

The District 181 Foundation inspires community involvement in education through programs that enrich the educational experience of our elementary

and middle school students. Funding for these programs is made possible through the generous contributions of individuals and businesses in our community.

2010-11 Highlights

Believe in Green Exhibits, speakers, recycling, science showcase, recycled art contest, performances. Over 12 tons of electronics were recycled.

Rotary Run Chosen as a beneficiary of the run for the first time. Over 1,000 District 181 students and families participated. The Lane and CHMS had the highest participation percentages.

Race to Nowhere Over 2,000 students and parents watched this thought-provoking documentary. The Foundation funded screening fees.

Understanding Afghanistan Nationally recognized expert spoke to parents and students about the challenges in Afghanistan.

KIDS Grants Foster service learning with small grants students can use to put their community service ideas into action. This year 15 grants were awarded, supporting student initiatives including Link with Pink, Pakistan Flood Relief, and air cleaning plants. Funding provided by Hinsdale Bank and Trust.

Inquiry Grants A new program to support scientific inquiry methods in the classroom. Ten teachers attended a 5-day training program in June at Brookfield Zoo.

Teacher Grants Encourage classroom creativity and innovation. Recent grants include funding for Illinois History from A to Z, Boosting Brain Organization, a three-season green house.

Science Initiative This year's grants included funding for Prospect School's water retention system and software to provide data from the CHMS wind turbine districtwide. Other science initiatives: Elm's Prairie Garden and the Weatherbug Station at HMS.

