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of times.*

2020-2021
Annual Report

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In appreciation and recognition of outstanding service and commitment to the students and staff of Granville County Schools, The Granville Education Foundation Proudly Salutes:
Sandra Dean Pruitt
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our 2020-21 Annual Report, a year marked by motivation, overcoming COVID, and growth!

The Granville Education Foundation had another record year enhancing Granville County school classrooms by providing over \$106,000 through grants, projects, and other resources. While we had to adjust during a time of key transition after the COVID-19 pandemic, we still managed to fund our operations and fundraisers and the result of all that effort is undeniable.

A few of this year's noteworthy achievements include:

- Sponsoring the New Teacher Bags to welcome new teachers to Granville County Schools
- Sponsoring and recognizing the Student of Merit recipients in each school
- Awarding the Teacher of the Year and the 1st & 2nd place runners-up
- Awarding over \$52,000 to Granville County school teachers in grants including:
 - Creative Teaching Grants for innovative classroom projects
 - Success Through Technology Grants to enhance learning with use of technology
 - Experience Grants for memorable out-of-classroom experiences
 - Performing and Visual Arts Grants to enhance creative efforts in the field of art
- Funding several cultural arts programs throughout our district schools
- Supporting literacy by providing each elementary school with a \$1,000 Literacy Grant
- Providing resources to specific programs and interests (i.e. textbook purchases and reading programs) by way of pass-through donations

The theme of this year's annual report, "Shine your light even in the darkest of times", highlights our dedication to continue enhancing student performance even during difficult times. This year, we embarked on two new priorities: sharing our brand and enriching our supporter's experience. Although we were unable to host any events, we were still successful in helping our teachers and students. We are excited and look forward to hosting our scheduled events again in the near future. The success of our fundraisers certainly motivates us to continue looking for ways to increase our fundraising and reach new businesses so we can continue to implement more programs and opportunities for the schools.

As we look ahead, our future looks bright and full of promise. We will continue to build on our successes, and we are energized, excited, and inspired by our progress. However, none of these accomplishments would've been possible without the support of a dedicated and passionate Board of Directors, our financial supporters, countless volunteers, and staff, all of whom work tirelessly each and every day to help us carry out our mission. The Granville Education Foundation relies on this support from the community – you truly make what we do possible. Together, we can continue to enhance student performance and provide our students with innovative learning experiences. Thank you for helping GEF make significant strides towards our goals this year.

It is with great pride that we share with you the Granville Education Foundation's 2020-2021 Annual Report. We invite you to stay up to date on the happenings within GEF by visiting our website, www.granvilleedfoundation.org, and following us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/granvilleedfoundation.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cufalo Carpenter
Executive Director



