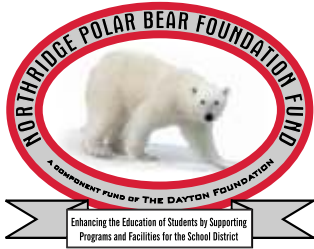


## Enriching the Educational Experience through The Dayton Foundation



### How You Can Help!

The **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 2020

The last several months 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. **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>



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

*A form to donate by check is also available for downloading from the Northridge Optimist Club website... (for mailing directly to The Dayton Foundation)*

### Why this Year is Important

Your help is especially needed this year. What would have been the 37th Annual **Northridge Optimist Club Golf Scramble** fundraiser, usually held in September, has been **cancelled for 2020** due to the pandemic situation. Since this golf event is held for the benefit of the Polar Bear Foundation Fund, there will be no funds to add the foundation for the coming school year without additional support from the community. The 2019 golf outing fundraiser contributed about \$5000 to the foundation from donations, sponsorships, and golfing fees, which covered the grants for the 2019-2020 school year.

### Examples of Northridge Polar Bear Foundation Fund Grants

A total of \$5084 in grants were awarded in the 2019-2020 school year, to supplement several educational programs, including the following:

- 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

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.**

<http://www.northridgeoptimist.org>

**We hope to be able to support Northridge education with grants for the 2020-2021 school year at the same level as in the past.  
With your help the "Polar Bear Initiative" can make this possible.**