	\$1,540.56
Total Game Truck / Prizes	\$2,237.67
Total Printing / Publicity	\$2,926.03
Spring Campaign 2017	
Total Printing / Publicity	\$653.77
Total Fundraising	\$7,358.03
Operating Expenses	
Total Accounting Fees	\$868.63
Total Bank Fee	\$3.00
Total Insurance Premium	\$255.00
Total Postage, Mailing Service	\$41.72
Total Printing and Copying	\$897.73
Total Website	\$845.95
Total Business Registration Fees	\$55.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$2,967.03
Total Expense	\$103,929.62
Net Income	-\$2,451.13
December 31, 2016 Closing Bank Account Balance	\$96,998.18

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