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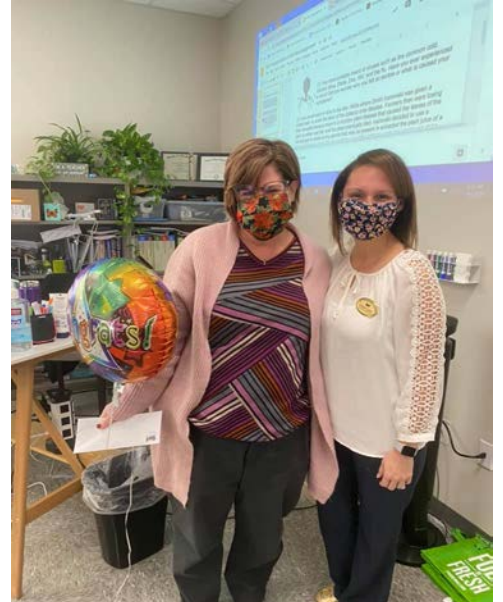
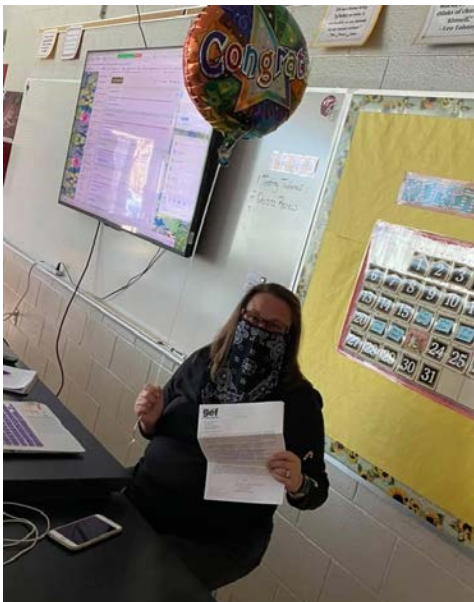
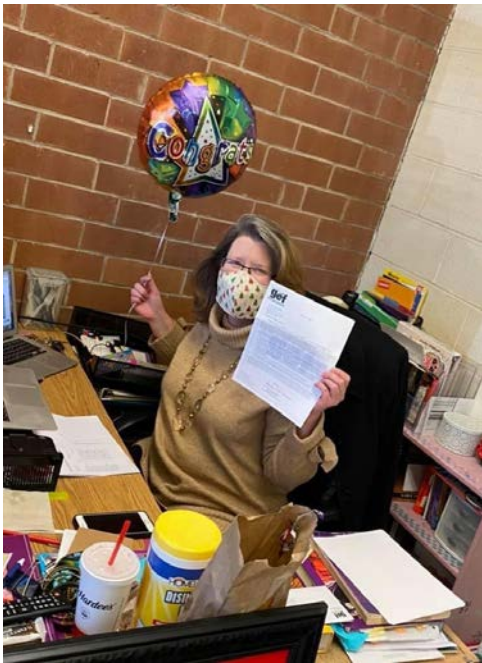
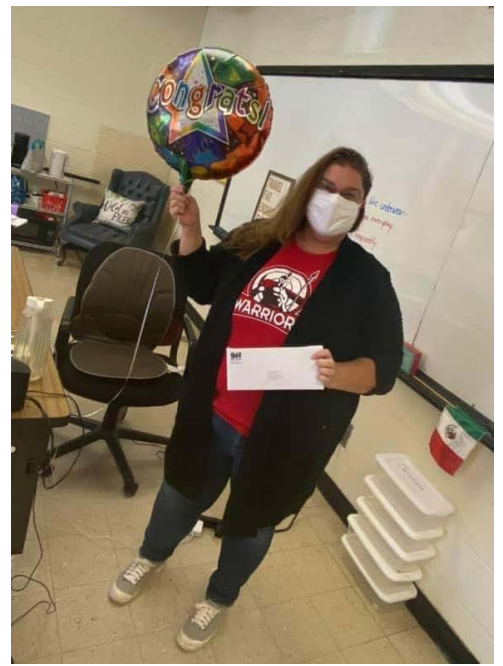
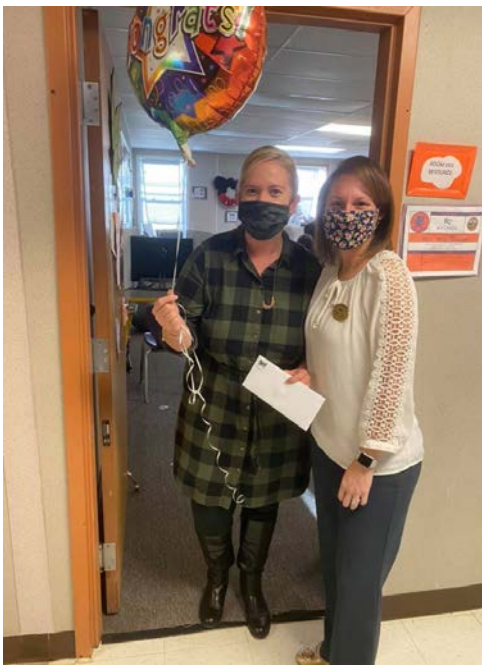


The Granville Education Foundation (GEF) recently awarded over \$50,500 in grants to Granville County School teachers. This year, 48 grant applications were received and GEF awarded 26 grants in 11 different schools. Teachers were eligible to submit grant applications that were reviewed and scored by GEF Grant Committee members. The grant applicants name and school were made anonymous before the grant committee members read and scored the grant. On Tuesday, December 8, 2020, the GEF “Prize Patrol” visited and celebrated the grant recipients in person and via Zoom.

