

# Holdrege Public Schools

# Foundation Newsletter

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“Giving Back to Education”

November 2015

## Who Are We and What Do We Do?

Education foundations nationwide were created in the late 1970's as public school budgets across the country were significantly reduced. To offset the serious financial crisis in our schools, and to bridge the financial gap between what was needed for our students and state and federal funding, the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation was formed in 1988 with a \$30,000 grant from the Phelps County Community Foundation for the purpose of establishing an endowment. For more than twenty years our community has responded to the district's needs with tremendous support, recognizing that in today's world, private funding is crucial for public education. Our Foundation Committee is comprised of three school board members, two staff members, and five community members who meet several times annually and work on various projects throughout the year.

## HPS Foundation Committee

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## Take this opportunity to help the HPS Foundation grow!

**GIVE2GROW** is a one-day fundraising event on November 19<sup>th</sup>. It's your chance to make a real impact when your gift to the HPS Foundation is matched by the Phelps County Community Foundation. Last year's match day was very successful with \$69,865 contributed and additional matching funds of \$16,537. After processing fees, the total available to the HPS Foundation and supported special projects was nearly \$83,000.

Join us in our mission to enhance educational programs and give back to the students of HPS. Your investment is guaranteed dividends!

Find out more...click to go on the **Give2Grow** website below. You can make your donation online now or by November 19<sup>th</sup>. Walk-in donations will also be accepted at the Phelps County Community Foundation office from 8:00am—7:00pm on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

<https://give2grow.razoo.com/story/Holdrege-Public-School-Foundation-2015>



We are lending a hand to a special project this year. In addition to asking for your general support, we hope that you will also choose to dedicate a donation to the Duster Pavilion project. (see last page)

## Summary of 2015 Grants

Teacher grant requests totaling \$18,540.12 were received, and all of the requests were awarded for the 2015 teacher grant cycle as follows:

- \$2,790.00—B. J. Blase—iPads for Learning—2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- \$2,850.00—Betty Bricker—HS Library Transformation—Lounge Furniture
- \$357.32—Brandy Edgren—ELMO Visual Presenter for MS Art Classroom
- \$1,100.00—Sandra Grimm—Use of Stability Balls in a Regular Classroom
- \$1,064.86—Shane Haley—Visual Documentation of Student Progress—Digital Camera & Accessories
- \$3,364.99—Jeremy Ham—12" Jet Jointer/Planer Machine
- \$1,700.00—Jeff Moore—HS Ag Ed Room Casework Remodel
- \$1,564.95—Kris Olson—Wireless Communication for Play Production
- \$998.00—Leslie Wagner—iPad Minis for HS SpEd Classes
- \$2,750.00—Canda Wells—Improving English Language Acquisition & Supporting Academic Achievement—iPads



*The Mission of the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation is to support and enhance the educational efforts of students and teachers by providing funding for innovative and challenging programs, learning experiences, and activities.*

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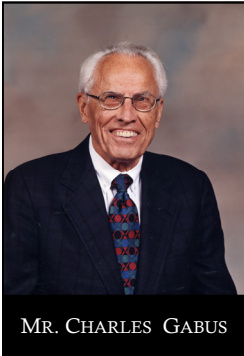
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### Charles Gabus Endowment Gift



MR. CHARLES GABUS

In 2008, HPS received a \$100,000 gift from former Holdrege resident, Charles Gabus, in memory of his wife, Frances Hardy Gabus. Mr. Gabus desired that this gift be endowed and the interest be used to purchase library and textbooks for Holdrege High School. Mr. & Mrs. Gabus and their family lived in Holdrege and operated Charles Gabus Ford, later moving to Iowa. Mr. Gabus wrote that their three children, Jan, Pat, and Gene all graduated from “the outstanding Holdrege High School.”

The HPS Foundation Committee is deeply appreciative for this gift and the impact that it has on educational opportunities for our students.

We hope that this gift will help to raise awareness of the efforts of the HPS Foundation and serve as a catalyst for future gifts.”

