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2016-17

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Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 Jennifer D. Snode, Treasurer

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$375,314.20
GRANTS AWARDED	14,650.00
ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT FEES	2,575.64
ANNUAL REPORT PRINTING	1,200.00
ANNUAL REPORT POSTAGE	688.76
ANNUAL STATE FILING FEE	100.00
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	14,586.54
ENDING BALANCE	\$401,500.48

Academic Opportunities During the 2016-17 School Year

AMOUNT FUNDED \$1,984	PROJECT DESCRIPTION COSI on Wheels	BUILDING WMES	<u># OF STUDENTS</u> 550
\$2,000	Eighth Grade Washington, D.C. Trip	WMMS	70
\$2,000	Global Scholars Diploma Program	WMHS	40
\$ 191.33	Winterfaire Art Show	WMHS	73
\$ 230	Putnam Area Tour	WMES	106
\$1,500	Anything Goes Musical (700 add'l public)	WMHS/MS	70
\$ 261.79	Sports Medicine Field Trips	WMHS	33
\$1,300	Foreign Language Trip/Spain	WMHS	8
\$ 202.57	Interior Design Field Trip	WMHS	30
\$ 495	The GOOD Program	WMMS	120
\$ 183	State House Field Trip	WMES	120
\$ 787	Science Research Project	WMES	120
\$ 131.33	Beauty & The Beast Field Trip	WMMS	117
\$ 750	Discovering Ourselves in the Carolinas	WMHS	15
\$1,400	FBLA State Competition	WMHS	38
\$ 13,016.20	TOTALS FOR 2016-2017		1,500

Foreign Language Class Trip to Spain





Dear Academic Fund,

Our students had an amazing opportunity to see beauty and culture that only was possible through your assistance.

This has been an exceptional trip and we all thank you so much.



Pictured are the Plaza Mayor (top left); Zaragoza (bottom left), and Segovia's Cathedra (above).



Dear Academic Fund, Thank you for paying for COSI. I had fun and I liked the station where it made a tornado because the tornadoes are our team. Your friend, Lilah - WMES



Dear Academic Fund,

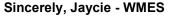
Thank you for paying for COSI. I learned about thunderstorms and tornadoes. Me, Abby, Odessa had so much fun. Your friend, Brooke - WMES

Students Go Wild About the Animals



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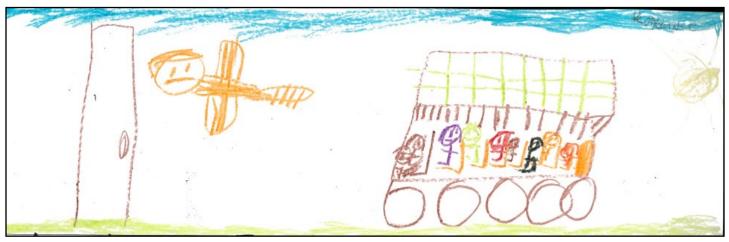
Thank you for the opportunity to go to the Wilds. It was fun. I liked the ostrich, zebra, camel, cheetahs and the dogs.





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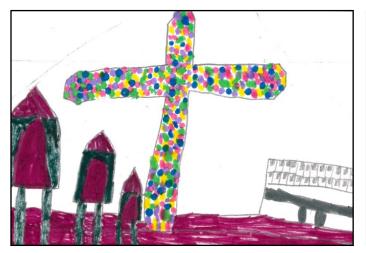
Thank you for paying for the Wilds trip. My favorite thing was the cheetahs. What is your favorite animal? Sincerely, Madisyne - WMES



Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for our trip to the Wilds. I liked it when we rode the Wilds' bus. It was hot but it was fun. Sincerely, Kaydance - WMES

Students Tour Historical Putnam Area, Stone Academy



Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for funding our field trip to the Putnam Historical area. One of the things I thought was interesting was how high the 1913 flood was.

I also learned where the slaves were hiding. I saw the well that goes so far down I was scared. I saw the basement where the people cooked their food in a fireplace and kept it on for the whole year.

Also, I saw the Presbyterian church and the cross. It was pretty. Thanks again. Your friend - Hollee - WMES



Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for funding our field trip to the Putnam Historical area. I had a great time. I learned a lot. I hope you can go to those places some time.

I studied the Stone Academy. I saw a place where they hid slaves.

Your friend - Carter - WMES

When The Going Gets Tough the Tough Choose To Go On

Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for sponsoring the GOOD program. I really enjoyed listening to Mr. Derry's life story and how he accomplished his goals in life.

Also, I liked when we interacted with the talking calculators and learned how to use them.

It was an inspiring time when Mr. Derry explained what caused his blindness and how he faces challenges in his life.

Sincerely - Kami - WMMS

Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for sponsoring the GOOD program. Ron Derry taught me something I don't think anyone else could teach me.

I have always thought of blindness as a crisis but it turned out to be a new way to visualize the world. Leadership involves factors that I never thought of and has set me forward to be a good leader one day.

Thank you for the experience and I will try to keep the memo with me for the rest of my life. Sincerely - Dylan - WMMS Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for sponsoring the GOOD program. Being able to listen Ron's inspiring story deeply moved me.

Because of the GOOD program I have learned that when the going gets tough the tough choose to go on.

Thank you for sponsoring the program that will impact mine and hundreds of other students lives. Sincerely - Kami - WMMS

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