

Enriching the Educational Experience for Students in Northridge Schools



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.



The last few years have been a challenge for the schools, with the tornado devastation in 2019, and the COVID-19 related setbacks in 2020, along with continuing strains on the budget. Donors are needed to sustain this fund, which is administered by **The Dayton Foundation**, and to help provide support that enriches the educational experience for Northridge students.

What is the Northridge Polar Bear Foundation Fund?

The **THE NORTHBRIDGE POLAR BEAR FOUNDATION FUND** was started by **Northridge Local Schools** with an investment to create an endowment with **The Dayton Foundation** for funding school-related programs that were not covered by school district budgets. The stipulation for the use of funds was to preclude its use for scholarships. The disbursement of funds is handled as a grant process, with an advisory committee that evaluates applications for funds. The application form is made available through the school.

Donations have allowed the fund to be 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. Continued donations are the only means to boost the chances for the fund to operate in future years. The fund is currently providing grants in two cycles per school year adding up to about \$4,000 or more per year for enriching the educational experience for Northridge students.

Donations are made directly to **The Dayton Foundation**, a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization.

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Examples of Northridge Polar Bear Foundation Fund Grants

Since the fund's first grants in 2011, over \$60,000 has been awarded to supplement various educational programs. For the school years of 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 these programs include the following:

- 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 educate 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)
- Jobs for America's Graduates Program
- After School Club, skateboarding, etc.
- Robot Operating Skills for students
- Muse Machine in school programs
- Drone operating skills for students



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.

Donations are needed to be able to support Northridge education with grants for the coming school years at the same level as in the past. With your help, the "Polar Bear Initiative" can make this possible.



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