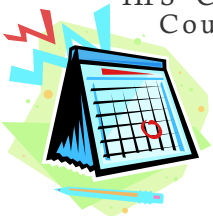
### Looking Forward to 2016



Watch for information on the 2016 HPS Foundation Golf Tournament to be held next summer at the Holdrege Country Club. There will be flag prize incentives and cash payouts for the top teams.

Tentative plans are to hold the tournament on the Saturday of the annual Swedish Days celebration, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Proceeds will be used to provide grants to enhance the educational efforts of students and teachers in the Holdrege Public Schools. Brochures will be available next spring online and at the HPS Central Office, Phelps County Community Foundation, and the Holdrege Country Club.



### Gabus Funds Invest in Next Generation



Math instructors Dennis Woodruff, Diane Titus, Danielle Stara, and Brian Borden display Mathematics curriculum acquisitions.

This year, HHS updated curriculum in the area of Mathematics. Textbooks and supporting items were purchased for a number of courses including, Basic Algebra and Geometry, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I & II, Geometry, College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Statistics, and Consumer Math.

Although this year there were no Gabus funds available due to the economic climate, we appreciate this endowment that has helped the school district make curriculum purchases that will benefit our students for many years to come.

### 2015 Golf Tournament



The seventh annual 2015 HPS Foundation Golf Tournament was held in conjunction with the annual celebration of Swedish Days at the Holdrege Country Club on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The tournament was a great success with 72 golfers competing in perfect weather. Thanks to the tremendous support of business and community sponsors and participants, the HPS Foundation raised net proceeds for the tournament of more than \$9,200!



2015 Golf Tournament champions Noah Luebbe, BJ Blase, Todd Moore, and Mike Pelster





## iPad Minis Provide Maximum Impact

Leslie Wagner’s high school special education students are learning new skills thanks to a grant for iPad Minis. The iPads are an engaging way for students to practice reading skills. Students access current events using an adapted daily newspaper to work on reading, conversation, writing, and persuasive speaking skills.

Students also use the iPad Minis for video modeling to enhance self-awareness and social skills. During the first quarter, students have been using the video feature to practice conversation skills. This gives them immediate feedback, and students are making great progress on skills that will help them at work and in school.

Mrs. Wagner said, “Thank you very much for this grant. We have only begun to touch the surface of what the iPad Minis can do to assist students working on independent living skills, education skills, and social skills. We look forward to using them more this year and in the coming years.”



Leslie Wagner’s special education students are learning many new skills on the iPad Minis.



Jeremy Ham and students Spencer Anderson, Charles Weed, Blare Bauer, Connor Knuth, Christian Cuypers, and Zach Hurlbert with the new Jet jointer/planer machine.

## Jointer/Planer an Asset to IT Department

The HHS industrial technology department students are already busy completing projects with the new Jet jointer/planer machine purchased with grant funds awarded to instructor Jeremy Ham. The machine was delivered and installed in May and was ready for student use at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.

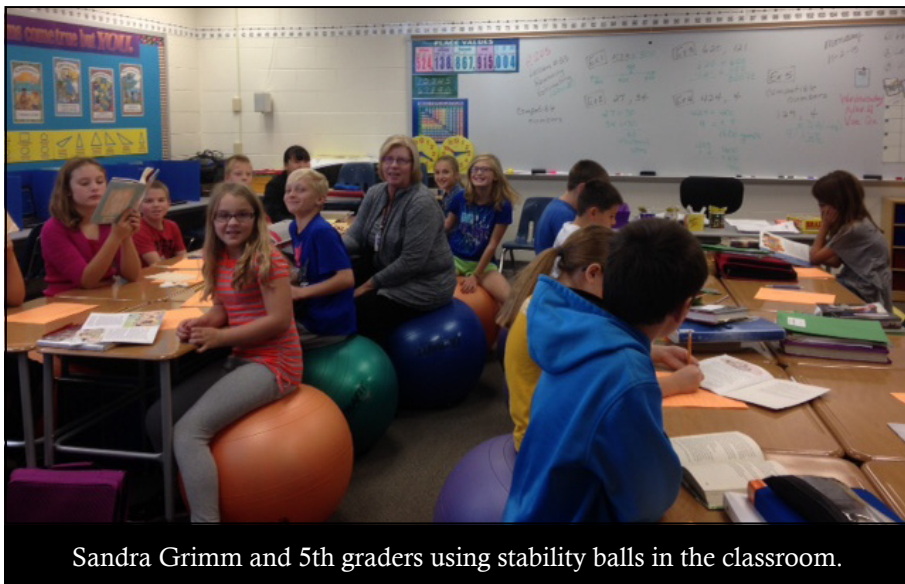
Mr. Ham said, “This machine has proven to be a valuable asset to the industrial technology program. The safety features allow students to work with confidence, and the efficiency of the machine has made a significant impact in regard to time management, resulting in more student instruction time and less equipment set up and maintenance time for the staff.”

