



HANCOCK SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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"ENHANCING AND ENRICHING"

You can make a difference helping The Hancock Foundation accomplish our mission of "Enhancing and Enriching" the educational opportunities for the students of Hancock Public School. Each year we award grants that positively impact our school as a whole. We know that this would not be possible without the generous support of many donors. We hope that you consider joining us in our efforts as a first time donor, or if you have been a donor in the past that you will once again consider making a donation. Your support is truly appreciated!

FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

CARI BURNETT, JOEL FLATEN, COURTNEY LESMEISTER,
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THE HANCOCK FOUNDATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT THIS LAST YEAR

GENERAL FUND

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HOW OUR FOUNDATION FUNCTIONS

EXTRA-CURRICULAR & ATHLETIC FUND

This fund provides support for school programs ranging from Speech Contests to Owl Basketball. One of the best things about a small school is being involved, and everyone can participate. Maybe you were once a "Mighty Owl?"

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A donation to this fund is a gift that keeps on giving. This fund will provide annual scholarship opportunities for Hancock graduates.

TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

We are proud of the technology being provided to our current students, but technology continues to need improve. A donation to this fund will enhance education by allowing our small school to stay on the cutting edge.

CURRICULUM AND FINE ARTS FUND

Donations to this fund will help us provide the very best in classroom curriculum and help to continuously improve programs like Band, Choir, theatre and our art department.

UNIVERSAL FUND

This fund gives the Advisory Committee the most flexibility in designing funds to provide money where it is most needed.

IN ADDITION WE WOULD LIKE TO AKNOWLEDGE MANY ANONYMOUS DONORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO OUR FOUNDATION

CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK

PRAIRIE WOODS FIELD TRIP



The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes were granted a grant for a Science and Environmental field trip. This year the classes went to Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center in Spicer. Since there are so many students in grades 3-5, each grade went on a separate day. This ensured smaller group sizes and the same grade level of information to be taught at the field trip. At Prairie Woods the students rotated through 3 stations to learn about animals and nature in small groups. These stations included the topics: trees, insects, and predators and prey. The stations were very engaging! The kids learned facts and played games that involved the facts they learned. The field trips were great successes! The students, parent chaperones, and teachers all had positive remarks about the field trips! Thank you so much for allowing the students the opportunity to take their learning outside!

AUTHOR VISIT

Hancock Public Schools hosted a visit from Kevin Lovegreen, author of the Lucky Luke's Adventure series using funds awarded by the Hancock School Foundation. Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade had the opportunity to participate in one of three presentations where the author took them on an educational and entertaining journey into the world of writing and illustrating children's books. Kevin highlighted the team of uniquely skilled individuals that work together to create a book (Author, Editor, Illustrator, Designer). Next Lovegreen had fun explaining where his story ideas come from. Each book is based on true encounters and the kids loved hearing the author describe some of the adventures. Finally, Kevin challenged students to identify different animal calls and then shared a video of each of the animals as they were revealed. Students had the opportunity to purchase autographed books.



SINCLAIR LEWIS TRIP

The Hancock American Literature class taught through the University of MN Crookston is so thankful for the support of the Hancock School Foundation. Thanks to the support of the Foundation the class has been able to take a field trip to see the childhood home of Charles Lindbergh (We read his book We,) in Little Falls and the boyhood home of Sinclair Lewis (we read his book Main Street) in Sauk Centre. We also visited the gravesite of Sinclair Lewis. This trip helps to bring the authors to life for the students. Thank you Hancock foundation!

DISADVANTAGE STUDENT FUND

Thanks so much for the generous foundation grant. These funds are used to support Hancock Students that are financially at a disadvantage. These funds are used for test fees, activity fees, shop fees, clothing, winter gear, afternoon snacks, Hancock apparel and many other items. Students learn better if they have the necessary items needed to be successful. Without this grant certain students would not get the opportunity to participate in many activities and some would feel singled out which impacts learning and self-worth.

2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

DUE TO GENEROUS DONATIONS, THIS YEAR WE WERE ABLE TO AWARD TWO \$500 DOLLAR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND TWO \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF RUSSELL LARSON.

FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP

RUSSELL LARSON
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP



Cassandra Villela is the daughter of Gerado and Anna Villela. She is currently working on her cosmetology license at Ridgewater in Wilmar.

**Cassandra
Villela**



Blake Koehl is the son of Thomas and Patricia Koehl. He is currently studying veterinary science at SDSU in Brookings.

**Blake
Koehl**



Sean Wilson is the son of Eric and Janae Wilson. He is currently attending South Central College in North Mankato, MN and is studying Machine Tool Technology.

**Sean
Wilson**



Paxton Rohloff is the son of Chad and Mackensie Rohloff. He is currently attending NDSU in Fargo, ND for Criminal Justice.

**Paxton
Rohloff**



PRESCHOOL IPADS

Thank you for your donation of 6 iPads and cases to the preschool class. The preschoolers love listening to books that are read to them on the iPads. Our Bridges math curriculum has many apps that go with our classroom instruction for the preschoolers to practice their math skills. They also love going to starfall.com to play many fun letter and math games. The preschoolers are also often heard singing along to nursery rhymes that they listen to on the iPads. The preschoolers love the iPads and it is so fun to see them practicing the skills we are learning about in the classroom. Thanks again for your generous donation to our classroom!



3RD GRADE PHONICS

Third grade received a grant last year to purchase phonics slideshows and worksheets to help support phonic curriculum foundations. We use the slideshows daily to run through lessons in a visually appealing way. This keeps students engaged and participating. We use the worksheets to support and practice the daily skills. We are thankful for the Grant!

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SKILLS IN THE COMMUNITY!

Thanks to the generous donation from the Hancock Foundation the elementary special ed. and speech department were awarded a grant to support communication, reading, community involvement, social skills, and math skills we were learning about in the speech and special education settings.

We were able to take 24 kids from the Hancock school and offer them meaningful experiences applied to daily living outside of the school setting. They were able to budget for a meal, communicate with a waitress, socialize with their peers, and then pay for their meal with the given money, and the students even figured out their change. They had a blast, thank you!

Yes, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION!

PLEASE APPLY MY DONATION TO THE FOLLOWING FUND (CHECK ONE)

- Universal Fund
- Curriculum and Fine Arts
- Extra-Curricular & Athletics
- Scholarship
- Technology, Equipment & Capital Improvement

CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

- \$10,000 Sponsor Level
- \$5,000 Sponsor Level
- \$1,000 Sponsor Level
- \$500 Sponsor Level
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- OTHER _____

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- Make my donation in Memory of _____

PLEASE CALL ME! I'm interested in making a donation, BUT would like to speak with an advisory Committee Member or representative of West Central Initiative.

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