“My second experience with Prize Patrol was a bit different this year due to COVID-19, but I am thrilled we were still able to host this wonderful event. This day was filled with surprises, excitement, and tears of joy for many deserving teachers and students. We secretly notified the school principals we would be awarding the grants, but the teachers were unaware. Balloons and grant acceptance letters were delivered to the schools in advance to prepare for the virtual celebrations. It was delightful to witness these very happy Granville County School teachers receive their grants!” said GEF Executive Director, Jennifer Cufalo Carpenter. “Our grant funding goes directly into the classrooms for these teachers’ innovative projects, which is exciting not only for the teachers receiving the grants, but for their schools, their students, and for our GEF Board of Directors. We are excited about these projects and look forward to hearing how these grants impact our Granville County Students”, says Susan Hiscocks, President of the Granville Education Foundation Board of Directors.

School Name	Experience	Performing and Visual Arts	Lela Eaton Creative Teaching	Success Through Technology	Total Grants Submitted	Total Grants Awarded
Butner-Stem Elementary School	0	0	1	0	1	0
C.G. Credle Elementary School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Creedmoor Elementary School	1	0	0	3	4	3
Mount Energy Elementary School	1	0	3	0	4	3
Stovall-Shaw Elementary School	0	0	1	0	1	1
Tar River Elementary School	0	0	1	1	2	2
West Oxford Elementary School	0	0	2	5	7	2
Wilton Elementary School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butner-Stem Middle School	0	0	0	1	1	0
G.C. Hawley Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Granville Middle School	0	1	0	0	1	1
Granville Central High School	0	2	1	2	5	2
Granville Early College High School	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.F. Webb High School	0	1	5	3	9	4
South Granville High School	0	0	0	0	0	0
GCPS EC Program	0	0	0	0	0	0
Granville Academy	0	1	0	2	3	0
Phoenix Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Falls Lake Academy	0	0	1	0	1	1
Oxford Preparatory School	1	0	3	5	9	7
Totals	3	5	18	22	48	26







Lela Eaton Creative Teaching Grant



As an educator in Granville County schools, Mrs. Lela Eaton was known for providing a unique style to her teaching methods. She used various creative ways to teach children and expand their learning experience. Named after Mrs. Eaton, the purpose of the Lela Eaton Creative Teaching Grant is to enhance instruction and student achievement through creative and innovative classroom projects. In 2020-2021, a total of 10 creative teaching grants were awarded, giving over \$8,400 to Granville County school educators in this grant category. Please see the list of grant winners below.

Name of Grant	School	Teachers
The Constitution It's Alive	Falls Lake Academy	Sara Allen
Poetry Café	Mount Energy Elementary School	Kelly Herman
Task Tub Thinking Stations	Oxford Preparatory School	Mary Newton
Distance Learning Biology Lab	JF Webb High School	Lori Puryear
Every Picture Tells a Story	Stovall Shaw Elementary School	Tammy Hughes
Community Gardens for Tar River Elementary	Tar River Elementary School	John Fiedler
How Physical Geography Has Influenced Civilizations Throughout History	JF Webb High School	Mary Lundquist
Tactile Math Helping Kids Put Their Hands on Math Concepts	Oxford Preparatory School	Mary Ann Crews
The Return of Theater to JFW	JF Webb High School	Amanda Baker
Drumming Out Stress	Mount Energy Elementary School	Farrah Preddy



"The Drumming Out Stress grant was used to help students with their social and emotional learning and to teach them stress management strategies. Students were asked what kind of mood they were in before and after the lesson by putting a sticker under a smiley face, meh face or sad face. The students participated in cardio fitness drumming routines where they would follow an instructor and perform the activity. At the end, students in the older classes were given time to come up with their own routines and then they would show it to a partner. After the lesson many of the moods changed to a happier state. The students left the class ready to learn with smiles on their faces and a better understanding of positive stress management skills. They also left feeling a "good tired" as some students put it because they were moving around so much. The grant was used in grades 2nd – 5th but I used the equipment with all grades levels and changed up some of the routines to accommodate different learning levels. I feel that the grant was a success because I have had students asking to be able to use the equipment again. I hope to use the grant next year to help get out stress for the teachers and to help students before tests.

-Farrah Preddy, Mount Energy Elementary School



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Experience Grant



The Granville Education Foundation is always looking for new ways to provide opportunities and experiences to the students in Granville County Schools. The purpose of the Experience grant is to enhance instruction and student achievement through experiences outside the classroom. In 2020-2021 the Granville Education Foundation funded 3 experience grants awarding over \$2,500 to Granville County Schools. Please see the list of grant winners below.

