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Back to School

• ICE CREAM SOCIAL •

Live & Silent Auction

By: Janice Johnson

It's almost time for the Kremlin-Hillsdale Ice Cream Social and Auction! It has become the anticipated back to school event for the Kremlin and Hillsdale communities. This year's social is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th at 6pm in the Commons area at KHS.

The KHAEF board voted earlier this year to make the ice cream social the one and only organized annual fund raiser. All efforts will be focused on making this event a huge success!

The night will start out with homemade ice cream for everyone. Of course, the "normal" flavors such as chocolate, strawberry and vanilla will be available, but one board member has been threatening/promising a unique flavor for the adventurers in attendance. If that is you, be sure to ask for some of Leland's ice cream!

There will be items available for both silent and live auctions. In previous years, these items have included hand crafted quilts, wooden tables, paintings, pickles and jewelry just to name a few. An assortment of donated items from local businesses will also be available including oil changes, hair care products and services, auto detailing and pet food - - something for everyone!

The proceeds of the evening will be divided with half going into the endowment fund to insure the continued success of the foundation, and half being used to fund the current year's Grants to Classroom Teachers program. The grants provide the resources to purchase items that will enrich the learning experience for students of all grade levels in the Kremlin-Hillsdale School system.

Last year's social raised over \$10,000!! Please help us make this year's social our best one ever!

We are looking for individuals or businesses that would like to sponsor a table at the event. For a donation of only \$100, we will post the donor's name on one of our display tables for the evening. This is a great way to advertise your business and show support for our foundation and KHS. For more details, contact Mike Riddle 747-1150, Joyce Fales 541-2327 or Beverly Voth at 874-2314.

2012-2013

Grants for Teachers

KHAEF presented 12 Grants for Teachers. We awarded the Grants at the first of the school year. Connie Bittle, Joyce Fales, Kristi Hilburn, Mike Riddle, and Leland Streck went to the various classrooms and surprised the winners. The Foundation presented almost \$11,000 in grants.

Through the "Grants for Teachers" program, we were able to provide items that enrich the learning experience of students in the Kremlin-Hillsdale school system. The grant funds are not used to provide the basics of education. The goal of the KHAEF is to take the learning experience at KHS to a higher level.

We want to provide the teachers with items that will help them to enrich the KHS children's education.

The following grants were awarded:

Type to Learn 4	\$809 to Heather Russell
Manipulating Math	\$563 to Heather Carson
Classroom Dictionaries, Thesauri, & Cart	\$981 to Deanna Chesser
Capturing the Future	\$775 to Brady Bond
Classroom Dictionaries, Thesauri, cart, & DVD's	\$1005 to Chelsea Edington
Wall Maps	\$665 to Kelsey Smith
Successful Students	\$1,502 to Diane Highfill and Janel Powell
Inspiring a Love for Math	\$991 to Roger Gossen
Incredible I-pads	\$976 To Gina Pekrul
Melodica	\$998 to Kaylene Toelle
Steromicroscopes and Dissecting	\$831 to David Campbell
Sequoyah Award Books	\$813 to Jamelyn Schultz

KHAEF would not be able to present a total of almost \$11,000 in grants, if we did not have the support of the community and generous donations from people like you. Thank you for your support.

Teachers Perspective

By: Mrs. Russell

This past school year I was very fortunate to receive a grant for a program called "Typing to Learn." This program has over 100 lessons, as well as, games and assessments. Its main focus is proper keyboard fingering with an emphasis on accuracy.

I had an amazing experience with this program. My 4th graders showed so much growth over the school year and they had a great time. Here are some things they had to say: "I learned to type faster than I thought I could;" "It was cool being able to type without looking down;" and "I loved the typing games!" As a teacher, I am so blessed to be a part of the Kremlin-Hillsdale staff. The wonderful support from KHAEF, as well as the community makes programs like these possible. Thanks for all you do



By: Chelsea Edington

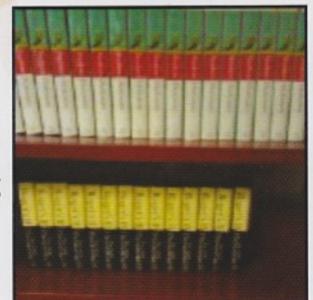
This past year, I wrote a grant for a new set of dictionaries and thesauruses for my English classes and a set of DVD's for sociology class. By receiving all three, the KHAEF has proven, once again, how wonderful of a support system they are. In a world of ever changing technology, it's a constant struggle for federally funded programs, such as public schools, to keep their resources updated. My students, especially junior high, were not able to use the previous dictionaries to look up vocab words on their assignments (which were designed to use dictionaries) because they hadn't been updated in the last 10-20 years.



My new dictionaries couldn't have come at a better time. All my students have been thoroughly impressed that they can finally look up words and get the answers they need to complete their assignments. Requesting dictionaries and thesauruses was very important to me because the new generations of students are relying heavily on spell check and search engines to find information they need. My goal is to make sure they're aware of ALL the ways to find information and do research, especially because a computer is not always available.

