

Ritenour Pride & Promise Foundation Grants

Since the Ritenour Pride & Promise Foundation formed in January 2011, it has provided more than \$100,000 in grants to Ritenour educators the School for Early Childhood Education and at the elementary, middle school and high school levels that have improved educational resources for thousands of students.

Spring 2012 - (\$2,949)

- Lucille Alstine's literature class at Ritenour High School was provided with grant to purchase a set of Amazon Kindle e-Readers (\$2,449).
- Second grade classes at Wyland Elementary were awarded funds to purchase the full versions of educational websites Scholastic News and Spelling City (\$500).

Fall 2012 - (\$5,515)

- Lisa Thompson, a FACS teacher at Hoech Middle School, received a grant for gardening tools needed to expand the "Eating from the Garden" project (\$1,259).
- Lisa Watkins, a reading specialist at Ritenour Middle School, received a grant to support the "One Book, One School" program that provided an engaging, school-wide book study on "The Revealers," by Doug Wilhelm (\$1,000).
- Ritenour School for Early Childhood Education (SEC) Principal Nikki Davis-Colton and teacher Kristen Chapman received a grant to support the "Little Keys for Little Hands" project and purchase iPads (\$2,280).
- SEC teacher Janice Di Lorenzo and Davis-Colton received a grant for their "Dynamic Documentation" project that allows teachers to take and use photos to document and assess student learning (\$976).

Spring 2013 - (\$5,420)

- Leslie Fister, a math interventionist at Iveland Elementary School, received a \$924 grant for new student learning tools, called Rekenraks, that will help kindergarten and first-grade students build number sense and improve fluency with math facts.
- June Burkhardt, a librarian at Marvin Elementary School, received a \$950 for five Kindle e-Readers for fourth and fifth-graders to use for recreational reading in school.
- Cynthia Murray, a third-grade teacher at Marvin Elementary, received a \$772 grant for an additional 90 student headphones and access to websites to increase proficiency in spelling, vocabulary and research in other subjects.
- Kathi Remmert, a third-grade teacher at Marion Elementary, received a grant for a \$299 grant for the online Moby Math program that provides individualized math practice for facts and concepts.
- Emily Gabrish, a second-grade teacher at Buder Elementary, received a grant for a \$1,850 grant for five iPad minis and software that students can use to create their own e-books.
- Laura Lewis, Terry Cates and Michelle Hampton, who are second-grade teachers at Wyland Elementary, received a grant for \$425 to continue providing *Scholastic News* magazine to second-graders. This group also received another \$200 grant to continue using the online website, Spelling City, to reinforce vocabulary and spelling fluency.

Fall 2013 – (\$3,004)

- Jane Bannester, a teacher at Ritenour High School, received a \$400 grant for equipment for the Media Convergence Center's television video production studio, which is expected to be ready for students to use during the 2014-2015 school year.
- Janice DiLorenzo, a teacher at the School for Early Childhood Education, received a \$400 grant to purchase children's books that focus on positive behavior.
- Charlene Ehll, a second-grade teacher at Marion Elementary, received a \$580 grant for an online program called BrainPop that offers exciting games and enrichment activities in math, vocabulary, reading, writing, social studies and science.
- Lisa Kahrmanovic, a Project Challenge teacher at Iveland Elementary, received a grant for \$664 to help the school become more "green" by allowing the student "Green Team" to start a school garden and compost center, and also expand its rain water collection system.
- Suzy Russo, a Project Challenge teacher at Wyland Elementary, received a \$960 grant for an online enrichment program that students can use in class and at home in the areas of math and English language arts.

Spring 2014 – (\$3,132.90)

- Tammy Schmitz, a teacher at Marion Elementary School, received a \$148 grant for "To Rot or Not."
- Kathi Remmert, a third-grade teacher at Marion Elementary, received a grant for a \$599 grant for the online Moby Math program that provides individualized math practice for facts and concepts.
- Jane Bannester, a teacher at Ritenour High School, received a \$625 grant for equipment for the Media Convergence Center's television video production studio, which is expected to be ready for students to use during the 2014-2015 school year.
- June Burkhardt, a librarian at Marvin Elementary School, received a \$556.25 grant for "Taking Their Learning 'To Go.'"
- Angela Richard, a teacher at Iveland Elementary School, received a \$504.65 grant for "Backpack Educator."
- Elizabeth Green, a teacher at Ritenour Middle School, received a \$700 grant for "360 Degree Math."

