

Together, We Can!



Olathe Public Schools
Foundation

2011-12 Olathe Public Schools Staff Campaign

Every day, you make a difference...

simply through the choice you've made to serve children...investing your talents in creating the best learning environment possible for our children.

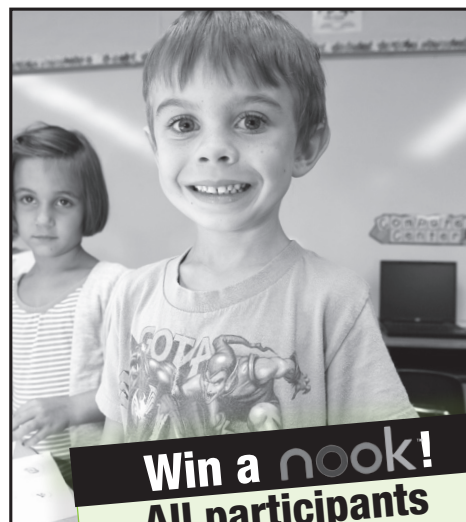
-For that, we thank you.



The next step

We respectfully ask that you consider taking your investment in their future one step further, with a contribution to the Olathe Public Schools Foundation through the 5th Annual OPSF Staff Campaign—Payroll Deduct.

meeting the need



It's simple, really.

Consider making a contribution of at least \$5 per pay period, for eight weeks beginning September 15. For less than the cost of a fast food lunch, you can help the Foundation touch the lives of our students, our teachers, our community.

It's your choice.

You choose how you want your contribution split between four options. The full descriptions of these options are on the reverse side of this form.

Olathe Public Schools Foundation: An unrestricted gift to the OPSF supports summer school scholarships, mini-grants, teacher recognition awards and other programs.

Wimmer Student Care Fund: Help our superintendent reach the district's most vulnerable students by providing funding for emergency needs of students and their families.

Student Health Emergency Fund: Assisting with everything from medications to eye glasses, this fund serves students in need with medical care or supplies so that they can return to school as quickly as possible.

Grow Our Own: This fund provides scholarships for aspiring teachers who pledge to return to Olathe to start their teaching careers, and who plan to teach hard-to-fill content areas.

To make a tax-deductible contribution, simply fill out the form below and return it to the OPSF offices at the NLSC via campus mail by May 13, 2011.

Win a nook!
All participants will be entered into a drawing to win a Barnes & Noble Nook E-reader

PLUS...two winners drawn weekly in April for a \$40 grocery or gas gift card.

donated by:
Olathe Medical Center
(Deadline 5-13-11)

STEP 1

Select your Gift Designation

Use the percentages below if you wish to divide your gift between designations.

Olathe Public Schools <i>Grow Our Own</i> Program	_____ %
The Wimmer Student Care Fund	_____ %
Unrestricted Gift to the Olathe Public Schools Foundation	_____ %
Student Health Emergency Fund	_____ %

STEP 3

Authorize Payroll Deduct

I authorize the selected payroll deduction for eight consecutive pay periods beginning with my September 15, 2011 paycheck.

STEP 2

Select Your Gift Amount

Per Pay Period	Total Gift
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	\$400
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	\$ _____

(other amounts must exceed \$5)

Enclosed is my check for a one-time donation of \$ _____.

Printed Name: _____ Employee ID #: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Building: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you!

Thank you for your tax-deductible contribution to the Olathe Public Schools Foundation!

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Grow Our Own

The USD 233 Olathe Public Schools "GROW OUR OWN" Educator Program assists in providing a pathway for local talent to grow into quality educators, helping us to achieve the goals of matching a diverse teaching staff to more closely reflect the demographics of the student population while also filling high-need teaching areas.

The program identifies individuals through teachers, counselors, universities, and self-referrals, who have graduated or will graduate from one of the Olathe high schools or is an employee of the Olathe School District. Components of the program include but are not limited to financial support (in the form of a forgivable loan), college/university field experiences within the district, and assistance with job placement upon successful completion of all requirements for teacher licensure.

Student Health Emergency Fund

The Student Health Emergency Fund serves students in need of medical care or supplies with the goal of returning them to school as quickly as possible. The fund helps with everything from fees to walk-in health care clinics for students who are acutely ill to medications for students whose family job loss resulted in loss of prescription coverage, as well as assistance with items like hearing aids, eye glasses, dental restorative care, and an occasional sports physical.

Wimmer Student Care Fund

"The Student Care Fund—In honor of Dr. Ron Wimmer" was established by the Olathe Public Schools Foundation upon the retirement of Dr. Wimmer. The fund is a tribute to Dr. Wimmer's years of service as superintendent of Olathe schools and his passion for students.

Funds are disbursed to students and their families in times of special need to minimize the impact on the students and keep them in school. Great importance has been placed on flexibility, with the superintendent having control of the fund. After approval, disbursement checks are sent within 48 hours so immediate action can be taken to assist the student in need.

"One of the best parts of my job is receiving a request to help a student in need and having the resources to take care of that issue," said Dr. Berry. "These are emergency needs that cannot be met with district funds—catching up a heating bill, fixing a broken window, purchasing special-order medical shoes. It's a great comfort to know that we have school district employees who, through the Student Care Fund, provide a financial safety net for families in crisis."

The fund helps students in many ways. Here are just a few examples:

- A student and their parent were provided materials and services to repair a broken window in their home at the onset of winter months.
- A family of an Olathe student received financial assistance to have heat restored to their home.
- A student's family received assistance with vehicle repairs.
- Within 24 hours, basic necessities were purchased for a family who lost their home and belongings to a house fire.

Olathe Public Schools Foundation Unrestricted Gift

The Olathe Public Schools Foundation is in the business of helping our schools. Whether we are providing mini-grant funding for innovative projects which fall outside the school district's budget, recognizing the excellence within our great teaching staff, or providing scholarships for students, OPSF stands ready to be there for our schools.

A gift to this annual campaign supports a variety of OPSF-funded programs:

• Educator Excellence Awards

Each month during the school year, the Foundation Prize Patrol surprises teachers in their classrooms with delivery of the news that their school community has touted them as an outstanding educator. These monthly award recipients each receive a \$500 unrestricted grant.

• Mini-Grants

Three times a year, district staffers apply for up to \$5,000 in building-wide or \$1,000 in classroom-level grants. With a budget of \$80,000, the OPSF Board of Directors provides opportunities for district staffers to try something new in their constant quest to achieve measurable success.

• College Scholarships

Whether excelling in community service or athletics, or planning a future in medicine, business, broadcasting, or education, the Foundation has a scholarship for almost everyone. Each scholarship has its own deadline, application requirements, judging criteria, submission requirements and award amounts.



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