

Enriching the Educational Experience through The Dayton Foundation



How You Can Help!

The **NORTHBRIDGE POLAR BEAR FOUNDATION FUND** is an endowment with **The Dayton Foundation** that grants funds for educational enhancements to benefit the students of Northridge Local Schools.



Support the "Polar Bear Initiative" for 2023-2024

The last few years have been a challenge for the schools, with the tornado devastation in 2019, and the COVID-19 related setbacks and strains on the budget in 2020 and continuing throughout 2023. The Northridge Optimist Club and **The Dayton Foundation** are seeking donors to help sustain the kind of support that enriches the educational experience for the students. We are reaching out to friends of the Northridge Optimist Club, Northridge alumni, area businesses, and community members to help support these efforts for the coming school year, and beyond.

See donation information on the Northridge Optimist Club website at:

<http://www.northridgeoptimist.org/polar-bear-donation.html>

Donations are made directly to The Dayton Foundation, a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization.



- Use the blue donation button to transfer directly to The Dayton Foundation page for a secure credit card donation

Donations by check can be made by mailing directly to **The Dayton Foundation** using the form on the back of this page. The mail-in form may also be downloaded from the Northridge Optimist Club website.

Why this Year is Important for the Future

The fund has been a source of support to Northridge students for the past twelve years with grants that provide important educational enhancements that are not covered by school budgets. The "Polar Bear Initiative" campaign was begun in August of 2020 as a means to boost the chances for the fund to continue to operate in future years. Generous donations in 2020, 2021, and 2022 have covered grants for the past three school years (see the list of donors below). But for the 2023-2024 school year support is still needed to continue with the two grant cycles, which adds up to about \$4000 or more per year. So the fund raiser initiative will continue for 2023-2024 and beyond, to keep providing programs designed for enriching the educational experience for Northridge students. Your help is still needed, so the club is asking friends of the Northridge community to consider a donation. See the information on the right to donate.

Examples of Northridge Polar Bear Foundation Fund Grants

- Junior Great Books program - building life-long learners - 2nd grade
- "What's Cooking" - 11th & 12th grade - learning economics of preparing food
- Items to aid in testing all 2nd & 3rd grade students for flexibility and dexterity
- Items for "The Green Thumb Club", an after-school program for teaching gardening skills
- STEM project promoting knowledge of coding and programming.
- Supporting a mentoring program for improving achievement for at-risk students in grades K-5.
- Grant for purchasing a kit of basic tools and supplies for repair of band instruments.
- Funds for an "Exploring Our Future Day" event for middle school students.
- A new embroidery project to the arts & craft curriculum to expand the students' creative skills.
- Providing reading materials electronically to enhance, and evaluate reading and writing skills.
- Materials for students to build robots to perform a particular task, working in small groups.
- Program to encourage at-risk Senior students to stay in school with special Friday lunches.
- Books to be used by Jr. & Sr. English students in conjunction with a Study Sync curriculum.
- Program to educated students on the negative effects of alcohol and drugs.
- A "great books" program for 4th grade language arts students
- Books for a 7th grade classroom
- High school art projects
- Math study programs for grades 3 and 5
- Science projects for STEM students
- Social skills programs for K-4
- "Girls on the Run" programs for grades 3 and 5
- Books designed for special ed students
- Two Muse Machine performances at the school for grades 6-12
- A "Climate and Culture Team project" to enhance the social-emotional competence of K-12.
- The replacement of math picture books that were lost in the Grafton Kennedy school destruction.
- Student volunteer Corps for developing student leaders
- Reading, Writing & Critical Thinking Skills - reading materials (middle school)



These are typical of the types of programs that are supported - things that fall outside of what is provided by the school district curriculum, but that provide great enrichment and added scope to the student experience.

Learn more about the Polar Bear Fund on the club website.

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We hope to be able to support Northridge education with grants for the 2021-2022 school year at the same level as in the past. With your help the "Polar Bear Initiative" can make this possible.



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"Polar Bear Initiative" campaign by the Northridge Optimist Club

Northridge Optimist Club

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Learn more about the Northridge Polar Bear Foundation Fund at NorthridgeOptimist.org

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Asterisk items (*) are required for us to process your gift.

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- This gift is in honor of someone.

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I would like to receive the Foundation's email updates.

For Online Donations:

To make a secure credit card online donation to the Northridge Polar Bear Foundation Fund there is a direct link on the Northridge Optimist Club website at <http://www.northridgeoptimist.org/polar-bear-fund-initiative.html>

Mail in Information:

Make Check Payable to The Dayton Foundation: *

Indicate "for Northridge Polar Bear Foundation Fund #3451" in the notation area on check*

Mail to:
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