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The Foundation for Owosso Public Schools was created out of the passion to extend cutting-edge initiatives that go beyond the school district's budgetary resources.

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OPS Foundation Supports Classroom Projects

The Owosso Public Schools support a 21st Century Education where students are encouraged to think critically, think creatively, embrace the entrepreneurial spirit, and explore their curiosities. In order to be a leader in the evolution of education, Owosso Public Schools collaborates with the Owosso Public Schools Foundation for the purpose of educating inquiring, knowledgeable, principled, and balanced students who promote progressive communities.

The Owosso Public Schools Foundation supports students by offering

two grant opportunities each year. Mrs. Clark, a third grade teacher at Central Elementary was awarded an OPS Foundation mini-grant to



project directly supports Owosso's focus on STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Sponsorships of classroom projects are available through the Owosso Public Schools Foundation. Call 989-723-8131 for details.

Photo caption: Josiah Rodriguez, a third grader in Mrs. Clark's class at Central Elementary School, dissects his owl pellet. An owl pellet is a mass of undigested food that is occasionally regurgitated and often includes the exoskeletons of their prey. Each student was given an owl pellet, gloves, tweezers and a wooden probe to dissect the pellet and then identify the animal based on the bones in the pellet.

implement an interactive science project with her students. The mini-grant purchased owl pellets and the necessary tools to dissect the pellets. This

What We Believe

The Foundation promotes hands-on instruction and supports inspiration beyond the classroom through educational grants.

Our focus is funding educational grants for outstanding projects that expand the intellectual horizons of our students while embracing world-class opportunities. Grant applications are open to all employees of the district.

The Foundation is a charitable nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing quality educational programs that are synonymous with Owosso Public Schools.

To accomplish our mission, the Foundation welcomes all segments of the community to actively contribute to public education. Additionally, we will join

together with other civic entities in promoting the general welfare of education.

The Foundation values community stakeholders and seeks opportunities to showcase the advancement of student education through specialized events throughout the year.



Alumni Spotlight

We want to hear your story as an Owosso High School student and graduate. Tell us what experiences and events have positively influenced you as an individual as you have moved on to new chapters in your life.

Perhaps your time at OHS has significantly influenced your outlook on life; guided you into a meaningful career; instilled a passion to volunteer to those whom are less fortunate.

Please tell us your story so that we may publish it in the "Foundation Forum" newsletter to be shared with other alumni and those within our community. Submissions should be directed by email to Thompson@owosso.k12.mi.us.

An Evening with Friends

Featuring "The Owosso Swing Band"

The OPS Foundation presents our major fund-raising event for 2013. An Evening with Friends featuring "The Owosso Swing Band" with special guests: Owosso Public Schools Employees and Alumni. New OHS Wall of Honor Recipients will be inducted and honored.

Saturday, November 23, 2013

6 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 Dancing

Comstock Inn

Save the Date!



Ticket information to follow.

2012 Mini Grant Recipients

Activity or Project Funded	School	Teacher	Amount
Coaches Advancement Program	Owosso High School	Dallas Lintner	\$240
Native American cultural enrichment history	Lincoln High School	Michelle Schmitz	\$165
Improving International Baccalaureate Humanities Assessments	Owosso Middle School	Bridget Spielman	\$143.37
Full version education applications for iPads	Emerson	Angela Graham	\$250
Apple Volume Purchase Program for Education (purchase of applications to load onto district iPads)	Owosso High School and Owosso Middle School	Samantha Lieberman	\$250

Service Learning Opportunity

Dear OPS Parents and Staff:

The Owosso Main Street/Owosso Downtown Development Authority Board would like to offer an opportunity that we believe will link and enhance the efforts of the OMS/DDA, the Owosso Public Schools District, and the Owosso Public Schools Foundation. We believe that the collaboration described below can enhance the communication, reach, scope, public awareness, and effectiveness of all three organizations.

The opportunity we are proposing is to offer community service hours to International Baccalaureate and National Honor Society students by involving them in the multitude of projects that are underway due to the adoption by the Owosso Downtown Development Authority of the volunteer-based National Trust for Historic Preservation Main Street process. The Main Street process uses a well-defined four point approach to engage volunteers in the planning and implementation of projects that positively affect the community in which they live.

At the present time there are approximately 25 projects that the students could engage in. They range from flower planting and maintenance to web site development, newsletter production, etc. Each project has a community member assigned as project manager and each existing project has defined tasks and a timeline for implementation. In addition, students will have an opportunity to suggest new projects and to develop the project plans. Parents of the students will be encouraged to get involved in the projects as well.

We have a volunteer coordinator in place for this initiative. His name is Josh Adams, and he can be reached at 989-277-1553. Josh is ready to take calls from any OPS staff member and/or IB and NHS students on any aspect of the plan or on any one of the projects.

Once we begin, Josh will speak to the students, find out their interests and skills, and then assign them to projects that are compatible with the discovered interests and skills. Josh will introduce the students to the individual work plan project managers and will ensure that the students have an overall great experience.

Sincerely,

David L. Acton

**Chairman, Owosso Main Street/Owosso Downtown Development Authority Board
President, Owosso Public Schools Foundation**

Potential Projects

Monthly Newsletter
Website
Photography
Downtown Farmers Market
Artisan Market

Art Walk
Halloween
Glow Owosso
Car Cruise
Cruise to the Castle

Sidewalk Sales
Owossopalooza
Downtown Flowers
Window Decorating
Business Stewardship

Donate Today



Your Opportunity to Influence a Generation

No contribution is too small. Whether you are a business interested in giving something back to the community, or an individual who simply recognizes the importance of education in the development of our future leaders, please consider a donation to the Owosso Public Schools Foundation.

\$50 Diploma

Name on the Foundation website

Business Promotion for tax purposes to a public 501(c)3 charity

\$100 Associate

Name on the Foundation website

Name included in Friends of the Foundation highlight in "Trojan Times"

Business Promotion for tax purposes to a public 501(c)3 charity

\$150 Bachelor

Name on the Foundation website

Name included in Friends of the Foundation highlight in "Trojan Times"

Link to your business on the Foundation website

Business Promotion for tax purposes to a public 501(c)3 charity

\$250 Master

Name on the Foundation website

Name included in Friends of the Foundation highlight in "Trojan Times"

Link to your business on the Foundation website

Book donated in your name to a school library of your choice

Business card ad in Foundation event program

Business Promotion for tax purposes to a public 501(c)3 charity

\$500 Doctoral

Name on the Foundation website

Name included in Friends of the Foundation highlight in "Trojan Times"

Link to your business on the Foundation website

Book donated in your name to a school library of your choice

Two tickets to a foundation fundraising event

Business Promotion for tax purposes to a public 501(c)3 charity

Name _____ **Donation Amount** _____

Address _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

Method of contribution:

_____ Check _____ Cash

_____ I have contributed via the website. (Go to <http://owosso.k12.mi.us/>, select the "Community" tab from the home page, click on "OPS Foundation", then click on the "Donate" button.)

Mail donations to: OPS Foundation, 645 Alger Street, Owosso, MI 48867