



WJCC SCHOOLS
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IMPACT REPORT 2021

WILLIAMSBURG JAMES CITY COUNTY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Friends,

Time will tell how much WJCC public school students were affected by this second year of Covid-19, a year in which we all had to change our lives in ways we had never anticipated. Since most classes were online this year classroom grants were nearly impossible, so the Schools Foundation focused much of our energy on creating a new website to provide better access to all our stakeholders.

One important website improvement is the online application which makes it easier for teachers to apply for grants and, upon completion of their grant projects, to submit evaluation reports to allow us to peek into the classroom to see the grants in action. Ultimately, the new website makes their work more accessible to everyone. The pictures, videos and testimonials will motivate teachers to seek funding for their own good ideas and inspire donors when they see the impact the grants have on WJCC Pre-K – 12th grade students.

Since our inception in 2015, we have awarded over \$220,000 to 248 teachers reaching all 16 schools at every grade level. Because Foundation board members fund operating costs, which included the new website upgrade, 100% of donations go toward grants. As you will recall, our ability to quickly provide laptops and WIFI connections to students early in the pandemic was entirely due to your generous support. The laptops and other grants will continue to educate students and enrich WJCC classrooms for years to come.

We look forward to the coming year of innovative learning grants as we remain poised to fund innovative teaching methods to bridge any educational gaps caused by the past two years of school disruption. I want to extend a big thank you to all our dedicated donors who continue to make these classroom innovations possible.

Sincerely,

Penny S. Pulley
Chair
WJCC Schools Foundation

INTRODUCTION

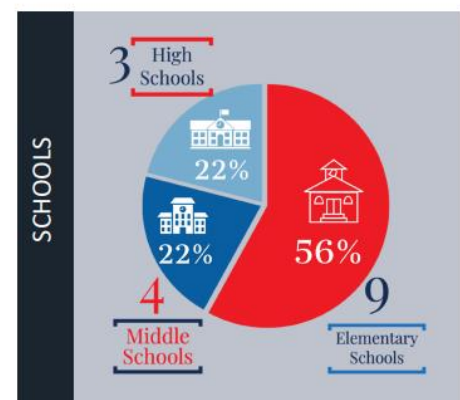
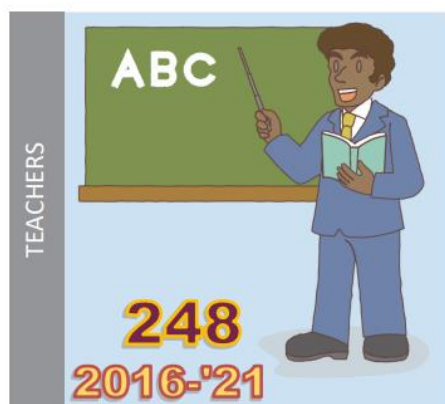
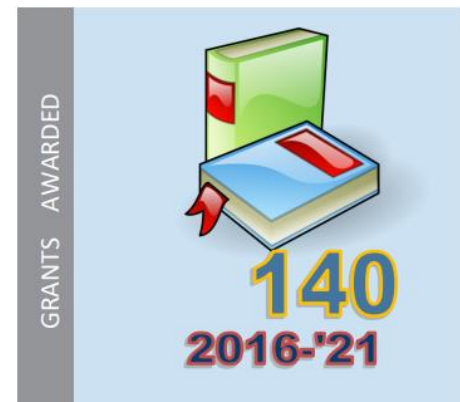
Mission

The WJCC Schools Foundation partners with the community to provide resources that enrich teaching, inspire learning, and maximize innovative opportunities to help Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools meet their own goals of educational excellence for all students.

Impact

Due to the disruptions and impacts brought about by Covid-19 restrictions on our public schools, the WJCC Schools Foundation did not award any new grants in 2021. Early on, we were quick to provide aid to the schools when they sought technology to support at home learning. As the year progressed and in-person learning resumed this past fall, the 33 grants, previously awarded were repurposed and repositioned by the teachers. All but one previously awarded grants were either completed or repurposed. Funds for the one grant not implemented was returned to the Schools Foundation.

Total dollars and grants awarded, teachers receiving grants, and the grant distribution by schools are as follows:



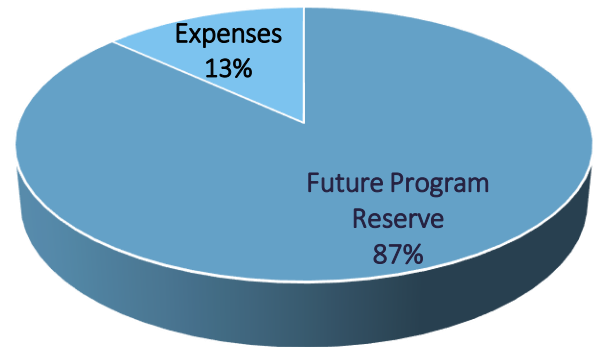
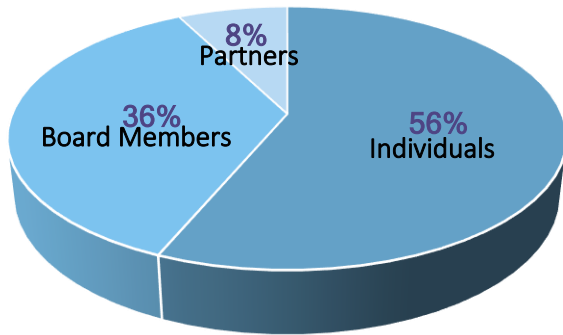
OUR FINANCIALS

In 2021, we raised \$73,895 from 136 donors comprised of Individuals, Partners (businesses/foundations), and Board members.

