



## Local teachers receive grants from Richland County Foundation

(Photo: Ontario Stingel Elementary Teacher Autumn Barry received an educational grant last year for a phonics program.)

MANSFIELD – The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved education grants totaling close to \$67,000. Funding was provided from the unrestricted grant budget as well as field of interest funds.

Education grants are selected by a committee made up of board members and people from the community for creative and innovative supplemental programs not covered by school funding. The grants are given to K-12 teachers in public or private Richland County schools to encourage them to develop new programs for their classrooms.

The following teachers received funding:

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| Clapp        | Rebecca   | Fact Fluency Fun            | Clear Fork          |
| Eder         | Charlene  | Iditarod Race Project       | Clear Fork          |
| Hoover       | Richard   | Field Trip                  | Clear Fork          |
| Barnes       | Larry     | Metal Detecting Club        | Crestview           |
| Hill         | Ariane    | Ukulele Module              | Crestview           |
| Souder       | Dwight    | Racing Minds                | Crestview           |
| Adams        | Emily     | Literacy Launch             | Discovery School    |
| Heminger     | Laura     | Mathematicians              | Discovery School    |
| Volz         | Emily     | Discovery Artists           | Discovery School    |
| Dawson       | Robin     | Pathology of Bones          | Lexington           |
| Dewey        | Bruce     | VEX Robotics                | Lexington           |
| Roseberry    | Tommie    | Motivating with Measurement | Lexington           |
| Swartzmiller | Kaitlyn   | Daily Reading               | Lexington           |
| Bistline     | Stephanie | Schoolwide Literacy         | Madison             |
| Kershner     | Janell    | Science and Social Studies  | Madison             |
| O'Connell    | Amy       | Madison Market Place        | Madison             |
| DeFrancisco  | Ashley    | Natural Journaling          | Mansfield Christian |
| Aivaliotis   | Maria     | Cat Kid Comic Club          | Mansfield City      |
| Burris       | Maria     | Solids and Liquids          | Mansfield City      |

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| Cramer         | Hallie    | Dirt Camp                            | Mansfield City                               |
| Garcia Jimenez | Alejandra | Learning A to Z                      | Mansfield City                               |
| Hall           | Kimberly  | Resource Room                        | Mansfield City                               |
| McGregor       | Sandra    | Mathematics                          | Mansfield City                               |
| Murphy         | Andrea    | Real World Skills                    | Mansfield City                               |
| ODonnell       | Preslee   | Scholastic News                      | Mansfield City                               |
| Osberg         | Jennifer  | IXL Math/Spanish Program             | Mansfield City                               |
| Payne          | Heidi     | Social Emotional Skills              | Mansfield City                               |
| Pohlabel       | Shannon   | Scholastic News                      | Mansfield City                               |
| Shirk          | Elizabeth | Future Scholars Fund                 | Mansfield City                               |
| Stallsmith     | Karen     | Step Up to Higher Reading            | Mansfield City                               |
| Strickling     | Sophie    | Pirate Camp                          | Mansfield City                               |
| Uhde           | Jennifer  | Scholastic News                      | Mansfield City                               |
| Williams       | Natalie   | Native American Cultural Regions     | Mansfield City                               |
| Woodmansee     | Emily     | STEM in The Arts                     | Mansfield City                               |
| Yoder          | Jennifer  | Nature Journaling                    | Mansfield City                               |
| Pfeifer        | Julie     | Bridge Gaps                          | MOESC  |
| Browning       | Patrick   | Art- Self Expression                 | MOESC - Abraxas                              |
| Jones          | Chris     | Fitness Program                      | MOESC - F.I.R.S.T. School                    |
| Basham         | Danielle  | Experience Culture w/ Food           | Ontario                                      |
| Canfield       | Zack      | Project Based Learning               | Ontario                                      |
| Huber          | Paulette  | Intervention                         | Ontario                                      |
| Laymon         | Michelle  | Steam Club                           | Ontario                                      |
| Ritchey        | Kellie    | Reading Intervention                 | Ontario                                      |
| Winningham     | Tonya     | I'm Done. Now What?                  | Ontario                                      |
| Garrett        | Ariel     | Literature Integration               | Plymouth-Shiloh                              |
| Maldinger      | Brianna   | Calming Corner                       | Plymouth-Shiloh                              |
| Shifley        | Lauren    | Learn with Play                      | Plymouth-Shiloh                              |
| Penwell        | Maddie    | Kennedy Center Partners in Education | Renaissance Performing Arts / Mansfield City |
| Cline          | Melissa   | Learn the Alphabet                   | Richland School of Academic Arts             |
| Eutsay         | Holly     | Drama/Theatre Club                   | Richland School of Academic Arts             |
| Gilliam        | Tara      | Exploring Habitats                   | Richland School of                           |

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|            |         |  | Academic Arts                    |
| Hoffman    | Renee   | Building Stories                           | Richland School of Academic Arts |
| Hutchins   | Nivene  | Wild About Learning                        | Richland School of Academic Arts |
| Jones      | Dan     | Creative Projects                          | Richland School of Academic Arts |
| Shannon    | Britany | Robot and Friends                          | Richland School of Academic Arts |
| Vega       | Angel   | Fractions Space                            | Richland School of Academic Arts |
| Petrie     | Anne    | Trade Books                                | St. Peter's                      |
| Secrist    | Amy     | Sensory Room                               | St. Peter's                      |
| Knepshield | Madison | Science Experimentation                    | Temple Christian                 |
| Rissler    | Sandy   | Dancing Through the Dewey (Decimal System) | Temple Christian                 |

**About the Richland County Foundation**

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501c3, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and its residents.

The Foundation helps people in Richland County give back to their community by investing their gifts wisely so that grants can be made to improve the quality of life for all the county's citizens. Working together with donors, the Foundation meets important needs today and plans for a strong future.

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