Fall 2014 – (\$4,315)

- Diane Dowdy, a music teacher at Marion Elementary, received a \$448 grant for Project S.O.S. (Save Our Strings). Money from this grant will buy the school two additional violins for the fourth- and fifth-grade strings program.
- Marion Elementary's second-grade team – Michelle Dierker, Veronica Douglas, Charlene Ehll, Danielle Elliott and Rebecca Leb – earned a \$640 grant for BrainPop Jr., which offers games and skills practice in vocabulary, math, reading, writing, social studies and science for second-graders.
- Joe Butler, a Marion Elementary fifth-grade teacher, received a \$332 grant for an online math program that offers students fun games to practice math skills.
- Meggan McIlvaine, a kindergarten teacher at Marion Elementary, received a grant for a \$550 for books that kindergartners can bring home and enjoy while practicing their reading skills.

- Wilma Higgins, a Hoech Middle School seventh-grade math teacher, received \$1,135 in grant money to use to purchase MobyMax Mathematics curriculum and computer tablets to provide additional math practice for students.
- Catherine Richard, a Buder Elementary first-grade teacher, earned a \$320 grant for new student learning tools, called Rekenraks, that will help first-graders build number sense and improve fluency with math facts.
- Angela Richard, an Iveland Elementary kindergarten teacher, received a \$890 grant for five computer tablets for the Backpack Educator program that will allow for continuous and individualized instruction for students who need additional support, especially those who are in the English Language Learners program.

Spring 2015 – (\$5,945)

- Nancy Bramsch, a music teacher at Buder Elementary, received a \$1,300 grant for additional violins for the fourth- and fifth-grade strings program.
- Jenny Bondy, Rebecca Hibbits, Tracy Raphael-Wichern and Angela Richard, Iveland Elementary's kindergarten team, received a \$600 grant that will give kindergarten students authentic hands-on learning STEM experiences to operate a mock store and care for play animals as a vet. The activities integrate science, technology, engineering, math and literacy concepts.
- Dr. Gyniquea Davis and Joanna Coon of the School for Early Childhood Education received a \$1,200 grant for offer a Kindermusik program for preschoolers each week during the school day.
- Julie LaConte and Joseph Auteberry, Hoech Middle School sixth-grade science teachers, received a \$650 grant for Light Box Technology lab materials and curriculum that will give sixth-grade science students the opportunity to experiment with abstract optics concepts, including reflection, refraction and color mixing.
- Erica Largent, a fourth-grade teacher at Wyland Elementary, received a \$1,225 grant for five Chromebooks for students to use with math lessons and projects.
- Kristy Santinavat, Stacey Bray and Mindy Carney, reading and math interventionists at Wyland Elementary, received a \$970 grant for four Kindle tablets and headphones that will be used by students receiving additional services in math and reading to enhance their vocabulary, reading and math skills.

Fall 2015 – (\$6079.20)

- Sarah Davidovits, an Special School District occupational therapist at Buder Elementary, received a \$2,000 grant to purchase iPads for Buder kindergartners to use to improve literacy, math and writing skills.
- Beth Zimmerman, a Project Challenge teacher at Iveland Elementary, received a \$1,600 grant for the Sphero Robots program, which will teach K-5 students how to use problem solving and reasoning skills to program robots.
- Joe Butler of Marion Elementary received a \$699 grant for a fun, online math program to help fifth-graders master math.
- Aubrey Tharp, a first-grade teacher at Marion Elementary, received an \$85 grant for software aimed at improving reading skills for first-graders. The software provides printable books for students to use in class and at home.
- Lauren Openlander, a third-grade teacher at Wyland Elementary, received a \$300 grant for five Nooks for students to use to improve their skills during their time in the classroom's reading and math centers.

- Angie Richard, a Iveland Elementary kindergarten teacher, received a \$176 grant to start an indoor garden in her classroom with a greenhouse and grow lights.
- Stacey Shipman and Jenna Parrish, teachers at Iveland Elementary, received a \$713 grant for two ActivSlate tablets that will be used to enhance public speaking skills as part of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) projects.
- Julie Kampschroeder, the college and career counselor at Ritenour High School, received a \$506 grant for two laptops that will be loaned out to seniors to complete online college applications. Students who attend all five College Series sessions at RHS during this school year will have the opportunity to win these laptops at the end of the year through a raffle.

