



PRESENTS SPARK GRANTS



BOZEMAN SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

MEET THE 16 SPARK GRANT RECIPIENTS

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. -William Butler Yeats

WHAT IS A SPARK GRANT?

Spark Grants put money directly into the hands of classroom teachers and school leaders, empowering educators to turn their ideas for innovative teaching strategies into action.

SPARK GRANTS:

- Provide opportunities for teachers and students to learn in new environments.
- Facilitate social and academic out of school experiences for students who need enrichment and support.
- Support creative ideas that will enhance student learning and enrich their educational experience in the Bozeman Public Schools
- Provide funds for projects to enhance student learning that do not receive tax-based funding
- Encourage teachers and school leaders to foster collaboration and strengthen ties between the classroom and community outside the school.

FALL 2008

Amount Funded
\$23,786⁷²

Educators Involved
79

Students Affected
4113

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY
BOZEMAN DAILY CHRONICLE

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Recipient: Ann Keith Grant: \$2830
School: Chief Joseph Middle School
Project: Math Success is Just a Click Away



Using a wireless TI Navigator system the students and teacher gains instant feedback on current math topics. The grant will fund a TI Navigator System with 16 hubs and 10 TI-73 calculators.

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Recipient: Glenn Bradbury Grant: \$2800
School: Bozeman Senior High
Project: Exploring Our World through Geographic Info Systems



Students will be introduced to GPS hardware and software utilized in industry to tie geographic locations and information. Students will learn ways to explore their world using powerful mapping software.

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Recipient: Heather Fisher Grant: \$600
School: Chief Joseph Middle School
Project: Igniting Inquiry Living with Fire



In conjunction with the Teton Science school and as part of a matching literacy grant the Igniting Inquiry project will allow students the opportunity to collect and analyze data in an actual fire site.

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Recipient: Sarah Cawley Grant: \$300
School: Chief Joseph Middle School
Project: Lunch Bunch



The Lunch Bunch program will give students opportunities to enhance their Social Skills during the lunchtime!

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Recipient: Mary Cota Grant: \$750
School: Longfellow School
Project: Using a Documents Camera in the Elementary Classroom



A document camera in combination with a multi-media projector frees up teachers to working one-on-one with students. This technology allows teachers to directly model learning skills and share thought processes.

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Recipient: Stacey Thompkins Grant: \$3000
School: Chief Joseph Middle School
Project: CJMS Fitness Trail



A new 1/2 mile Fitness Trail is planned through the beautiful natural green space behind the new middle school. Students will use the trail for running, walking or skiing during fitness classes and school sporting events. It will also be available to the public during off-school hours.

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Recipient: Mary Soete Grant: \$3000
School: Whittier School
Project: Missoula's Children's Theater



Whittier School students will participate in a theatrical production under the direction and guidance of the Missoula Children's Theatre. This professional team will audition and rehearse 50-60 students for two performances during a weeklong stay at Whittier.

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Recipient: LeAnne Yenny Grant: \$750
School: Sacajawea Middle School
Project: The Teacher's Tool Elmo TT-02



Whether it is the observation of live organisms using the 41.6X zoom or the sharing of student work in real time, the TT-02s will engage students while increasing retention and comprehension of critical concepts.

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Recipient: Kerry Corcoran Grant: \$1370
School: Bridger Alternative School
Project: On Site Oil Painting in Bridger Canyon



Bridger Alternative Students will learn the skills of fine oil painting in the inspirational setting of Bridger Canyon. Each student will complete an oil painting and the project will conclude with an exhibit at the Emerson Cultural Center.

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Recipient: Amy Wallner-Drake Grant: \$1000
School: Bozeman Senior High
Project: BHS Recycling Club-BHS Going Green



In order to make Bozeman High School a greener, more responsible community partner, the BHS Recycle Club will buy bins to strategically place around the school and provide funding for professional removal of recycled materials.

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Recipient: James H. Thompson Grant: \$759.72
School: Bozeman Senior High
Project: Hawk TV Film Festival



Hawk TV will expand its annual Film Festival to include both winter and spring premieres featuring original BHS student video productions. Proceeds from the Festivals are donated to a number of charitable causes in our community. Beginning this year, Hawk TV, with the aid of a DVD duplicator, will be able to market copies of the Festival's best films.

