



Oak Grove Foundation Annual Report 2010

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Special thanks to:

- Heather Howard for participating on the Strategic Plan Committee
- Helen Brownell for participating on the Strategic Plan Committee
- Sharmi Lawrence for assistance with the Annual Campaign

What is the Oak Grove Foundation?

The Oak Grove Foundation is a 501(c) (3) organization comprised of parents, teachers and administrators committed to enriching and elevating the educational experience at Oak Grove Elementary School. It is our mission to unleash the full potential of every child by implementing our community-created Strategic Plan.

During the year-long planning process, our community identified several long-term goals that The Foundation hopes to fund with

donations and grants. Because of the nature of our organization, The Foundation can also hire additional staff to support our school's goals. Some of the exciting goals identified in the Strategic Plan include:

- Incorporating foreign language into the learning experience
- Having a full-time technology teacher on staff
- Providing laptops for every grade level
- Providing resource teachers to support class diversity teaching plans

- in reading and math
- Supporting student-created portfolios
 - Implementing authentic and varied student assessments
 - Providing ongoing professional learning program for teachers
 - Increasing grant receipts from local businesses

Our public school system must serve many different purposes; The Foundation serves only *one* purpose: building a school that fosters critical thinkers who are academically prepared for the next step.



2010 Third Grade Class



Mrs. Kaufman's 2nd Grade



OGF...The Beginning

The Oak Grove Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was formed in 2009 with the specific mission of enriching and elevating the educational experience at Oak Grove Elementary School.

The gloomy budget projections from DeKalb County Schools made it very clear that our school system had a limited amount of funds to support our school.

In order to really grow Oak

Grove and meet the needs of our vibrant student population, we believed establishing a Foundation would help offset funding shortfalls, facilitating the difference between a good education and an exceptional one.

During our first year, a dedicated team of parents, teachers and administrators devoted untold hours to fundraising initiatives (the annual campaign and silent auction) and marketing

the Foundation to the community.

Our team built a website, developed networks with other area school foundations, investigated potential grant opportunities and hired a consultant to manage our strategic planning process. The response has been extremely positive and we are grateful to every Oak Grove family for their continued support.

Message from the Principal

I am so thankful for the ongoing support of the Oak Grove Foundation and its role in the educational processes at Oak Grove Elementary School. The Foundation is entering its third year as an organization and sponsored the development of a strategic plan for our school. We have just completed a rich and engaging process that set forth outcomes for the students who attend our school and the strategies that we will take to work towards those outcomes.

The Foundation has supported our work in the past by providing funding for classroom level projects that encourage critical thinking, hands-on experiences, and rigorous learning. In addition, it has supported and sponsored professional learning for teachers. This year, the Foundation has agreed to fund a part-time

staff member to serve as an Instructional Technology Coach in order to help teachers innovatively integrate technology into the classroom in an effort to more fully engage students and provide access to wide varieties of information, research, and experiences. We are in the interview phase of that process now.

As part of the strategic planning process, we were able to answer the question, "What is Oak Grove known for?" Given our culture of successful students, supportive parents, and quality teachers combined with the clear vision set forth in our strategic plan, we have branded ourselves as:

Oak Grove: Learning Without Limits

I come to you asking for your financial support as we seek to live out this idea that we can unleash the unlimited potential of each and every child at Oak Grove. Read the strategic plan and consider a monetary gift at an amount that will bring to fruition our vision that Oak Grove learners will be:

- **Enriched**
- **Critical Thinkers**
- **Intellectual Risk Takers**
- **Students who Value Others**
- **Academically Prepared for the Next Step**

Thank you for your unprecedented and ongoing support!
 --Sincerely, Laura S. Neely, Ph.D.

Fiscal Year 2010 Results – how spent \$\$

Since the Foundation’s inception through year-end 2010, the Foundation has funded the following as well as Big Ideas Grants. Big Ideas Grants are fund requests submitted by Oak Grove teachers to the Foundation for items or supplies that further the educational experiences in the classroom:

- 14 Wii Smoothboards along with upgraded pens and white boards for lower grade classrooms.

Special thanks to Andy Morris, Oak Grove parent, for installing each board

and facilitating a training session for the teachers.

- Kicked off of the Oak Grove Elementary Strategic Plan development process
- Production of the silent movie “Stone Soup” by Mr. Keufler’s 2010 3rd Grade class
- Digital camera for the 4th Grade
- Owl pellets for Ms Doss’ science project
- Sensory manipulatives for Ms. Dugan’s class



“Stone Soup”
Mr. Keufler’s 2010 Silent Movie

Message from 2011 Board Co-Chair

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” You have no doubt asked and been asked that question many times in your life. When you were a school-aged child, did you already know?

