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Please Do Not Be Quiet—Library Makerspaces

Tuesday morning, September 18, the SEF hosted its 13th annual Fall Breakfast at the Salina Country Club.

The event honors SEF donors while showcasing grants that were made possible because of their donations. This year, two Library Makerspace grants (Oakdale Elementary and South Middle) were featured. Makerspaces are places that engage students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities. Libraries are the perfect place to explore and experiment because students can find resource materials to support their projects.

Students from both Oakdale and South Middle spoke about projects they have worked on during their Makerspace clubs, what they've learned, and what they're looking forward to creating in the future.



Oakdale teacher Kay Barriger and students talk about Makerspace.

A rollercoaster built out of K'nex, a remote-controlled robot, a bubble-making machine, a ball-dropping machine, and other innovations were on display.

Oakdale's Library Media Specialist Kay Barriger works with kids who have named their group STREAM, which stands for science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and math. Mrs. Barriger has seen the activities help students improve their social and communication skills, their



Guests marvel at Oakdale's rollercoaster.

problem-solving abilities, and their ability to collaborate and work with others. "It really gets students thinking. I've heard phrases such as 'I wonder how the wheels will stay up?'" she said. "Students who are more difficult to reach have also become more engaged learners."

And from the moment Oakdale fifth-grader Joseph Long walked into the Salina Country Club, all he could think of was completing his rollercoaster made out of K'nex. The spectacle needed to have one more tube added so that the car can stay on the track better. "I need to keep building this thing," he said. "I had to actually follow the instructions, which were hard, but here it is. It took about a year, but I still have to figure out why sometimes the car gets stuck. I have to fix this."

Lakewood sixth-grader Kiersten Monts, who attended STREAM at Oakdale last year, said the program offered her another way to learn things. "I'm not always interested in all of the subjects in school, but I loved STREAM when I was at Oakdale," she said. "I made a bubble-maker and when I showed it off to other students,

they really liked it. It's fun to get to experiment in school and not just sit at a desk all the time."

Janet Sauber, Library Media Specialist at South Middle, said SM Makerspace "provides the students with opportunities to have fun while learning. They (students) think they're just playing around and having fun, but they're actually learning," she said. "The students get valuable skills such as learning how to follow directions to put something together and working together to complete a common task. It's helped a lot of students open up and improve their social skills."

To see more photos of the Fall Breakfast, go to: www.salinaeducationfoundation.com.



South Middle teacher Janet Sauber and students enjoy breakfast.

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Like Father, Like Son

Byron and Jeff Norris are the second father and son duo to serve at the same time on the SEF Board of Trustees (Don and Jeff Lamb). Byron is a lifelong resident of Salina, graduating from Salina Central, Kansas Wesleyan University, and Wichita State University. Byron retired in 2015 after 36 years working at McShares, Inc. as VP of Human Resources/Risk Management. His community involvement includes being past president and board member of Project Salina, board member of Salina

Baseball Enterprises, and Kansas Wesleyan Board of Trustees. Byron serves as the Secretary of the SEF Board and as a member of the Executive and Allocations Committees.

Jeff graduated from Salina Central High School and returned



Trustees Valerie Andrews and Jeanie Warner support Jeff during the Match Madness Free Throw Challenge.

home to Salina after living in Manhattan for several years where he worked as KSU's Assistant Director of Compliance. He earned his undergraduate and Master's degree from Kansas State University and his law degree from Washburn University School of Law. He is an attorney with Clark, Mize, and Linville. Jeff serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustees. He is

also a member of the Finance and Investment Committee. While in high school, Jeff played football and basketball, so we recruited him to shoot free throws for the SEF during Match Madness!

Business Partners

We need you! This spring, add your name to the list of over 120 businesses that support excellent public schools and the workforce that gives so much back to our community.

Contact Pam McIntyre at 309-4729 or pam.mcintyre@usd305.com for more information.

Sudden Opportunity Grants

Did you know that the SEF has three grant programs? We publish grant recipients for the Outside-the-Box and the 21st Century Advantage Grant in our Spring Newsletter. The deadline for both grants is March 1 of each year with funding for the next school year.