“We have already realized the benefit of space savings in the shop by having two stationary machines combined into one with this new jointer/planer,” noted Mr. Ham. “This machine has been in use now for one complete quarter and has made very significant and positive changes. We would not be able to maintain a quality learning laboratory environment without the help of the Foundation.”

Mr. Ham’s students will also be using the new machine to make the seminar tables and work stations for Mrs. Bricker’s library modernization project.







Sandra Grimm and 5th graders using stability balls in the classroom.



## Stability Balls Improve Concentration and Bounce Student Progress

Sandra Grimm became interested in the use of stability balls when her daughter-in-law, Tabitha Grimm, sent a video of her 3<sup>rd</sup> graders using them in her Eureka Springs, Arkansas classroom. She learned that students are able to concentrate better on school work for increased academic progress, and at the same time, they strengthen core muscles and improve posture.

Thanks to a grant from the HPS Foundation, Mrs. Grimm implemented the use of stability balls in her classroom, where she focuses on teaching math to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Students and their parents signed a contract explaining the conditions for use and care of the stability balls. Mrs. Grimm said that after a few days of bouncing and rolling, the students became more comfortable. Their posture improved and their attention on classroom work increased. She noted, “It becomes very quiet and calm in the classroom as they work.”

After about three weeks of use, some of the stability balls needed to be re-inflated a little and Officer Jones was in the classroom for the DARE program for about four days. Mrs. Grimm decided to conduct an experiment to see how the students would handle sitting on chairs again during that time. “They were again slouching in their seats, putting their feet up on the rungs of the tables, and sitting on their feet,” she said. “They begged to have the stability balls returned.”

During a math test, Mrs. Grimm observed that students bounce and move a little more when they are trying to solve more difficult problems. The ball allows them to work through the stress.

“The students have adjusted very well to the new seating arrangement, and so far, the use of stability balls in the classroom has been very successful,” said Mrs. Grimm. “This has been and continues to be an exciting and rewarding experience for me as well as the students.”





### Headsets Connect Booth and Backstage

A grant to purchase wireless headsets for the HHS theater program is enabling the director, assistant director, stage manager, and other key members of the play production crew to communicate from anywhere in The Tassel.

Before getting the wireless headsets, cast, crew, and directors had to do a lot of running around in order to communicate with one another, which wasted a lot of time. Now questions can be answered quickly and directions can be given instantaneously. These headsets will also make communication between the booth and backstage much easier during a performance.

Grant recipient Kris Olson said, “We will be using the headsets during the first Holdrege Play Production Festival on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, during the public performance on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, and at District Play Production Competition on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, all of which will be held at The Tassel. We will also take them with us to Central City on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Central Conference Play competition.”



Kris Olson, Director; Ali Abrahamson, Student Stage Manager; and Kaitlyn Terry, Assistant Director wearing the new wireless headsets.



