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ANNUAL REPORT

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One School, One Book

Using funds received from an Innovative Projects Grant, Elementary teachers coordinated an ambitious community-wide program to encourage reading to children and student literacy

The benefits of reading aloud to children are remarkable. When an entire school reads the same book, the buzz and excitement around the book augments the benefits. Reading a book together brings the added joy of building and expanding a sense of community among students, parents, teachers, staff – and beyond.

That was the premise behind Danielle King and the Elementary Reading teachers implementing the One Book program which was by far the most ambitious community engagement effort in 2018-2019. One School, One Book, a Read to Them program, promoted the entire school community reading the same book.

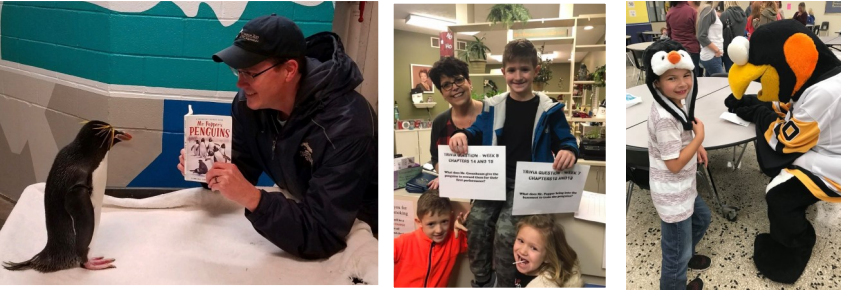
A kick-off assembly to reveal the book took place in October, followed by several activities to encourage student participation. Elementary students promoted the book at a football game, buddy activities with upper elementary/primary students making crafts based on the book theme, high school students sponsored a book walk, staff members read a chapter a week which was recorded and saved to YouTube; community sponsors posted photos of students visiting their businesses to answer the trivia questions.

Each student in the elementary school received a free copy of "Mr. Popper's Penguins" and a passport to be stamped by the participating businesses when the students visited to answer the trivia questions.

Wooden penguins were built by the high school shop students and decorated by the elementary students. The penguins were distributed throughout the community to increase awareness for the program and create another component of school/community engagement.

Plans are underway for 2019-2020.
HINT: It's a "delicious mystery"!

Stop by the One Book booth at the
2nd Annual cA-Res Tailgate on
September 27 at 5 PM in Owens Grove.



Middle School students at Sci-Tech Days at the Carnegie Science Center

"It was a great day for kids. A really awesome event for our 8th graders!"

—Travis Barta, MS Principal
K-12 Curriculum Coordinator

- IMPORTANT DATES
- July 1: Annual Membership Drive Begins
 - September 16: Third Quarter Meeting @ High School Library 5:30 PM
 - September 27: 2nd Annual cA-Res Tailgate @ Owens Grove 5-7 pm
 - October 1: Deadline for Innovative Projects Grant Applications
 - October 28: Innovative Projects Grants Funded 6:30 PM
 - November 9: 2019 Gala/ Silent Auction 6-10 PM
 - December 3: Year-End Review 5:30 PM
 - January 20: Reorganization Meeting 5:30 PM

Memorials

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In Memory of Harold Geiger

Cindy Vranka’s donation in memory of her father enabled the 6th grade class to visit the Heinz History Center in May. Cindy’s generous donation will make this possible for the next 4 years. What a meaningful way to honor her father’s memory and his love of history.

Consider a tax-deductible donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one or favorite teacher or student. Donations can be designated for a specific project or program.

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A Parent’s Volunteer
Work Translates into
a \$500 Donation to
the Foundation

Michelle Stephens, an employee at United Healthcare, spent weeks putting together the Kiski Township Touch—a—Truck event last year. For her efforts, her company provided her with \$500 that she could donate to a charity of her choice.

Since Michelle’s son, Landon, is a 9th grader at Apollo-Ridge and her husband, Rich, is the school district’s Resource Officer, she designated that the funds be used to purchase resources to improve student safety.