Sudden Opportunity Grants happen NOW. They are quick turnaround grants, typically capped at \$200 for which teachers and staff can apply throughout the year. If approved, funding will happen immediately. We have helped to make some great projects happen this year. Here are just a few the SEF has funded so far:

- Supplies for South High Physics students to build rollercoasters.

- Families of kindergarten students will work with their child to make holiday centerpieces.
- High school Earth and Space Science students will visit the Cosmosphere.
- Fourth grade students will use StoryWorks magazine for reading and writing.
- Kindergarten students studying folk tales will work together to recreate the stories using wooden blocks.

The Salina Regional Health Foundation generously supports Healthy Lifestyles and Early Childhood grant requests, so we are able to do even more for our students, and make great projects happen NOW.



Mrs. Burgoon's students use blocks to bring folktales to life.

Memorial Gifts—Creating a Legacy

The SEF accepts gifts in honor of a loved one, special teacher, or friend. You can donate to the SEF by establishing a scholarship that lives in perpetuity, by funding a special project, or by giving a one-time gift to recognize a person or a special event. The following are great examples of memorial gifts.

Erma Lee Nuss

The SEF honors Erma Lee Nuss and her family for supporting the USD 305 **Teacher of the Year Award**.

That award, one of the very first that the SEF administered, recognizes an elementary and secondary teacher annually and awards a cash gift. Mrs. Nuss passed away July 3, 2018.



Erma Lee Nuss

Erma Lee was a graduate of Dodge City Junior College and Fort Hays State College. She was proud to serve children as a Kansas educator for nearly 40 years, signing her first contract at age 18 to teach in a one-room schoolhouse. In 1947, Erma Lee married Hubert Nuss, a fellow educator. Together they raised two children. She served as state president of Kappa Kappa Iota (educators' sorority), president of United Methodist Women, president of PTA, sponsor of student library club, and Sunday school teacher. She was also a room mother, Scout leader for girls and boys, and chauffeur for her son's (Lawton) baseball teams. Her legacy will continue to honor Salina's excellent public educators.

A. Jay and Mary Andersen

Mary Andersen served on the USD 305 Board of Education from 1976-1991. She was serving on the USD 305 Board of Education when the Salina Education Foundation was incorporated in 1987. She served as a charter member of the Salina Education Foundation Board of Trustees. After finishing her term on the Board of Education, Mary continued her commitment to the Salina Education Foundation by serving as a trustee from 1996-2004 and again in 2006-2013. During that time, she served as Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Allocations Committee.

A. Jay Andersen graduated from Salina High School in 1952 and remained active in the Class of '52 alumni group until his death. The three Andersen children — Melanie, Monne, and Tony — attended Salina public schools, including South Park,



Mary Andersen awards the first scholarship to South High Teacher Charlie Todd.

Lowell, South Middle, and Salina South High School. All pursued and received advanced degrees. The **A. Jay and Mary Andersen Scholarship** honors the many educators who were positive influences in their lives

Reuben Montoy

Reuben R. Montoy was a lifelong Salina resident. He graduated from Salina High School South. He taught and was an administrator in USD 305 for over 30 years.



Reuben Montoy

He touched the lives of thousands of USD 305 students, always with a smile and compassion. Reuben wanted to see every child reach the highest goals they had for themselves, and he showed them how to reach even higher.

The family has heard from countless students who have said they would not be where they are today if it were not for Mr. Montoy. The resounding comments from students are that Mr. Montoy was encouraging, and his discipline was stern, yet fair.

The Montoy family, his colleagues, and friends have established the **Reuben R. Montoy Memorial Scholarship** in loving memory of Reuben, hoping to carry on his positive influence on the lives of the youth of Salina. *The SEF continues to accept donations to the Reuben R. Montoy Memorial Scholarship.*

2017-18 Memorial Gifts

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Our Mission

To promote and support educational excellence by providing resources to enhance opportunities for the students and staff of Salina's public schools.

As part of this mission, the trustees of the Salina Education Foundation:

Manage and grow endowment funds, grants, and gifts for specific schools, programs, and scholarships

Award grants to teachers seeking to enhance instruction

Identify and support, through forgivable loans, outstanding Saline County residents seeking to become teachers in USD 305

Build community awareness and support of the Salina Education Foundation

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Uniting the community to support excellent public schools

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