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We Touch
EVERY School
in Fort Bend ISD



To the Friends and Supporters of the Fort Bend Education Foundation

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Fort Bend Education Foundation (FBEF) are pleased to present this Annual Report of the Foundation's accomplishments and activities during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. For nearly 24 years, the goal of FBEF has been to enrich and enhance the quality of education for all Fort Bend ISD students by funding and awarding grants for teachers, school sites, staff development and district-wide programs and initiatives. Due to your generous contributions, support and volunteer efforts, I am proud to report to you, the Foundation continues to meet and exceed the goals and expectations our Founding Directors set for us more than two decades ago.

In 2014-2015 the Education Foundation awarded 176 grants for \$273,423 to support the Grants to Teachers and Schools program. Additionally, the Foundation awarded \$16,974 for one Founders Grant, \$24,728 for 280 New Teacher Grants, \$30,000 for Professional Development Grants and \$43,495 in Pass Through Grants for a total of \$388,820 this year. Since its inception, the Education Foundation has awarded over 4.8 million in grants to FBISD teachers and schools. Through these grants, the FBEF has demonstrated a long standing commitment to academic excellence and a dedication to resource development for the continued funding of them.

This year, we implemented an online application process, making it easier for all teachers who wish to submit grant applications to participate. This successful project generated a 25% increase in applications and greatly streamlined the process.



We are also proud to announce the funding of the first Founders Grant awarded to FBISD Digital Learning Department for \$16,974 for a Mobile Film School. This grant was awarded in the spring of 2015. This special grant, established last year, awards up to \$20,000 to a teacher, team, school site, or administrative department for a unique and transformative program.

I would like to again express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has supported, volunteered, and served our Foundation for your friendship and dedication. I am honored to serve as your Board President. You have made a difference in the lives of our many Fort Bend ISD Students.

Sincerely,

Frank Petras
President
2015-2016

Check out our community discounts!

Community Discounts include: DriveTheFoundation.com online drivers education and defensive driving; Energy Companies- Ambit, Champion, Direct and StarTex; Star Learning and Title Boxing Club.

Mark Your Calendar

August 24th 16th Annual Back to School Scramble Golf Tournament
Sweetwater Country Club
1:00 Shotgun

October 9th Sugar Shindig
Safari Texas

March 5th Annual Gala Celebration
Sugar Land Marriott

April 2nd Education Expedition
BP MS 150 Recommended Bike Ride
Hightower High School



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15th Annual Back to School Scramble a HUGE Success!

The 15th Annual Fort Bend Education Foundation's Back to School Scramble Golf Tournament was held on August 25, 2014 at Sweetwater Country Club. Schlumberger presented the event, which was chaired by Claude Leatherwood.

Thanks to the generosity of this year's participants, the event netted more than \$120,000 for the Fort Bend Education Foundation. The 268 golfers that attended the tournament enjoyed lunch from Chick-fil-A and an awards banquet at the end of the day.



Fort Bend Education Foundation Grants \$388,820 to Teachers and Schools

Congratulations to the FBISD teachers and schools who were awarded Fort Bend Education Foundation Grants! A total of \$388,820 was awarded this year, including 173 Grants to Teachers and Schools totaling \$273,423, one \$17,000 Founders Grant, 248 New Teacher Grants totaling \$24,800, \$30,000 for Professional Development Grants, and \$43,597 in Pass Through Grants.



Fort Bend Education Foundation Supporters Enjoyed an Evening in Venice!

Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott LLP presented the *Moonlight Masquerade in Venice Gala* benefiting the Fort Bend Education Foundation on February 28, 2015 at the Sugar Land Marriott Town Square. Over 800 masked marauders enjoyed *una bella notte* bidding on auction items, dining on *favolosa* food and dancing to the music of Password. Thank you to all of our underwriters, table sponsors, guests and volunteers for making it the highest grossing gala to date! Together, we raised over \$365,000 for the students and teachers of Fort Bend ISD.



Adopt A New Teacher!

The Foundation automatically provides every new teacher beginning their teaching career a \$100 gift card to a local teacher supply store to help them outfit their classroom.

Last year we funded 248 teachers for a total of \$24,800

Please consider adopting a new teacher today for a \$100 donation, in which you can choose the campus. Visit our website at www.fortbendisd.com/foundation to make your donation for the 2015-2016 school year.





**Fort Bend Education Foundation
2015 Schlumberger Education Expedition**



On Saturday, March 21st, the Fort Bend Education Foundation held its 12th Annual Schlumberger Education Expedition bike ride. As a result of this successful BP MS 150 recommended ride, the Foundation raised over \$21,000 benefiting the Foundation's programs which provide opportunities to enrich and enhance the quality of education for all Fort Bend ISD students through its Grants to Teachers and Schools programs.

Rest Stops and Lunch were staffed by volunteers including teachers and students from FBISD schools. They were vying for the Best Rest Stop award. Hightower High School Student Council and PALS won the award. Go Hurricanes!

At the end of the ride, riders were able to enjoy a much deserved lunch catered by Casa de Bravos and Subway, with bread samples offered by the Great Harvest Bread Company.

We want to thank all of the riders and sponsors who supported the Fort Bend Education Foundation. We hope to see you again next year! For more information about the Foundation, visit our website at www.fortbendisd.com/foundation.



Back row, left to right: Rocio Hernandez; Judith Monterrosa; Maegan Sikat; Myles Bartholomew; Larry Thornton; Abigail Montero; Olivia Salinas; Omotayo Bamidele
Front row, center: Monica Reynolds, Student Council Advisor, Hightower High School

Angels of Education Auxiliary Spring Luncheon

On April 23rd, the Fort Bend Education Foundation's Angels of Education Auxiliary hosted a luncheon for volunteers. New auxiliary members were invited to hear about the Foundation's programs and volunteer opportunities. Darling Homes graciously provided one of their model homes and lunch which was catered by Café Natalie. The Angels of Education Auxiliary supports the Foundation by providing volunteers and creating community awareness.





Who decides how the money is spent?

The Foundation's Allocation Committee is responsible for the solicitation, review, and acceptance of proposals for projects and programs that will improve and enrich classroom education.

Since its inception, the Education Foundation had awarded over \$30 million to Fort Bend ISD teachers and schools.

Where does the money go?

Every school in Fort Bend ISD benefits from the Fort Bend Education Foundation grant programs that train teachers, provide equipment, and offer new instructional experiences to students of all ages. Each year, hundreds of grant proposals are submitted to the Education Foundation. Each proposal undergoes an extensive review process. The number of grants awarded depends upon the amount of money raised through the Education Foundation's annual fundraising events.

2014-2015 Results

- Over \$388,820 was awarded in grants to teachers and schools for the 2014-2015 school year. 183 grants were awarded through our Grants for Teachers and Schools Program.
- 248 teachers beginning their teaching career received a New Teacher Grant from the Foundation for a total of \$24,800.
- \$80,000 was awarded for professional development grants.
- Every school in Fort Bend ISD was impacted by the Foundation's programs.
- Our endowment continues to grow, ensuring we can fund future innovative education opportunities.

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Consider the impact this Foundation grant has on fine arts programs. Equipped with the newest digital tuning technology, these orchestra students can be in sync in no time, which gives them extra minutes to perfect this beautiful music.



Through materials purchased with this grant, students were given valuable hands-on learning experiences in the areas of counting, addition and subtraction, and fact fluency.



Elementary and middle school students across Fort Bend ISD enjoy hands-on learning opportunities through programming and robotic clubs, in an effort to stimulate interest and encourage career paths in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

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