Name of Grant	School	Teachers
Outdoor Family Movie Nights	Mount Energy Elementary School	Kelly Herman
Covid Can't Stop Science	Oxford Preparatory School	Jade Currin
Science 4 Fun	Creedmoor Elementary School	Niekietta Grillo



"The Science 4 Fun grant was used for students to participate in hands on experiments with a scientist from Science Fun. Students were absolutely ecstatic during session and couldn't wait until the next session. As students in class learned about weather, its impact and tools used, they were able to create weather tools to determine wind direction, measure rain inches, and create snow. Students were also able to make science ice, participate in the heating and freezing process during our matter unit. Thank you so much for the opportunity to offer this experience to our students. They absolutely loved participating in both experiments. We appreciate GEF partnering with us to bring quality education to our students."

-Niekietta Grillo, Creedmoor Elementary School



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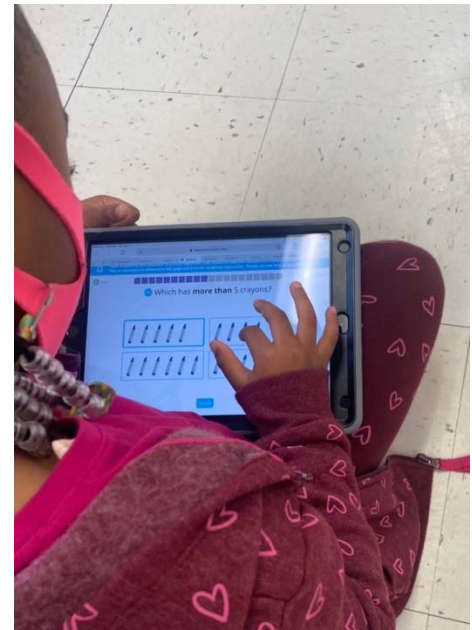
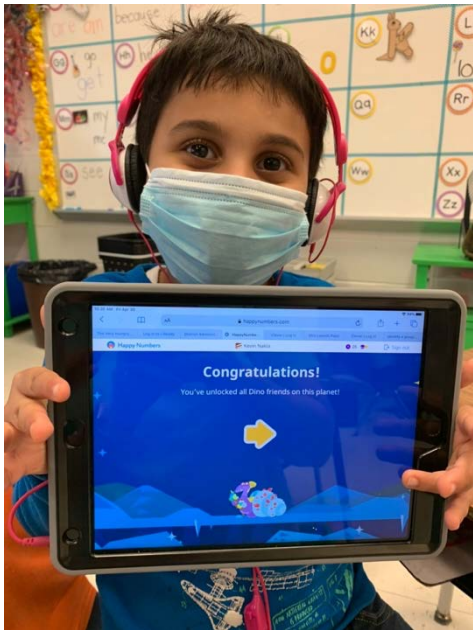


Success Through Technology



The Success Through Technology grant is designed to enhance student performance by providing technology to enrich instruction and student achievement. The Granville Education Foundation intends for this grant to promote student performance and active learning. In the 2020-2021 school year, GEF awarded 10 Success Through Technology grants giving \$36,500 to Granville County schools. Please see the list of winners below.

Name of Grant	School	Teachers
Evaluation and Integration of the Gizmos	Oxford Preparatory School	Heather Williams
Oh The Places You'll Go with Googly Eyes	West Oxford Elementary School	Karla Gravitt
Reflex Math Improves Math Fact Fluency	West Oxford Elementary School	Tasha Blalock
Happy Numbers Make Happy Kids	Creedmoor Elementary School	Kathy Clement
Near Pod	Granville Central High School	Audra Neunkirchner
Gold Star Classrooms Blazing the Trail to College Through Technology and Accessibility	Oxford Preparatory School	Ashley Barnette
Do You Hear the Bells	Oxford Preparatory School	Cindy Clark
Fostering Foundtaions Building Vocabulary for our Educational Futures	JF Webb High School	Carole Griffin
Help Us Pop With Brain Pop	Creedmoor Elementary School	Victoria Jones
Tech Savvy Kinders	Oxford Preparatory School	Jade Currin
Tobii Dynavox Communication Devices	Tar River Elementary School	Holly Navo



"Happy Numbers is an individualized online math curriculum that was used in the classroom and for learning remotely at home. This feature was critical during such a tumultuous school year. Being able to provide students with an individualized learning path and support regardless of whether they were learning remotely, or in-person helped students continue to make growth. We are so thankful to have been able to offer this engaging program to our students. The students love Happy Numbers so much they even request to use the program during their free time!! Thank you so much for supporting our students!"

