

ASHLAND-GREENWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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AGPS FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Friday, April 27th
Round the Bend Steakhouse
30801 E Park Hwy, Ashland, NE
Social - 6:00pm
Dinner - 7:00pm

Silent & live auction will be held during the dinner
(Tickets available for purchase at the AG District Office,
Farmers & Merchants Bank of Ashland, or any AGPS Foundation Board
Member)

The funds we raise in 2018 will help us continue our Teacher Grant Programs, fund student scholarships, and aid toward our pledge to support the Elementary School playground renovation project.



Outstanding Alum
Tom Wheeldon
Class of 1977



Outstanding Young Alum
Dr. Rob Bundy
Class of 2005

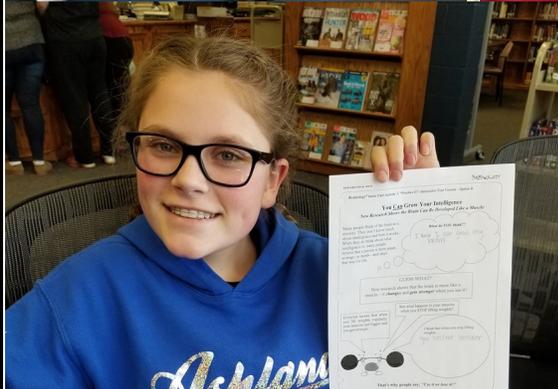
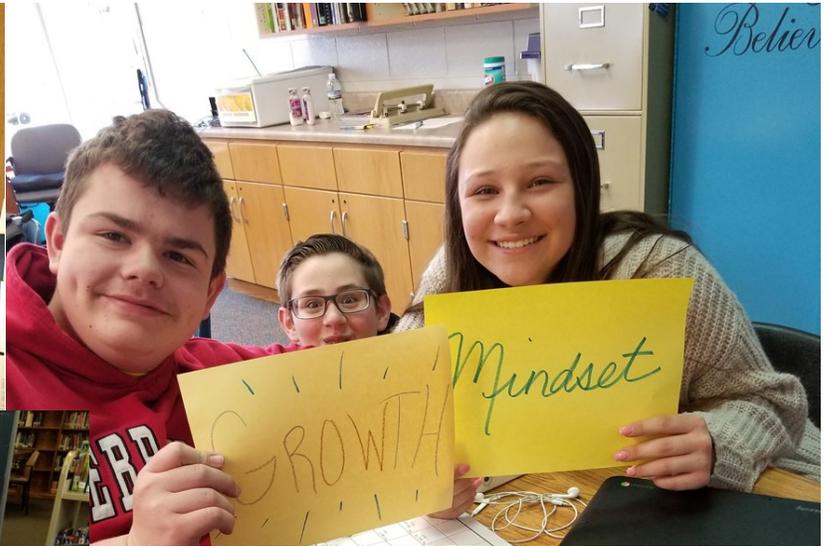


\$8,837
Has been pledged
towards teacher grants
for 2018-2019.



\$14,145
was awarded
towards scholarships
in 2017.

AGPS Foundation Grants



Playground addition funded
through the Foundation

Drive 4 UR School Event

Drive 4 UR School is an engaging program sponsored by the Ford Motor Company. This program is designed to help schools raise money to support extra activities and projects. **Every test drive will earn our school \$20!** All funds raised at this event will be split with the Ashland-Greenwood PTO. Last year, each group made \$2,440! Our goal for this year's event is \$3,000. It's a great opportunity to give to your school without costing anything but a little time.

**DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL
FORD TEST DRIVE**
Saturday, May 5th
Lee Sapp Ford
1602 Silver Street
Time: 8:30AM - 4:00PM

Teacher Grant Programs for 2018-2019

HELPING KIDS FOCUS (STANDING DESKS)

Impacts 25-30 Middle school students

Total cost: \$750 (\$375 will be supported through the Foundation and \$375 will be supported through the school)

The helping kids focus project will help students grasp more information in the classroom as well as help them apply and retain that information. The desks will be divided among the middle school classrooms and will be used by students whose attention is improved when they are allowed to stand up rather than sit in a desk.

THE WHIZ-BANG SUPER SCIENCE SHOW - OMAHA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Impacts approximately 425 students Grades PK-5

Total cost: \$478

In the two 45 minute Science shows, the students will encounter and H₂O rocket blasting through the air using an Airzooka, electrical sparks from a generator, and a 2-liter bottle of soda erupting 10 feet in the air! The museum presenter will make science exciting as students explore air pressure, electricity, and chemistry through whole group experiments!

DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Impacts approximately 10 High School students

Total cost: \$1750 (10 College classes at \$175 each)

Research shows that if a student leaves high school with at least 15 hours of college credit they are more likely to be successful in a college setting. This grant will allow students who are unable to afford the tuition to take classes and ultimately the opportunity to excel!!

Teacher Grant Programs for 2018-2019

IXL MATH AND IXL ELA EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE

Impacts approximately 150 students Grades 4-5

Total cost: \$2700 (\$1350 will be supported through the Foundation and \$1350 will be supported through the school)

IXL Math and IXL ELA will help students practice and master skills as defined by the College and Career ready standards. The program is adaptive and works well with the schools' blended learning teaching methods, so each student receives the practice he/she needs. Effective implementation will result in more individualized practice and instruction and increased student learning as well as higher average score on standardized tests.

MUSIC CLASS UKULELES

Impacts all 6th grade students

Total cost: \$800

For several years, students have asked about learning piano, guitar, or ukuleles as part of music class. Ukuleles are instruments that are growing in popularity due to their size, ease of learning, and cost. This grant will allow students to learn an instrument while reinforcing elements of music, reading, math, and science as the instrument is studied.

ROSE THEATER EDUCATIONAL TOURING PROGRAMS

Impacts all elementary school students

Total cost: \$450

The Rose Theater will put on a production for Pre-K to 2nd grade students called "Music Makers", that include themes of loneliness, friendship, and collaboration in an interactive show. For the students in grades 3-5, the production will be "The Bully Show", where students will learn what a bully is and ways to deal with one. It also explains how the school is a safe place and how to make it that way. The play will make students aware of how bullying is not an acceptable behavior.

BRING THE ZOO TO YOU

Impacts all Pre-K students and their families

Total cost: \$300

Bring the Zoo to You is an educational and fun program which provides participants with live animal encounters, interactions with artifacts, and the opportunity to participate in hands-on games and activities. This opportunity will be combined with the pre-school program quarterly Parent Advisory Meeting. Students and Parents alike will be excited to participate in this irresistible opportunity!!

Teacher Grant Programs for 2018-2019

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Impacts approximately 20 students in the AG Middle School Science Club

Total cost: \$1430

A club type program will engage students in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) activities. This grant will help provide access to technology and experiences that will enrich students to fully develop their potential by providing the opportunities to experience STEAM inquiry-based, hands-on learning. By better preparing and arming our students with the proper resources, devices, and tools, this grant will help them excel in any STEAM career that they may choose. Students will build and share their project with the club using teamwork, communication skills, and planning/organizational skills. Instructors will arrange speakers, activities, and field trips that will help build members' knowledge of their passion!

MINDFULNESS TRAINING AND INTERVENTION GROUP

Impacts all elementary school students

Total cost: \$1950

Mindfulness is the awareness of thoughts, emotions, sensations, and the surrounding environment. Several studies have shown that developing mindfulness can benefit students by reducing stress, managing stress, decreasing anxiety, improving attention span and focus, increase self-control, self-awareness and self-regulation, improve executive functioning skills, decrease test anxiety, and improve ADHD symptoms. This grant will allow members of the Student Assistance Team (SAT) to attend a Mindfulness training in the area and then have the opportunity to come back to the school district and teach staff members about the importance and implementation of Mindfulness techniques. They would then develop groups who need extra support in the area of mindfulness and work on these activities at weekly meetings.

How To Make A Donation and Keep Up-To-Date On AGPS Foundation News:

1. Send a check (payable to AGPS Foundation), to the AGPS Foundation 1842 Furnas Street address.
**If interested in sponsoring a particular grant of interest, please specify with payment.
2. To pledge a monthly donation, simply fill out the form on the back page and mail or drop off at the Foundation's 1842 Furnas Street address.
3. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ashland-Greenwood-Public-Schools-Foundation/128841080621327>
4. Follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/AGPS_Foundation

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INVEST in our future.

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I hereby pledge to the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation to deduct from my bank account:
Circle: \$5, \$10, \$15, or \$_____ per month beginning _____ and ending _____

Your financial institution: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Please circle: Savings Acct. Checking Acct.

Bank routing # _____ Account # _____

If preferred, you could choose a one-time donation in the amount of \$ _____

(Please make check payable to AGPS Foundation and drop off or mail to 1842 Furnas Street address)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please attach a voided check to this form or include your bank account information. Your donation will be deducted from your account on the 5th of each month.

AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation to initiate monthly debits, beginning on the 5th day of the following month and continuing each month thereafter. I understand that both the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation and my financial institution reserve the right to terminate this agreement. This authority is to remain in effect up until the listed "end date" or until revoked by me in writing.

Signature: _____ **ASHLAND-GREENWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION** _____ Date: _____
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