Along the same lines, our sociology resources are also outdated. Since it's not a core, or required, class, new materials haven't been purchased in quite a while. While the information in the books is still relevant, there are no supplemental resources to go with them. This is where the DVD's came in. Students thoroughly enjoyed being able to watch real life examples of topics we were studying. It helped them connect to the material in ways that simply reading a textbook cannot.

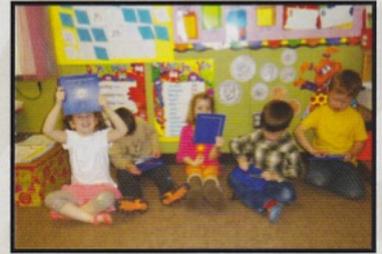
I can't thank the KHAEF enough for all their hard work and dedication to the students. It's a good feeling to know that your hard work is not only recognized, but supported.



Successful Student Grant

By: Daine Highfill & Janet Powell

With higher demands placed on students to achieve on standardized testing, "Successful Students" was a great opportunity for our seventh and eighth grade students to practice test taking skills. With the "Successful Students" grant, Kremlin-Hillsdale School was able to provide these students the chance to go beyond the classroom curriculum in reading and math for both grades, as well as science and social studies for the eighth grade using the web-based program Study Island. Study



Island is designed to enhance the students learning of content specific skills necessary to master the Oklahoma Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS) while also providing an introduction to the Common Core Standards. Students who used the program gained knowledge, test taking skills, and independent study skills. Kudos to the Foundation for supporting such endeavors that give teachers the opportunity to go beyond the regular curriculum to better educate our students.



KHAEF Memorial/Honor Program

Do you have a friend or family member you would like to recognize and have it make an impact for years to come? The KHAEF Memorial/Honor Program is an excellent way to do this. In 2012-2013, donations were made in memory of Kimberly Patton (Brewer), Helena Toews, Pete Norwood, and Warren "Bud" Oswald. Those honored were the Kirkpatrick family and Paula Olmstead. A gift to the memorial Fund is a gift that "keeps on giving" as those funds are used for our Grants for Teachers Program. We appreciate those who have already taken advantage of this opportunity! We also encourage those interested in making KHAEF a beneficiary of memorials, honor recognitions, life insurance, estates, or trusts to please contact a Board of Trustee member. Observe the plaques in the basketball concession area listing those memorialized over the years.

Observation in the Classroom

By: Cindy Felber

Many students were observed and the overall consensus is improved learning! As I visited the classrooms of grant recipients, excitement for the new tools of academic achievement was apparent. In the grade school pre-k actively engaged in manipulate math. The Fourth graders really enjoy learning their lessons while improving typing skills. Melodicas, dictionaries, and Sequoyah books were also added for the entire school to enjoy. These additions would not be possible without the grant. Our students can enrich their reading right at their own school library!

In the Jr high and High school classrooms Science, Math, Finances, Agriculture, English, History and Sociology all have seen the effects of KHAEF grants. Many science students have commented on the new stereomicroscopes. The technology is great. In math students now have access to technical calculators that allow students to learn higher math and be ready for college. In agriculture science seeds and documents can be magnified, manipulated and viewed on smart boards. Our students now have up to date dictionaries and thesauruses! These are just a few examples of improvements in the classrooms.

The students and teachers are definitely appreciative of all the new improvements in their classrooms. It was a great experience to see that KHAEF has been responsible for these achievements and to know that with your help we will continue to excel in the classrooms!



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How to get involved:

If you would like to make a donation to Kremlin-Hillsdale Academic Enrichment Foundation - in essence, a donation to our children's future, please detach this coupon and return it with your check in the enclosed envelope.

I am enclosing \$_____ as my tax deductible gift to help make a difference at Kremlin-Hillsdale School.

Donating will support the Grants for Teachers Program and permanent endowment fund and will enable us to continue providing innovative and creative learning activates for our youth for years to come.

Name: _____

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If this donation is in honor of a loved one or being made as a memoriam, please indicate how you would like the name to read on the plaque:

Keeping Up to Date with KHAEF

KHAEF has given over \$100,000 in grants to Kremlin-Hillsdale teachers since it's beginning in 2002. The KHAEF mission is to promote enriched educational opportunities which will produce innovative and creative learning activities for all youth in the Kremlin-Hillsdale Public Schools.

As with any organization, KHAEF needs people involved. How could you get involved? Here are some ideas: join the KHAEF Board, give us ideas on fundraisers, assist with events we already have (Ice Cream Social), provide items for fundraising, or donate monies directly to the Foundation.

How can you stay connected?

First of all, look us up on facebook, like us or friend us under **Kremlin-Hillsdale Academic Enrichment Foundation**. We try to post items of interest, pictures, etc. of what is happening with the Foundation.

You could also contact any board member and they would be glad to get you up to date on how you could be more involved with the Foundation.

We are always looking for ideas, as well as, people who want to be a part of this great program for Kremlin-Hillsdale Schools. If you are interested , contact one of the Board members for more information about what it takes to be a part of the Kremlin-Hillsdale

Academic Enrichment Foundation team.

Also, we want to say thank you to the many people who are already involved in the Foundation...we could not be providing the incredible grants and other opportunities without the assistance of friends like you.

Thank You!

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