For more information on how you can get your employer involved in this type of program, contact Benevity.



Because Michelle’s son, Landon Clark, and husband, A-R SRO Rich Stephens, are both at the school, Michelle, designated her \$500 donation to school safety. Jacob Mull and Mason Disciscio are also in the photo taken when Officer Stephens received NASRO’s Regional Exceptional Service Award.



7th Grade students participating in the Science Olympiad and High School students at the SeAL Challenge

Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program

In 2018, the Foundation received \$32,000 from these invaluable corporate partners. To learn more about this program visit newpa.com/eitc.

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Hands-on learning fun at Crooked Creek Outdoor Learning Center compliments of our EITC partners

Wishes Granted

Using funds from our EITC partners the Foundation made several wishes come true for projects and programs that exceeded \$1000.

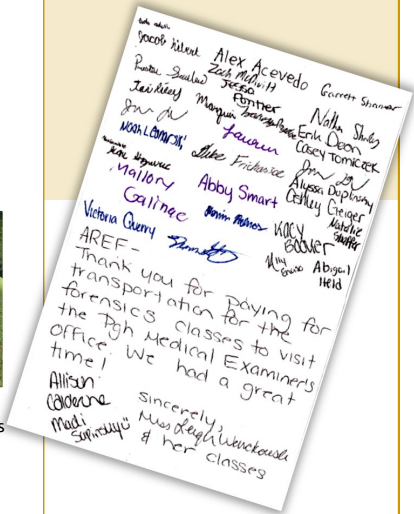
- ◇ ALL Elementary students visited the Crooked Creek Outdoor Discovery Center.
- ◇ Music students enjoyed playing tunes on a marimba, a digital piano, and a classroom set of guitars.
- ◇ A new poster printer for the tech ed department enables bigger print jobs to be completed in-house.
- ◇ A backdrop rigging system was debuted during the Drama Club’s presentation of “The Music Man”.
- ◇ Three teams competed at the Sea, Air, Land Challenge.
- ◇ Sphero SPRK+ robots were purchased to upgrade the high school robotics program.



Our EITC partners provide funding for high school students to compete in Quiz Bowl and Math League and for 7th & 8th Grade students to participate in WeDIG’s Rube Goldberg Challenge

We are incredibly proud to partner with A-REF through the EITC program. By providing extraordinary learning experiences to the students, we hope they will be inspired to find their true potential and commit to succeed not only in the classroom but also their future careers. We believe by investing in our youth, we also invest in our local communities. It is our pleasure to be part of such an exceptional program.

--Elderton State Bank
Amanda Knell, VP/COO
EITC Partner Since 2018



STEM +A-Rts Field Trips

Sometimes the best learning experiences take place outside of the classroom. Using EITC funds, the Foundation underwrote transportation costs for:

- ◇ 8th grade students to attend Sci-Tech Days at Carnegie Science Center
- ◇ Kindergarten students to learn about farm-to-table at Vale Wood Farms
- ◇ Anatomy students to observe Open Heart Surgery at AGH
- ◇ Grades 2 & 4 to attend Pittsburgh Symphony Concerts
- ◇ Forensics science students to visit the Pittsburgh Medical Examiner’s Office



Third grade students at Crooked Creek Outdoor Discovery Center & Kindergarten students at Vale Wood Farms.

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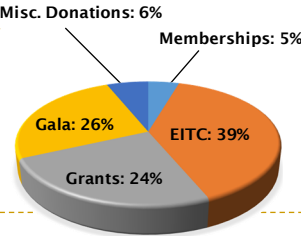
Meetings are held the third Monday of January, March, June, and September at 5:30 PM in the Apollo-Ridge High School library.

The meetings are public and attendees are encouraged to volunteer.

