



### With Gratitude

November is the time to reflect and give thanks. With such a wonderful community, our blessings are bountiful and our 'thank you's' plentiful.

- **Parents** – For your continued support of our students. When a need is expressed, you respond with the resources to fill it.
- **PTSA** – Our valued partner with whom we share ideas and talents. A special shout out to our PTSA/ISF reps who share the Foundation message with their school community.
- **Volunteers** – Did you know the community contributed over 35,000 volunteer hours to the Foundation last year? Our sincere appreciation to all who sealed, stamped, entered data, manned a booth, mentored, served on a committee or lent a hand in any way.
- **Sponsors** – It really does take a village to support our children. We applaud the businesses large and small, who give generously of their funding and expertise to elevate education for our students. Please view our [sponsor list](#) and remember to shop local when you can.
- **The District** – For sheltering us (visit us at our portable at ISF anytime), collaborating with us and allowing us to help fulfill their vision.
- **Your Children** – They're our inspiration and we're grateful for the opportunity to serve them.

**Thank you everyone. You are the Foundation!**

### Your Ideas Wanted

Online applications for **Academic Enrichment Grants** go live on **Monday, November 4**. Teachers, staff and **parents may apply** for projects that reflect creativity and innovation in education and/or support school needs not currently covered by building or district budgets. Grants are awarded in two categories: **Classroom Enrichment** for projects that cost less than \$1,000 and **Kateri Brow Big Idea/Biggest Need** for projects in the \$1,000 - \$10,000 range. Grants are presented 'blind'—school and teacher names excluded—to the review committee and are judged on innovation, merit and need.

**If you have a great idea, talk to your teacher and/or principal and plan to attend our Grant Workshop on Tuesday, November 5 at the District Administration Building.** Who knows, the Balloon Brigade may stop by your child's classroom next March. For more information please contact Michelle Weldon, [mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](mailto:mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org).

### Donor Dollars at Work

**We had to share the letter below from Susan Mundell, Principal at Apollo Elementary. It's a testament to the power of your donation.**

*"What a huge support you are to Apollo! I truly appreciate your work to help our students succeed. I'd like to say thank you for funding Apollo's Blast Off to Summer Reading program for the past two years. This funding has allowed us to provide books for our students to read over the summer. **As a result, the achievement gap between our low-income students and our general population has decreased.** I'm very proud that our students are not sliding back in their skills over the summer but are continuing to get better at reading. Your funding has helped us achieve this goal!"*



### Youth Explosion

Congratulations to the newest members of the Issaquah Schools Foundation Board – our five high school Trustees. Our new Trustees –all seniors– will represent the student voice, help determine policies and procedures raise awareness of the Foundation at their schools and serve as an alumni connection after graduation. We're excited to welcome them onboard.

*Pictured Left to right, **Eric Hall**, Issaquah High School, **Jasmine Vu**, Issaquah High School, **Madeline Houlihan**, Liberty High School, **Helen Wang**, Skyline High School. Not pictured, Guari Sharma, Skyline.*

### Call for College Bound Mentors

Over 300 Issaquah students are eligible for the State's College Bound Scholarship for low income students. **We're seeking adults to serve as mentors, advisors and friends to students admitted to the program. College Bound Mentors make a four year commitment to follow their mentee through high school.** The time commitment is significant, but the payoff is priceless. For more information please contact Susan Gierke, VOICE Mentor Co-Director, 425-837-6801.

### Seeking Success Stories

If your child has an inspiring story about their experience with a Foundation funded program, let us know. **His or her photo and story could be featured in our upcoming Annual Report.** Contact Lynn Juniel, [ljuniel@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](mailto:ljuniel@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org) for more information.