-Kathy Clement, Creedmoor Elementary School



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Performing and Visual Arts

The Performing and Visual Arts Grant is designed to support, promote, and enhance creative efforts in the fields of arts. In the 2020-2021 school year, the Granville Education Foundation awarded 2 Performing and Visual Arts grants giving \$3,000 to Granville County schools. Please see the list of grant winners below.

Name of Grant	School	Teachers
2nd Annual Chairs for Care Project	Northern Granville Middle School	Sherria Grubbs
GCHS Panthers News and More	Granville Central High School	Brent Hammer

Panther News Pictures

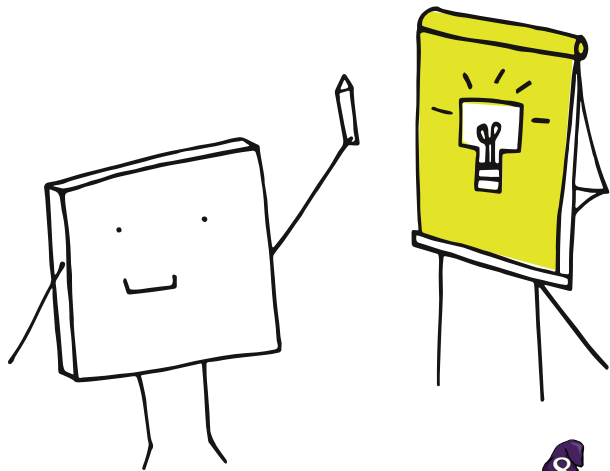


"I first want to say thank you again for choosing me as the recipient of the Performing & Visual Arts Grant for this school year. I'm beyond grateful for you all to give me the opportunity to help bring more hands on activities for students at Granville Central. When I learned that I had received the grant back in the fall, I was extremely excited to get started. I received all of items in January and immediately got to work. During football season, I had a student, Anthony who was really intrigued by it and he became the media coordinator for Granville Central's football team. He captured photos as well as video all season long and was a tremendous help. Once students came back 4 days a week, I began the process of actually getting the news team together. It's been long process and trying to schedule how to exactly plan it to a weekly basis has been hard, but I think I found the perfect balance. I really look forward to getting back in the fall and hopefully starting a club that the students can be here for in the mornings so we can schedule everything out and have a weekly broadcast."

-Brent Hammer, Granville Central High School

Link to Broadcast

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/COIjtRIH-qLM/?igshid=bg6j87gpk9or>



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Arts in School



The Granville Education Foundation is a proud recipient of the 2020-2021 NC Arts Council Grassroots Arts Grant. This year the foundation received \$18,720.00 to fund our arts in School Project. The funds were used to provide cultural arts residencies, programs, and experiences for the students in GranvilleCounty Schools. Here are some of the highlights from GEF and Granville County School this year.

In 2020-2021, we provided the opportunity for over seven hundred Granville County School K-2 grade students to watch a pre-recorded performance with live zoom question & answering of Willa Brigham’s “Storytelling Fun!”. This performance helped our students develop listening, understanding, and character development skills. They also learned the needs of a good story; a strong opening, colorful adjectives, details and descriptive characterization as the story comes to an explosive end.



Number Drummer creator, Troy Kryzalka, has worked in music education for over 15 years and has delivered his integrated math and music learning approach to thousands of children and educators. He has an amazing ability to reach creative “outside the box” thinkers that have been discouraged by the traditional ways of learning, and because of his focus on mathematics in music, he represents the increased value and importance of music in schools. Combining his musical ability, mathematical perspective, and creative teaching methods, Troy inspires, engages, and motivates children to understand math and music from a fresh new perspective, regardless of age or ability. This year, Troy provided a pre-recorded performance with live zoom question & answering on “The Math Machine”. Over seven hundred Granville County School 3-5 grade students attended.

