

WEST MUSKINGUM SCHOOLS ACADEMIC FUND

2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT



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The West Muskingum Schools Academic Fund has supported hundreds of educational programs for thousands of students. Through the many generous donations, the Academic Fund has provided over **\$405,874** in financial support for nearly **134,146** students.

During the 2023-24 school year, 13 projects were funded, totaling \$31,374 and serving 1,920 students!

Created in 1982 by a group of parents, educators, friends and community members, the Academic Fund continues to operate as a separate non-profit founda-

tion with its principle monies forever remaining on deposit. The interest earned from that principle is spent each year to partially or fully fund enriching academic opportunities for the students of West Muskingum.

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Thank you for your ongoing support!

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Dear WM Academic Fund,

Thank you for our trip to The Wilds. My favorite animal was the giraffe. I learned it eats twigs and leaves. I had a great time!

Your friend,
Sawyer Scheiderer



Dear WM Academic Fund,

Thank you providing us the money for us to learn more about Ohio's history. I learned that Stone Academy had a spot where stowaways hid from 1700 to 1865 to get away from slavery.

I learned at Dr. Mathews' house one of the tour guides was a fourth great grandson to Dr. Increase Mathews. I enjoyed seeing all the beautiful paintings from all the famous people.

Thank you, Madigan Fraunfelter



Dear WM Academic Fund,
Thank you for letting us play at Aha!
I liked the ice cream.
Thank you, Hana Eid

Academic Opportunities During the 2023-24 School Year

<u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Field Trip to the Works (WMES)	136	\$1,360
The Wilds (WMES)	150	\$1,395
Mystery Science (WMES)	600	\$1,695
Eighth Grade Washington D.C. Trip (WMMS)	90	\$3,000
STEM Skate (WMMS)	150	\$1,510
Seussical the Musical (WMMS/HS)	50	\$2,000
FBLA State Competition (WMHS)	19	\$2,400
FFA Rabbit Raising (WMHS)	82	\$2,000
COSI Field Trip (WMES)	123	\$1,387
Valley Gem Sternwheeler Guided Tour (WMMS)	135	\$2,184
Zanesville Historical District Field Trip (WMES)	138	\$ 576
Aha! A Children's Museum Field Trip (WMES)	128	\$1,165
COSI Titanic Exhibit (WMMS)	119	\$3,196

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
Jody Spencer, treasurer

PARK NATIONAL BANK

Beginning Balance	\$557,117.73
Contributions Received	\$ 20,785.00
Grants Awarded	\$ 31,374.23
Expenses	\$ 6,198.69
Ending Balance	\$623,937.52

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Dear Academic Fund Committee,
I had a great time at COSI. I enjoyed the Titanic exhibit and I also liked the dinosaur and water exhibits. I learned a lot more about the Titanic and I was able to see what it was like.
From, Livi Prang



Dear Academic Fund Committee,
I had an amazing time on our COSI field trip. I liked the different exhibits, especially the Titanic. I will never forget our 7th grade field trip. Thanks again for all that you did and you are greatly appreciated.
Sincerely, Raigann Loyd

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