Reviewed Financial Statement
Cash Basis for Year Ended December 31, 2018

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	PROGRAM SERVICES	GENERAL & ADMIN	TOTAL
REVENUE		Learning Festival	\$1,314	-	\$1,314
Contributions & Memberships	\$ 88,767	Speaker Series	-	250	250
EXPENSES		Innovative Projects Grants	3,318	-	3,318
Program Services	\$ 58,109	Gala	22,372	-	22,372
General & Administrative	\$ 4,571	EITC	21,012	-	21,012
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 62,680	Mural/ArtsPath	10,093	-	10,093
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 26,087	Business Supplies	-	3,246	3,246
NET ASSETS—JAN 1, 2018	\$ 37,258	Advertising	-	175	175
NET ASSETS—DEC 31, 2018	\$ 63,345	Audit Fees	-	900	900
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$58,109	\$4,571	\$62,680

Major Sources of Income



“2018’s Reviewed Financial Statement confirms that 93% of the Foundation’s expenditures directly impact Apollo-Ridge students. Only 7% of funds are used for administrative expenses.”

Oral History of Apollo



This project will complete the existing mural installed in Apollo in 2018. Funded by IUP’s ArtsPath program and the Education Foundation, this section is being created by A-R art students and the folks who gather at Apollo’s Senior Center. Ricardo Robinson (bottom) made audio recordings of the folks’ memories of growing up in Apollo. Laura Jean McLaughlin (group photo) used those memories to create the mosaic’s design. An earlier part of the residency included Bernie Wilke (top) introducing art students to stop-action film making and creating the mural backdrop (middle). The mural should be installed by early fall 2019.



Nine Innovative Projects Grants Funded



“NEW” Environmental Science Course; 1st Grade Foodies, 1st Grade Family Fun Fest, “NEW” Middle School Garden Club; High School student sewing seat pockets for Kindergarten students

Matt Grantz Sensing Energy & Momentum	Engaging students in real-world authentic data collection and analysis using some of the most accurate and efficient sensors available to study the concepts of energy, work, momentum, and impulse.
Becky Snyder Potty Ponderings	Positive sayings will be painted and stenciled onto the doors in the student restrooms to encourage positive thoughts and behaviors.
Chad Danka A-R Elementary Museum	A trophy case across from the Elementary library will be used to display historical artifacts from our attendance area. Items will be purchased or borrowed to refresh the display each month.
Danielle King One School, One Book	The goal of this Read to Them program is to promote the practice of reading aloud to children at home and to strengthen community involvement through literacy. Since the book chosen for the program features penguins, students will paint 4 foot tall penguins to be on display in Apollo to help promote the program community-wide.
Janie Fryer First Grade Foodies	First graders will be inspired to cook and eat a variety of foods that they wouldn’t normally be exposed to using the Chop Chop Curriculum. The children will be exposed to math, language arts, science, and social studies concepts and even be exposed to some Spanish language learning. The experience will be captured in a photo journal each child will create.
Anderson/Kehew/ Cronin/Fryer/Reilly 1 st Grade Family Fun Fest	To promote parental involvement and to build a positive parent/teacher/ student relationship, families will be invited to enjoy an evening of classic board games and activities that promote reading, math, social skills, and team building.
Tina Hartman Environmental Science Course	This is a new course being offered in the Spring for students to learn about self-sustaining ecosystems and reusable/sustainable energy sources.
Jamie Biller Seat Pockets for Elementary Classrooms	The Fabric Arts students are creating seat pockets for kindergarten and pre-k students by repurposing jeans. The seat pockets hold various learning tools for the students.
Monika Bradley Middle School Garden Club	The Garden Club will take a field trip to Phipps Conservatory to learn about plant cultivation and basic landscaping. They will use this knowledge to improve the landscaping outside of the middle school.

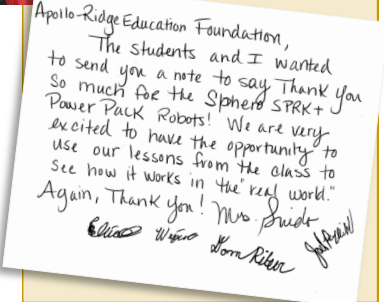
What Kids are Saying ...