Carlota Santana Spanish Dance Company was created by Ms. Carlota Santana an internationally renowned flamenco artist and educator. The “Fiesta Flenenca Lecture Demonstration” provided over 600 Granville County School 6-8 grade students the opportunity to be exposed to Latino cultural expression through flamenco dance. Our students learned the history of flamenco, the instruments involved, and the importance of the artists’ teamwork. These performances were offered in both pre-recorded and live zoom with dancer interactions.



Finally, Mr. Marcos Augusto Napa Ormeno has dedicated his career to Afro-Pruvian music and dance. Marcos provided pre-recorded performances for over 700 Granville County School 9-12 grade students. Our students learned the history of Afro-Peruvian culture the instruments involved, and the dances associated.

All these programs and performances gave our students exposure to the arts. Most of our schools only have one type of art class, if they have art classes offered at their school. So, GEF places a lot of emphasis on the importance of our Arts at School Programs and strives to provide art programs to supplement the students’ curriculum, while also giving them memorable, cultural arts experiences. These programs engaged the students and got them excited about learning. They were also given an opportunity to learn about different cultures in a way that was fun and interactive. The feedback we receive from the schools and teachers about these programs is always positive, which is why it is imperative for GEF to continue funding programs like these.



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New Teacher Kick-Off

The Granville Education Foundation was proud to assist the Granville County Chamber of Commerce with the New Teacher Bags for their Annual New Teacher Kick-Off Event in 2020. Executive Director Jennifer Cufalo Carpenter also shared words of encouragement and welcomed all our new teachers to Granville County Schools virtually.

Granville County Public Schools Convocation

Each year the Granville County Public Schools hosts convocation for all the teachers in the district. This is a week filled with training, learning, and fun school spirit. The Granville Education Foundation's Executive Director, Jennifer Cufalo Carpenter, was excited to share our grant opportunities virtually with all our talented educators.



Textbook Donation

Each Year, The Granville Education Foundation awards a \$25,000 grant designated to Granville County Public Schools to purchase textbooks.

Pictured: Jennifer Cufalo Carpenter, GEF Executive Director and Granville County Public Schools Board of Directors in 2020. The 2021 donation was announced virtually.



Literacy Initiatives



Having always placed emphasis on literacy in Granville County Schools, the Granville Education Foundation finds it imperative to continue supporting this initiative by assessing each year where literacy support can be most beneficial and providing resources aligned with those needs. For the 2020-2021 school year, after receiving positive feedback from the schools, we again directed our support to the elementary school level and gave each elementary school a \$1,000 Literacy Grant to use for their particular literacy needs, as the specifics of those needs varied from school to school. GEF saw fit to continue this initiative and proudly donated \$11,000 to provide each Granville County Elementary School with the \$1,000 Literacy Grant.

Examples of how this literacy funding was used include:

- support for new teacher classroom libraries
- school lending libraries
- phonics and online reading programs
- resources for volunteers to use in one-on-one intervention programs
- and more, the list goes on!

We hope to expand our literacy budget in the coming years and to continue supporting this initiative.



Teacher of the Year

The Granville Education Foundation is a proud supporter of Granville County Public Schools' Teacher of the Year. This year's Teacher of the Year is Ms. Samala Dawson-Robinson from G.C. Hawley Middle School! We are delighted to award the Teacher of the Year with a cash prize of \$1,000 and each of the runners-up with \$500. It is an honor to reward these teachers with funds that they can use to supplement their classroom needs.

Congratulations Ms. Dawson-Robinson on this amazing accomplishment! GEF would also like to recognize and congratulate the first runner-up, Ms. Jamie Melton of Granville Academy and the Second runner-up, Ms. Heather Just of C.G. Credle Elementary School!



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Events



Each year, the Granville Education Foundation hosts three events; SPELLebration Jr., SPELLebration, and Pig 'n a Raffle. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic made it impossible for the Foundation to host these fundraisers in our 2020-2021 school year. GEF had to make the tough decision to cancel these events in efforts to keep everyone safe during this critical time. Traditionally, these sponsored events raise a combined total of approximately \$25,000 in revenue and \$15,000 of in-kind donations. The evenings are filled with a friendly competitive spirit, fun, fellowship, and support for our Granville County Schools. Although we were unable to host these events this year, we look forward to seeing you all again soon.