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Recipient: Brian McGeehan Grant: \$3000
School: Chief Joseph Middle School
Project: Science Frontiers



The goal of the 'Science Frontiers' program is to partner highly motivated, talented students in math and science with community volunteers that will serve as coaches and mentors. The focus of the program is to assist students in statewide and nationwide science competitions such as the Montana State Science Fair, Science Olympiad and LEGO robotics.

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Recipient: Wendy Morical Grant: \$677
School: Sacajawea Middle School
Project: Batiking Yellowstone



Making the tiny microbial life forms from Yellowstone National Park's hottest habitats memorable is the goal of this science art project. Students will create large batik images based on enlarged photos of microscopic bacteria found in Yellowstone's thermal features. The project reinforces science understanding, encourages students to celebrate the beauty of nature, and provides an outlet for creative expression.

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Recipient: Craig Stauber Grant: \$1000
School: Bozeman Senior High
Project: Student Director's Project



Hawks Theatre Company is launching a new program that will give students the opportunity to choose, direct and present one-act plays to Bozeman audiences. This project will give students the chance to explore theater from a different point of view and learn more about their art.

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Recipient: Alex Eby Grant: \$1200
School: Sacajawea Middle School
Project: Gates of the Mountain Field Trip



Students will travel to and camp in the remote Gates of the Mountains Wilderness area for 2 days and 1 night. The area has great historical and geological significance.

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Recipient: Ann Cannata Grant: \$750
School: Chief Joseph Middle School
Project: Let Me Show You



The Elmo Digital Presenter allows teachers to instantaneously display student work, teacher demonstrations, and highlighted reading passages to the entire class.

MISSION & GOALS

The mission of the Bozeman Schools Foundation is to provide resources to inspire learning, enrich teaching, and create opportunities for district students through community support. The Foundation will achieve its mission by directing resources towards the following goals:

- Promoting and celebrating student academic success
- Increasing the visibility and value of Bozeman Public Schools
- Inspiring parents, business and the community to participate with the school district by enriching education

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOZEMAN SCHOOLS FOUNDATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS VISIT WWW.BOZEMANSCHOOLSFOUNDATION.ORG TODAY!

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BOZEMAN SCHOOL FOUNDATION, MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

- Funded over \$63,543.33 for 58 grants to the Bozeman Public Schools
 - 21 High School Grants, 18 Middle School Grants and 17 Elementary School Grants
- Enhanced the education and experiences of virtually ALL of Bozeman's 5000 students.
- Funded over \$24,543.90 in books and literacy and library programs in the Bozeman Public Schools
- Funded over \$13,792 in music programming for our students.
- Honored 67 students and educators for their achievements
- Maintained and distributed 4 named endowed scholarships to high school seniors

WOULD YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS LIKE TO SPONSOR A SPARK GRANT OR GIVE A GIFT TO THE BOZEMAN SCHOOLS FOUNDATION?

MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY TODAY!

Thanks to so many supporters, Spark Grants have helped make these ideas a reality:

Whittier After School Choir

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After School Math Support
Longfellow

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Classroom Sound
Amplification System
Morningstar

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Elmo Digital Processor
Chief Joseph Middle
School

BHS Scribblings
Multimedia Publication
Bozeman High School

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Mann Gulch fieldtrip
incorporating film and
literature
Bozeman High School

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Farm to School Program
Seed funding
Hawthorne School

Spanish Fiction and
Audio Collection
Bridger Alternative

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5th Grade Journey to
Yellowstone
Irving Elementary School

“The mission of the Zoot grant committee includes encouraging youth to pursue careers in technology and inspiring innovative thinking. We are proud to support the Bozeman Schools Foundation through grants used to fund technology and entrepreneurship projects for students in our local schools. We look forward to our continued partnership.”

-ZOOT ENTERPRISES

YES! I believe great schools are everyone's business. I want to support this important public education partnership.

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