Spring 2016 – (\$7,037)

- Nancy Bramsch, Buder Elementary's music teacher, received a \$1,245 grant to purchase two additional violins to expand the strings program for fourth- and fifth-graders.
- Donna Butler, a third-grade teacher at Buder Elementary, received a \$550 grant for all third-graders to receive monthly issues of Time for Kids magazine during the 2016-17 school year.
- Kindergarten teachers at Iveland Elementary received a collaborative grant for \$1,500 for supplies to create a hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics center in each kindergarten classroom.
- Lindsay Schmidt, a second-grade teacher at Iveland Elementary, received a grant for \$719 for 22 sports balls with stability legs that will replace the use of traditional desk chairs for students in her classroom.
- Tiffany Marquart, art teacher at Wyland Elementary, received a \$264 grant for a structural engineering and architecture component art classes.
- Christina Melly and Melissa Monzyk, freshman English language arts teachers at Ritenour High School, received a \$719.10 grant to purchase copies of the book, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.
- Shannon Ebron, a nutritionist with Ritenour's Child Nutrition Services, received a \$330.04 grant to introduce second-graders at Kratz Elementary in the 2016-17 school year to fruits and vegetables that are popular in other cultures.
- Beth Zimmermann, a Project Challenge teacher at Iveland Elementary, received a \$1,710 grant to purchase electronic building blocks for students to create inventions as part of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics curriculum.

Fall 2016 – (\$12,338.97)

- Joseph Auteberry, a sixth-grade science teacher at Hoech Middle School, received an \$870 grant for digital microscopes for his classroom.
- Stephanie Goetz and Megan Harrison, eighth-grade math teachers at Hoech Middle School, received a \$1,600 grant for 20 tablets to enhance interactive 21st century learning in their classrooms.
- Jocelyn Meyer, a Ritenour Middle School art teacher, received a \$878 grant for technology that will enhance art classes.
- Kelly Holloway, a Ritenour High School business teacher, received a \$948 grant for a Husky Communication Center, which will be a student-run marketing office that connects students with local businesses
- Carrie Myers, a fifth-grade Iveland Elementary teacher, received a \$1,009.45 grant for STEM kids that focus on robotics, renewable energy, simple machines and biodegradation.
- June Burkhardt, librarian at Marvin Elementary, received a \$1,200 grant to purchase Ozobots, educational robots that will introduce students to computer coding.
- Megan Baker, an English Language Learner teacher at Buder Elementary, received a \$130 grant to purchase copies of English and Spanish versions of “Let’s Find Out” magazines that students can use in school and with their families.
- Nancy Bramsch, Buder Elementary’s music teacher, received a \$940.60 grant for instruments that will enhance teaching and learning for all grade levels, including castanets, a gong, chime tree, lollipop drums, tubanos, ribbon wands, cactus rain, and wooden woodpecker instrument.
- Amanda Drilling, a sixth-grade math teacher at Ritenour Middle School, received a \$2,400 grant that will give her students the opportunity to program and code a gyroscope as part of their learning experience in math.
- The kindergarten teachers at Iveland Elementary received a \$900 grant for students in different grade levels to plant and care for a pumpkin patch and then create a business with the pumpkins.
- Lauren Smith, a third-grade teacher at Iveland Elementary, received a \$1,113 grant to enhance STEM learning for third-graders.

Fall 2017 – (\$15,168.76)

- Nancy Bramsch, Buder Elementary’s music teacher, received a \$1,500 grant to purchase ukuleles for classtime with third-, fourth- fifth-graders.
- Jennifer Sullens, Buder Elementary art teacher, received a \$1,200 grant for a special fifth-grade art project that will allow them to create ceiling tiles for the school that reflect an “Under the Sea” them.
- Lindsay Schmidt, a fourth-grade teacher at Iveland Elementary, received a grant for \$2,269.81 for students to create 3-D printing projects.
- The fifth-grade teaching team at Kratz Elementary (Shenee McCoy, Nicole Damaso and Joe Bonner), received \$2,396.94 to expand instruction on computer coding with their students using iPads.
- Kelly Sherman, librarian at Wyland Elementary, received a \$1,500 grant to offer an after-school book club in the fall and spring for students in K-5.
- Michelle Mendoza, orchestra teacher at Hoech Middle School, received a \$1,500 to expand the strings program with additional violins and violas.
- Alyssa Barker, librarian at Hoech Middle School, received a \$995 grant to introduce students to augmented reality with devices that will help them create book reviews, book covers and interact with maps and news magazines in new ways.
- Kim Carson, vocal music teacher at Hoech Middle School, received a \$1,200 grant for Chromebooks so that students can use the devices to explore music recordings, for self-assessment during rehearsals and to broaden their music skills.
- Nicole Eberenz and Shannon Sweeney, sixth-grade teachers at Hoech Middle School, received a \$1,200 grant for Chromebooks that will be used to combine English language arts and social studies for service learning projects with students.
- Dr. Heather Bonner, a science teacher at Ritenour High School, received a \$1,000 grant for rewards for positive behavior that supports the school’s Positive Behavior Intervention Supports program.
- Melissa Monzyk, an English language arts teacher at Ritenour High School, received a grant for \$407.01 to purchase literature that explores social justice, diversity, racism and equality issues.
- Nancy Bramsch, Buder Elementary’s music teacher, is receiving a \$1,245 grant to purchase two additional violins to expand the strings program for fourth- and fifth-graders.
- Donna Butler, a third-grade teacher at Buder Elementary, is receiving a \$550 grant for all third-graders to receive monthly issues of *Time for Kids* magazine during the 2016-17 school year.

