

Dickinson Public Schools FOUNDATION NEWS

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Mrs. Schubert's Lincoln Elementary Music Class

Foundation Awards \$27,050 in Grants

The Dickinson Public Schools Foundation Board members surprised teachers and building principals at Lincoln, Jefferson, Heart River and the Early Childhood Center/Head Start with BIG checks and balloon bouquets on February 3. Foundation Board members gave away \$27,050 for this year's grant projects.

The following projects were funded:

- Quaver's Marvelous World of Music Classroom Program for all five elementary schools-The grant was written by Yvette Schubert, Lincoln Elementary, and Shantel Roll, Heart River Elementary - \$5,050
- iPads and Portable Cart – Butch Hrouda, Lincoln Elementary - \$5,000
- Enhance Learning with iPads: Support for all Tiers - Tammy Galipeau, Jolyn Tessier, Crystal Hoerner, Nicole Clark, Jennifer Jung and Becky Meduna, principal - \$10,000
- Today's Kids + Current Technology = Future Success Early Childhood Center - Cheryl Anderson, Jolene Wilhelmi, Karla Robb, Jodi Martin and Julie Jahner - \$7,000

The DPS Foundation was founded in 1989 and they have given away over **\$219,620** since the grant program was started in 1993! The Foundation looks for projects that “*enhance and enrich*” education. Grant projects that are funded go “*above and beyond*” the school district's budget.

What's New?

- **Annual Giving Program** – The Foundation raised \$40,625 last December/January through their Annual Giving Program. Special thanks to the Engel Kesting Foundation for their \$37,500 donation.
- **Mystery Dinner Theater** – The Foundation's mystery dinner theater was held February 10, 11 & 12 at the Ramada-Grand Dakota Lodge & Conference Center. We sold over 445 tickets for the three performances. Special thanks to our talented actors – Margaret & Pat Barnhart, Betsy Devero, Jackie Hope, Rachel Killen, Troy Kuntz, Del Quigley, Derek and Ernie Shipe and our director, Josh Nichols. “*The play and food was FANTASTIC!! Everyone had a great time. Job well done.*” reported Dr. Todd Dorval.

Dinner Theater sponsors included: Dr. Amy Oksa, Dr. Kim Brummond, Coca Cola Bottling Co., Dan Porter Motors, Fisher Industries, Kirkwood Bank & Trust, Ramada-Grand Dakota Lodge & Conference Center, American Bank Center, Dickinson State University, Shannon & Audra Galster, Health & Wellness Chiropractic, Kohler Communications, Inc., Bauer Property Management, High Plains Dental, P.C., St. Joseph's Hospital & Health Center, Debby Thompson “In Memory of Keith (Bucky) Thompson, Western Cooperative Credit Union.



Mystery dinner theater cast with Captain Iva Dinghy.

Contact Information - If you would like to make a donation, establish a scholarship, give a memorial gift or discuss planned giving opportunities, contact Karen Heidt, Director of Development at 590-0495.