GUITARS IN MUSIC CLASS
Guitars are super duper fun ... I wish there was harder music though—**Sam Ryan** The new guitars influenced me to play my own at home—**Kenzie Delp** Getting the chance to experiment with instruments other than the ones in band—**Emma Frain** Gives students a chance to play music while not in chorus or band—**Jerzy T** It helps me make more sounds that would be literally impossible anywhere else—**Kaden Bopp**

AGH FIELD TRIP
I had the best time on this field trip and learned so much about not just the heart itself, but also all the different kinds of careers, procedures, and other things such as the equipment that all contribute to making the surgery happen. It was such a great experience to see everything and learn so much! —**Camryn Shedlock**
As someone who is thinking about going into a career in the medical field, I thought the trip was very informative and gave amazing insight into what it is actually like inside of a functioning operating room. —**Madison Cup**



Art students created clay characters while experimenting with stop-motion film making during an IUP ArtsPath Residency with Bernie Wilke.





Kate Myers Wins Holiday Card Design Contest

This is the 11th year that an Apollo-Ridge student's artwork was featured on the greeting card Apollo-Ridge sends to staff, area school districts, local businesses and affiliates of the District. Kate's winning entry earned her \$25 and a box of cards. Runners up included Brooke Kuntz and Beck Andree. Michael Huber's entry received Honorable Mention for being the first design submitted.

Elizabeth Penrose Receives Foundation's Scholarship

Elizabeth, a high honor roll student with extensive volunteer experience, was chosen as this year's \$1000 scholarship recipient. Her resume reflects a student who is committed to her school and community through multiple activities, many of which included leadership roles. For very personal reasons, Elizabeth chose nursing as a career goal and was accepted at the University of Pittsburgh to begin her studies.



2018-2019 Members

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Bold = Gold

Aaron Broman
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The Drama Club's wish for a backdrop pulley system and the band's wish for a marimba were granted with EITC funds.



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Dan Consuegra
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Chad Danka
Dan Daugherty
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Bob Desiderato
Erika Dishong
Wendy Donelow
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Amanda Flickinger
Greg Fox
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The 5th Annual Gala/Silent Auction raised \$21,000 to purchase laptops for all incoming 6th graders. The equipment, which the students will keep through their senior year, is used for class work, homework, research, and test taking.

We are happy to partner with you on the excellent and important work you do. Please reach out for anything you need throughout the year.

Thank you and best regards,
—Coleman Hughes, General Manager
Wyndham Pittsburgh University Center



2018 Bow Ties & Blue Jeans Sponsors

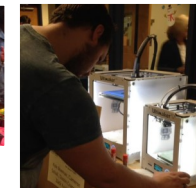
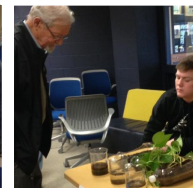
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STEM + A-Rts Showcase Thanks Donors

In March, forty students welcomed dozens of guests including donors, sponsors, Foundation members, parents, grandparents, A-R staff & peers into their world of hands-on learning. Programs on display included forensic science, gardening club, robotics, 3D printing, environmental science, and physics. Guests were fingerprinted, planted marigolds, played a marimba, strummed a guitar, and learned how to program a robot.



The student showcase of program development influenced by the Education Foundation was a great testimony to grand perseverance and creativity! I thoroughly enjoyed listening and learning from the students yesterday. Thank you!
—Dr. Cheryl Griffith
Former A-R Superintendent



ARCONIC FOUNDATION



Sheltering Our Supporters Arconic Grant

The Foundation received a \$20,000 grant in 2018 to build a multi-use shed at the outdoor track.

Beginning last fall, students in the Industrial Math Class used 123D Design by Autodesk to create the drawings for an outbuilding that will be used as a shelter to protect spectators from inclement weather; a concession stand for the Track Boosters; and storage for football and track equipment during the off-season.

Students 3D printed a model of the shed and built a wooden model to scale. Kyle Bowman took particular interest in the project and chose tan siding with white accents and a brown roof for the building.

Pine Creek Structures, Monroeville manufactured and installed the structure on a cement pad near the track.