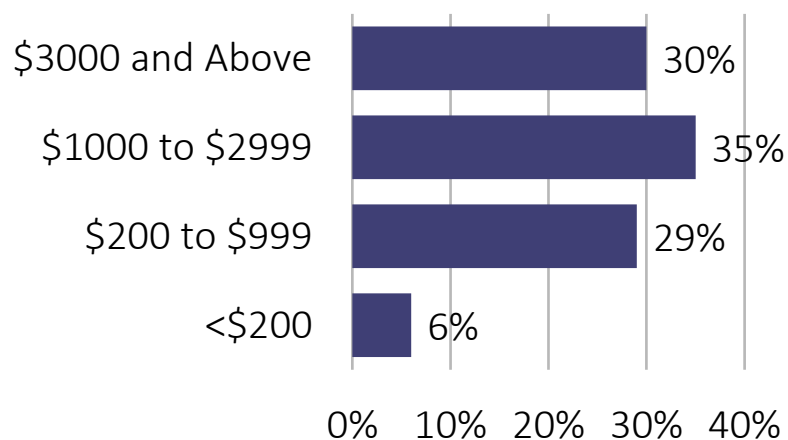
- 61% of donors gave the previous year.
- 9% of donors are new this year.
- 30% of donors gave prior to the previous year.

In 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Schools Foundation did not award any new grants for the year.

- Current Expenses totaled \$9,813.
- \$64,020 was added to Future Program Reserves.
- Board donations covered expenses enabling 100% of donations to support funding of grants directly.



Donations by Giving Level



OUR LEARNING GRANTS

“As being one of the kids to work on the **Outdoor Classroom**, I feel proud that I helped make a daily learning space for Toano Middle School. Mom told me that a bunch of different classes got to go

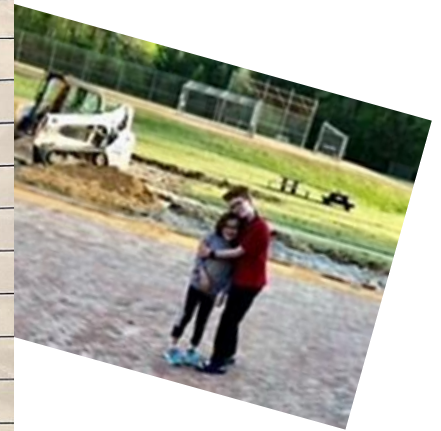


outside this fall, which is pretty cool. I also like that the special education children grow fresh food. Maybe one day the food can be used in the cafeteria. I didn't get to see all the fruits of my labor in action since the outdoor classroom is still being built, I still feel like I have made an impact on my community and former school.”

Theron Rath, TMS Class of 21

Abigail Rath, Student at Toano Middle School

~~In September of 2018 we worked on the classroom~~
 In September of 2018 we worked on the outdoor classroom for the first time. Me being 7 years old in 2nd grade and unfamiliar with Toano. I quickly understood how our work would have a great impact on the students & teachers. Being part of this amazing journey and being able to help kids benefit from being outdoors and learn how to grow their own food makes me happy. Next year when I go to Toano I am glad that I will be able to use the classroom for my studies.

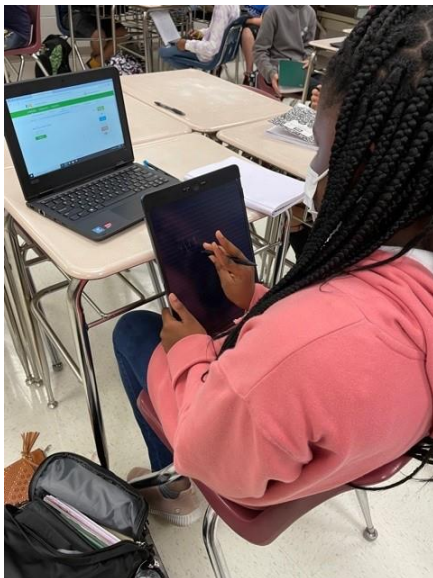


OUR LEARNING GRANTS



What do Matoaka Elementary School and Berkeley Middle School have in common? The use of **Playaway Audiobooks**. The WJCC Schools Foundation funded two grants so each school could purchase audiobooks to increase literacy skills and engagement. Students who enjoyed the audiobooks often have sought out other books by authors whose books they have listened to and enjoyed, and audiobooks recommended by peers and their teachers. Reluctant readers became eager readers.

Jenny Farley, Media Assistant at Berkeley Middle School



Grant Title:

“I Love Showing My Math Work,” said No Student Ever

“The kids are so excited to use the Boogie Board blackboards to show their work. I typically struggle to have them write their own work down on paper, but there is something about the green writing that makes them keep writing.

Mary Glisan - Teacher Berkley Middle School

Black Box Theatre

When you were in school, did you ever wonder what it would be like to be inside the story you were reading and experience it firsthand? At Jamestown High, students are doing just that through Black Box Theatre. Black Box is a small theatre where actors and audiences engage as one, and a grant from the Schools Foundation made this possible. Students wrote their pieces, produced them, and in their own words, “had a great feeling of telling cool stories.” The next adventure will be too.

J. Harvey Stone - Drama Teacher Jamestown High School

OUR PARTNERS

We are grateful to our partners, sponsors, and all the community organizations who have supported our mission.



"We are so impressed with the incredible work you all are doing in our schools and community."

Emily MacCartney
Community Affairs Coordinator,
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