During the 2018-19 school year, the Centaur Foundation awarded 27 grants worth $19,476. Students at Earle Brown Elementary, Brooklyn Center Middle & High School and Early College Academy benefitted from these Foundation grants which helped pay for programs, supplies, materials and activities that enriched student learning experiences. None of these grants would have been possible without the generosity of Foundation donors. The following grants were awarded during the past school year:

1. **Interactive Read Alouds for 2nd Graders** increased student engagement, understanding of text and comprehension strategies.

2. **6th Grade Orientation T-Shirts** funded through at Foundation grant were used to help kick off the 6th-grader’s first year at BC Middle School.

3. **9th Grade Orientation T-Shirts** helped the “Class of 2022” begin their high school careers by attending workshops and hearing about school programs.

4. **Back to School Event** was sponsored by BC Community Corner. The event distributed school supplies to those unable to pay for needed supplies.

5. **High School Dance Workshop** was attended by BCS dance students who went to the University of Mankato and attended school dance activities.

6. **Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration** honored and celebrated the culture and traditions of Hispanic and Latino families in the BC community.

7. **Building Bridges—Bringing Books Home** began to build students’ home library by increasing reading and literacy activity outside the classroom.

8. **2nd Grade Math Games** offered 11 math games that helped students stay engaged as they worked to reach their math learning goals.

9. **Teatro del Pueblo Play: “Coco’s Barrio: Dia de los Muertos”** was viewed by Spanish students who watched an authentic Spanish drama.

10. **STEAM Resources** grant helped purchase K-5 materials that enhanced the STEAM program at Earle Brown and offered creative learning experiences.

11. **“The Hate You Give”** film was viewed by BCS social studies students while on a field trip to the theatre. A group discussion followed.

12. **A Sensory/Social Emotional Learning Space** was created at Earle Brown through a grant. The space was created to support struggling students.

13. **Science Museum** field trip was taken by the entire 7th-grade which visited the Race Exhibit as part of their study of genetics at BCS.

14. **Children’s Museum** visit by all Earle Brown kindergartners. The field trip created an opportunity for the students to learn through exploration.

15. **“Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters”** was viewed at the Stepping Stone Theatre by all 3-graders. It is a play that tells about the strength of kindness.

16. **Grant funding for purchase of “Casa Avidida” novel and “Casa Divida” Teacher’s Guide** to be used for Heritage 2 students’ reading curriculum.

17. **“ACT for All” Retreat** was developed as a way to expose students to the college environment; prep for ACT testing; and attend workshops that helped students prepare for life after BCS.

18. The **“Spell City” Website** was used to help students learn and study their vocabulary words.

19. The cost of producing the BCS spring musical was supported by a Foundation grant. **“FAME”** was produced and performed by BCSS students.

20. **RAD Zoo** came to Earle Brown with 10 different animals and talked to the students about life cycles and unique animal habitats.

21. **Asian Heritage Night** helped educate and inform the BC community about Asian culture, foods and customs through dance and other performances.

22. **History Day** materials and supplies, as well as the registration cost for regional competition, was once again supported by a Foundation grant.

23. **Star of the North MN Youth Reading Award** involved Earle Brown 3rd graders selecting books to read in class and then selecting their favorite.

24. **Tie Dye T-Shirts** were created in the BCS chemistry classroom as the students learned about colors and reactions to various dyes.

25. **Festival of Nations** field trip took BCS ELL students to the event so they could view cultural activities from countries around the world.

26. **A Life Skills Home Environment Learning Center** grant helped create a mock kitchen area within a classroom so EB Sp. Ed. students could experience and practice kitchen life skills and kitchen safety.

27. A **10th Grade STEAM Field Day** offered events and activities which were connected to skills learned in the science classroom.

**Centaur Foundation’s 2018-2019 Grants Enhanced and Enriched Educational Experiences of District 286 Students**

During the past 11 years, the Centaur Foundation has awarded 231 grants valued at $124,628. The students at Earle Brown, Brooklyn Center Middle/High School and Early College Academy have benefitted from the grants as their educational experiences have been enriched, enhanced and improved. More than 2000 District 286 students have benefitted from these grants. In addition, the Foundation has awarded 38 seniors with scholarships worth more than $30,000. This school year the Foundation once again awarded a “Teacher Professional Growth Grant”. The recipient for 2019 was BCS science teacher, Kelsey Taldone.

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