



CENTAUR FOUNDATION NEWS

Supporting the Students, Staff and Community of Brooklyn Center Schools ISD 286
2023-2024

The Centaur Foundation awarded 10 teacher grants totaling \$7,900 during the 2022-2023 school year. These grants helped pay for programs, supplies, materials and activities that enriched and enhanced the student learning experiences at all three District 286 schools. The Foundation thanks all who donated and made these grants possible. The following grants were awarded during the past school year:

1. **Brooklyn Center ARISE Youth Leaders Exploratory Ethnic Studies** Helped fund a trip to Providence, Rhode Island for 9th and 11th grade students travel participate in ARISE's two week Ethnic Studies program. A short video documentary will be produced and shared with the BC community.
2. **Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post Field Trip** 11th grade students visited the Mille Lacs Indian Museum. They complete a scavenger hunt, explored native cultural objects, and participated in craft projects related to Native American culture.



11th Graders at Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post Field Trip (K. Gautsch)

3. **Flocabulary** Annual subscription to Flocabulary website in which students are able to learn creative terms and concepts. They display these learnings by writing music lyrics and creating music videos.
4. **9th Grade Overnight Trip to Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center** 9th grade students traveled to Osprey Wilds for a 3-day learning trip. They participated in STEAM and outdoor education activities (i.e. Ojibwe culture hike, rock climbing, help cooking meals, and having a campfire).



9th Grade Students at Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center Grant (E. Nicosia)

2023 SENIOR \$2000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Three \$1000, renewable for a second year, scholarships were awarded to BCCS seniors. Awards will be given once the students complete their first and third semester of a post-secondary school program.



Left to Right: Clara Johnson, Channele Klatt, Amareona Smith

5. **Ping Pong Enrichment** Purchased a new ping pong table, balls, and a training robot for students to participate during Enrichment.



Ping Pong Enrichment Grant (N. Raia)

6. **Japanese Cultural Convention** Students attended a Japanese Cultural Convention in Minneapolis. They had been learning about Japanese culture and media in their Enrichment class, and this trip was the culmination of that learning.
7. **2025 Class Shirts** Funded class shirts for the Class of 2025. The students created a unique design, then were taught how to utilize the school's screen printer to make the shirts.
8. **Exploring Social Issues through Spoken Word Poetry** 9th grade students took part in an interactive series of workshops that covered the basics of spoken word. Artist Kyle Tran Myre joined the students virtually to take them through activities, which culminated in a performance.
9. **Social Play and Math Skills Pizza** Funded a pizza shop for 1st grade students to practice both math and social skills. They can pretend to buy pizza using different variation of coins and dollar bills.



1st Grade - Pizza Shop Math Resources Grant (K.Setala)

10. **Wolf Ridge Backpacking Trip** Funded transportation for Rising 9th grade students to attend a 2-week backpacking experience with the Wolf Ridge Environmental camp in Northern, MN. The programming costs were covered via scholarships.

Centaur Foundation Highlights

During the past 16 years, the Centaur Foundation has awarded 298 grants valued at \$170,017. More than 3000 students have benefitted from these grants. 48 seniors have been awarded scholarships worth \$48,000.

IN MEMORIAM: Jim Norwick

Centaur Foundation Board Member, Jim Norwick, passed away January 21, 2023. Norwick was a BCHS art teacher, coached baseball, and served as Activities Director and Community Education Director from 1967-1993. Norwick served as a Centaur Foundation Board Member since its creation in 1988.



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