Preparing for the future requires both vision and hard work. The Oak Grove Foundation is positioning our children to benefit from both. Our donors are already helping -- and there's more we must do together now.

We are committed to ensuring our students have the tools and technology that are essential 21st Century learning and life. Our 5th grade teachers and students are already on this path towards timely and forward-

thinking classroom habits thanks to leadership from a Technology Resource Specialist now on staff. It is our wish to expand this 21st century classroom model to include all of our students by hiring an additional Technology Specialist. This person will help teachers innovatively integrate technology into the classroom in an effort to more fully engage students and provide access to wide varieties of information, research, and experiences -- and students again reap the rewards.

We know that hazy goals produce hazy results. Using our newly minted Strategic Plan as a template we aim to cultivate an environment at Oak

Grove Elementary that inspires learning without limits. Look for more information in the coming months about our implementation plan for a foreign language program, portable computer lab and directed teacher training.

The world is moving fast, and we want to keep moving in the best direction to share the resources our donors invest with us. We know what the Foundation wants to be when it grows: expansive, curious, and doggedly working toward the most important goal: making our students learners without limits. Thank you for your continuing support.

*Sincerely,
Suzanne Bridgers
Co-Chair*



Smooth Boards for Every Classroom



Ms. Hinton’s 1st Grade Class

Financial Statements, CY 2010



Mrs. Tolar 4th Grade

Income

Direct Public Support	
2009 Fall Campaign - Matching	525.00
2009 Fall Capital Campaign	1,225.00
2010 Donations	100.00
2010 Fall Campaign	34,918.00
2010 Spring Donations	1,870.00
Total Direct Public Support	38,638.00
Special Events Income - 2010 Silent Auction	
2010 Silent Auction-Items Sold	23,000.82
2010 Silent Auction - Teachers	873.00
2010 Silent Auction Cash Donate	1,170.00
2010 Silent Auction Sponsorship	1,250.00
2010 Silent Auction Ticket Sales	7,430.00
Total Special Events Income	33,723.82
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2.18
Total Investments	2.18
Total Income	72,364.00

Expenses

Awards and Grants Given	
Big Ideas	1,582.43
OGE Strategic Plan	2,333.00
Wii Active Boards (2009)	17,603.66
Total Awards and Grants	21,519.09
Contract Services	
Grant Writing Services	87.50
Total Contract Services	87.50
Fundraising	
Capital Campaigns	
Fall 2009 Capital Campaign	121.83
Fall 2010 Capital Campaign	381.59
Total Capital Campaigns	503.42
Silent Auction 2010	
Facility Rental	4,412.40
Catering	6,189.64
Decor	1,324.50
Entertainment	750.00
Printing & Misc.	1,076.05
Total 2010 Silent Auction Expenses	13,752.59
2011 Silent Auction Expenses	
2011 Auction Art Supplies	682.64
2011 Facility Rental	2,700.00
2011 Silent Auction Expenses	3,382.64
Total Silent Auctions	17,135.23
Total Fundraising	17,638.65



Katie Bell
Foundation Chair 2009-2010

Financial Statements, CY 2010 (cont.)

Operations	
Supplies	0.00
Website	169.81
Total Operations	169.81
Other Types of Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	900.00
Other Costs	100.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	1,000.00
Total Expense	40,415.05
Net Ordinary Income	31,948.95
Net Income	\$31,948.95



Mrs. Pullman's 2nd Grade



Mr. Keufler's 3rd Grade

Goals for 2011-2012

As the Foundation looks to the future and to enriching and elevating the educational experience at Oak Grove Elementary School, we are excited to have completed the Strategic Plan for Oak Grove. Please go to our web site at www.OakGroveFoundation.org to download your copy.

In coordination with Dr. Neely, we agree that the mechanism to monitor the progress of the Strategic Plan will be through the School Council. With input from the teachers, administration, PTA, Foundation and most importantly, you, we will be prioritizing, addressing and implementing the Key Actions so that we unleash the unlimited potential of each and every child at Oak Grove.

We realize that with the completion of the plan, this is the beginning and not the end of this exciting journey. If you would like to get involved, there are many ways that you can do so.

- Strategic Plan support via the Student Council
- Fundraising support via vendor contacts and/or solicitation, monetary donations, gifts-in-kind, Silent Auction sponsorships
- Volunteer position on a Foundation committee

With your help, we will realize our goal when Oak Grove is known for **Learning without Limits.**

Please email ogf@oakgrovefoundation.org if you are interested in volunteering.

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