



FOUNDATIONS

*Our Students.
Our Schools.
Our Community.*

Later this fall, you're going to hear about a dramatic change in the way you and the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation help our students and our schools. It's a change for the better for our donors, our teachers and administrators, and for everyone in our community.

When we started more than 30 years ago, we were one of the first foundations dedicated to a public school district in our state. Our legacy of success is something other districts seek to replicate. Not many districts were doing what we were, but what else would you expect from East Grand Rapids? We're Pioneers, and we always have been.

We began as an innovative way to fund school programs that went above and beyond what the district was able to provide. Over the years, the Foundation's mission has changed and expanded. While we once only provided "extras" for our students, waves of state budget cuts required us to provide some of the necessities for our students as well.

In the last ten years, the Foundation, thanks to generous donors like you, has been able to preserve vital programs that otherwise may have been cut. These programs include elementary gym, art, and music classes, the district's World Language program, early elementary para-educators, management of our Performing Arts Center, and more.

At the same time, the Foundation has continued to provide enhancements to our educational offering that have helped keep East Grand Rapids schools at the forefront of innovation and continue our tradition of excellence. From books to advanced training for our teachers to high-tech equipment for the Innovation Lab, the Foundation has helped make extraordinary opportunities available to all our students.

So what is the dramatic change to the way the Foundation helps our students? You'll hear more about that soon because we'll need your continued partnership on the journey. We've been hard at work over the past year and can't wait to tell you more. But rest assured, it's bold, it's new, and it's innovative. After all, we're Pioneers, and we always will be.

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INSIDE: A quick look at how you and the Foundation help our kids!

\$4,020,215

provided to our schools
through generous donations
to the Foundation
since its inception

You and the Foundation, a Partnership for Our Kids: Look What We Did Together in One Year!



11,408 hours
of World Language instruction
funded by the Foundation

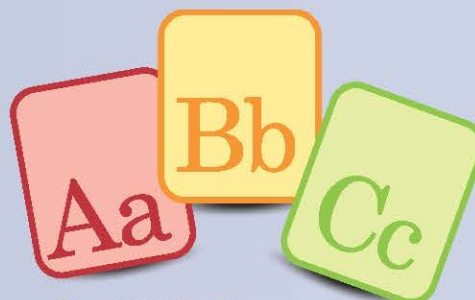
\$171,690
in grants contributed to our schools



37 grants
awarded to teachers and staff



\$239,709
in program support to our schools



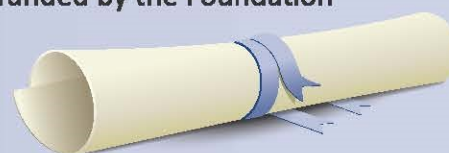
6,120 hours
of early literacy instruction
provided by K-1 para-educators
funded by the Foundation



2,940 students
will benefit from grants and program support



71,047 people
who attended an event at
Performing Arts Center run by
Foundation-funded manager



\$13,465
in scholarships
for students and faculty



12,063 books
purchased through funded grants



\$3,566,569
invested in
Class of 2018 students
during their time at East

12,877 alumni
served by the EGRSF Alumni Association



UPCOMING EVENTS

HOMECOMING WEEK:

October 1 – 6

Spirit Week at all schools

Friday, Oct. 5: Homecoming Celebration

4:30pm Parade

5:30pm Alumni Welcome Tent
(southeast corner of high school)

7:00pm Football vs. Thornapple Kellogg

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER:

Thursday, Nov. 1

This year's event will honor
Elizabeth Welch '88 and

Henry "Fritz" Schaefer '62. The event will be held at
Thousand Oaks Golf Club. Tickets are available at egrsf.org.



FALL PLAY: November 8 – 10

THANKSGIVING BREAK:

Wednesday, Nov. 21 – Monday, Nov. 26

HOLIDAY BREAK: Friday, Dec. 21 – Monday, Jan. 7

To learn more about how you and the Foundation make a powerful, positive difference

in the lives of our students, please visit the Foundation
website at www.egrsf.org. And, to keep up with
everything that's happening in East Grand Rapids,
consult and bookmark the East Cheat Sheet at
www.egrsf.org/events/the-cheat-sheet.html.

**As we strive to deliver the information you want
in the form you want it,** we're moving more of our
communications online, but we also want to make
sure we're reaching you.

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