Fall 2018 – (\$13,531.00)

- Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Elder, Mary Khankeo and Shauna Real, first-grade teachers at Kratz Elementary, received a \$2,481 grant for 10 Chromebooks to support classroom learning focused on writing.
- Stacey Bray and Lauren Hager, Wyland Elementary's interventionists, received a \$2,464 grant for additional literacy sets for students needing reading support in grades 3-5.
- Meggan Bruner, Kaitlin Lederman and Rebecca Leb, second-grade teachers at Marion Elementary, received a grant for \$2,446 for 12 iPads for students to use apps that will allow them to videotape their work, do coding, listen to stories and access additional research materials.
- Amanda Kowalczyk, Daniel Remes and Brenda Westermayer, seventh-grade science teachers at Hoech Middle School, received a \$2,380 grant to build literacy in science classes with books that focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math).
- Lauren Openlander, a third-grade teacher at Wyland Elementary, received a \$1,950 grant to purchase 10 Chromebooks to support classroom learning in math and reading.
- Betsy Ceresia and Dr. Ann Conley, PLTW teachers at Hoech Middle School, received an \$800 grant for equipment and materials to support the school's Girls in Engineering program.
- Nancy Bramsch, music teacher at Buder Elementary, received a \$710 grant for a variety of instruments and puppets for students in grades K-5 to create sound stories.
- Tracy Wichern, Michaela Cummings, Anja Waletik and Julie Vreeland, kindergarten teachers at Iveland Elementary, received a \$300 grant for new phonics materials.

Fall 2019 – (\$16,221)

- Stephanie Phillips, a preschool teacher at Ritenour School for Early Childhood Education, received a \$543 grant for a robot and associated materials that teach the beginning stages of coding.
- Heather Gehner, a kindergarten teacher at Buder Elementary, received a \$1,736 for a variety of tools and materials that will help kindergartners and English Language Learner students in grades K-2, improve their fine motor skills.
- Jennifer Halderman, an art teacher at Buder Elementary, received a grant for \$552 for paints that fifth graders will use to paint ceiling tiles as part of the school's Legacy Art Project.
- Sheneé McCoy, a fifth grade teacher at Kratz Elementary, received a grant for \$2,208 for two iPad Pros, an online news subscription, microphones and acoustic booths that will allow students to do research global issues and create their own blogs and podcasts.
- Michelle Sagakhaneh, Amy Germain, Kristina Erby-Carr and Tammy Schmitz, first grade teachers at Marion Elementary, received a 2,268 grant for an online math program that students can use in school and at home.
- Kathleen Browner, a music teacher at Marvin Elementary, received a \$2,500 grant for five new violins and bows for the school's strings program.
- Heidi Lesinski, fifth grade teacher at Marvin Elementary, received a \$1,081 grant for an indoor vegetable tower garden for students to learning about aeroponic gardening and enjoying homegrown vegetables.
- Stacey Bray and Lauren Hager, Wyland Elementary's interventionists, received a \$1,440 eight Chromebooks that will be used for reading, math and language intervention activities.
- Stacey Frey, a second grade teacher at Wyland Elementary, received a \$364 grant for headphones that all Wyland second graders can use with Chromebooks in school while they learn reading and math skills.
- Sydney Trusty, Molly Newman, Jill Bluhm and Erica Largent, fifth grade teachers at Wyland Elementary, received a \$1,029 grant for literature sets that represent a variety of historical periods that align with fifth grade social studies and English language arts curriculum.
- Maggie Drummond, Jeff Leonard and Brenda Westmayer, seventh grade science teachers at Hoech Middle School, received a \$2,500 grant for 10 microscopes to expand science investigations for students.