2020-2021 Silver Level Sponsors



Whitco Bug Warriors



Ways You Can Help GEF Support Granville County Schools

Contributions & Levels of Giving

The Granville Education Foundation sends a BIG Thank You out to all of our donors! Because of your commitment and generosity, we are able to continue providing the resources and enrichment programs to classrooms in Granville County Schools. Our teachers and students greatly benefit from the programs we provide. You are the heart of the Granville Education Foundation! Please know how much we appreciate your support!

Any contribution made to the Granville Education Foundation throughout the year (including annual Giving Campaign donations, Fundraiser Support, and Sponsorships) are included when totaling a donor's Level of Giving.

In-Kind Donations

At the Granville Education Foundation, it takes a lot of support from our community partners to achieve our mission. Did you know you can show your support to GEF without making a monetary donation? In-kind donations (such as goods and services) are also accepted throughout the year. We work diligently to collect these goods/services donated to support Granville County Schools and GEF Events. By making an in-kind contribution, not only will you help Granville County Students,

Matching Gifts

Many employers sponsor a matching gift program and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. If your company is eligible, the Granville Education Foundation would be so grateful for your participation. Request a matching gift form from your employer, send it to the Granville Education Foundation completed and signed with your gift, and we will take care of the rest. The impact of your gift to the Granville Education Foundation may be doubled! This is a great opportunity to support GEF and we are so appreciative!

Book of Memory

Remember a loved one, colleague, teacher, friend, or family member who, during their lifetime, had an impact on your life with a donation to the Granville Education Foundation's BOOK OF MEMORY.

Your gift will be invested in the Foundation's Endowment Fund to help secure future excellence in Granville County Schools. The names of those remembered will be listed in the BOOK OF MEMORY displayed at the Granville County Schools administrative Office at 101 Delacroix Street in Oxford, NC. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by the rules of the Internal Revenue Service. Minimum donation is \$25.

Book of Honor

Honor a loved one, colleague, teacher, friend, or family member who, has had an impact on your life with a donation to the Granville Education Foundation's BOOK OF HONOR.

Your gift will be invested in the Foundation's Endowment Fund to help secure future excellence in Granville County Schools. The names of those honored will be listed in the BOOK OF HONOR on display at the Granville County Schools Administrative Office at 101 Delacroix Street in Oxford, NC. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by the rules of the Internal Revenue Service. Minimum donation is \$25.

Stephanie Russell Memorial Scholarship

The Stephanie Russell Memorial Scholarship was created in 2012 in honor of Stephanie Russell, daughter of Granville County Schools employee Nancy Russell. Each year this scholarship is awarded to seniors from Granville County Schools.

To contribute or to learn more about the Stephanie Russell Memorial Scholarship, please contact the Granville Education Foundation.





Financial Health



Foundation Income:		Foundation Expenses:	
Donations	\$30,075.17	School Support	\$113,270.44
Operating Cash (from investments)	\$125,000.00	Fundraising Events	\$381.48
Fundraising Events	\$1,250.00	Administrative Costs/Personnel	\$45,500.00
Textbook Donation	\$25,000.00	Other Foundation Expenses	\$10,985.55
Member Dues	\$1,875.00		
Pass-through Donations	\$2,468.00		
Grants	\$21,720.00		
Total:	\$207,388.17	Total:	\$170,137.47

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

On February 12, 2021, the Board of Directors for The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford generously presented the Granville Education Foundation a gift of \$15,000 to the Granville Education Foundation's Annual Giving Campaign. This annual donation is used to support GEF's efforts to enhance student performance within Granville County schools. The Masonic Home for Children is and continues to be an important partner to the Granville Education Foundation.

Pictured Below from left to right:

Dr. Linda Frederickson, Vice-President GEF BOD, Mr. Kevin Otis, Administrator at The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.



Harris Family Gift

The Granville Education Foundation is proud to be the recipient of an endowment from the Harris Family. This gift has had a profound impact on improving education in Granville County. Spending only the earnings from the investment to achieve the mission and goals of the organization, the Granville Education Foundation continues to concentrate support in the areas of literacy, technology, and the cultural arts. The Board of Directors of the Granville Education Foundation is deeply grateful to the family for their help in enhancing student performance in Granville County Schools.



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