B. J. Blase and his 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class use their new iPads every day.

### iPads Enhance Everyday Learning

Grant recipient B. J. Blase and his second graders have incorporated new iPads in learning centers every day of the week. Every Monday, students work on math skills. Tuesday is a reading app day, and on Wednesday, they focus on spelling words with the Spelling City app. Then on Thursday and Friday, the students get a free pick day to review the apps they have worked on for the week. The grant has also allowed for the purchase of many educational apps to help each student learn and practice skills.

Mr. Blase said, “We also use the iPads for our classroom behavior. We use the Class Dojo app to record and reward good behavior in the classroom. Students have iPads at their desk groups and they reward themselves with points throughout the day.”

“Having the iPads in our classroom has really helped our students learn and practice skills every day,” said Mr. Blase. “Thanks to the HPS Foundation for providing funding for the implementation of this grant.”



2<sup>nd</sup> graders: Carson Sundquist (top left); Claire Maloley (bottom left); Makenzie Nelsen, Jaclyn Nelson, Claire Maloley (right front row); Caleb DeWald, Derrek Marquardt, Carson Sundquist (right back row)





Media specialist Betty Bricker with students Tasha Perez, Cole Watts, Alec Lovitt, and Jaydin Schmalz at the popular café tables.



Student Preston Melroy reads the newspaper at one of the new café tables.

## Library Transformation Creates Modern Learning Climate

Thanks to a grant awarded to media specialist Betty Bricker, the HHS library is well on its way to becoming a 21<sup>st</sup> century library that has varied types of learning stations and spaces for the way teens learn today. The café tables and the lounge furniture were ordered at the end of April after Mrs. Bricker learned of the grant award. The café tables were handmade at the Amish Furniture Outlet and are very high in quality and craftsmanship. They were delivered in August and were available for use the first day of school. They provide a functional space for students who gather to do small group work. This type of space is conducive to collaborative education.

The lounge furniture was special-ordered through Bruce Furniture at the same time. It was backordered and was finally delivered at the end of October. Immediately, the students were drawn to the lounge area to read and study. It provides an extremely comfortable and durable space for students to socialize or work and read quietly. It is located near the periodicals so students also have access to magazines and newspapers to keep current with today’s news and trends.

The seminar tables and work stations that will be used in front of the SmartBoard are projects that will be created during second semester in Jeremy Ham’s cabinet making class. She noted that the new tables will provide for much easier rearrangement of tables for all kinds of instructional purposes and large group gatherings and meetings.”

Mrs. Bricker said, “Incorporating the new furniture into the media center is a huge step in making this into a library that is equipped for the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner. As the central hub of the school, it is now a more flexible space, which supports many teaching and learning styles. It will draw more students into the library because it is modern, comfortable and better supports the multiple ways they learn today. Teachers will more likely bring students into the library to use resources, and research shows that strong libraries increase student achievement. It will also be a better gathering space for meetings for school and community.”



Students Haley Hixson and Jaci Karn in the library with Mrs. Bricker.





Mrs. Wells with students Nicole Cruz, Israel Dzib, Rihanna Botello, Daniella Solorio, David Yopez, and Jose David Solache practicing their English language skills on the new iPad Minis.

### iPad Minis Help Students Learn English

Seven iPad Minis have added new dimension to the instruction of English language learners. Teacher Canda Wells stated that the iPad Minis allow her and paraeducator Kristina Loaiza to better individualize instruction to fit each student’s language needs.

Kindergarten students work on reading readiness apps that help them identify letters, learn their names and sounds, write the letters, and find words that begin with those letters and sounds. Later in the year, students will be working to write their own words. Some of these apps allow the students to speak into the computer and hear their own voice as they speak in English.



Students Emily Arriola-Mendoza and Ariadne Villegas learn letters.

First through fourth grade students are able to work on vocabulary enrichment apps and grammar activities, as well as speaking and listening activities to improve their level of language acquisition.



Students Nelly Saucedo and Daniel Gonzalez use Duo Lingo.

Two new 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are using the Duo Lingo app that works on all domains of English reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The app assesses students so that they can work at their current level of language acquisition.

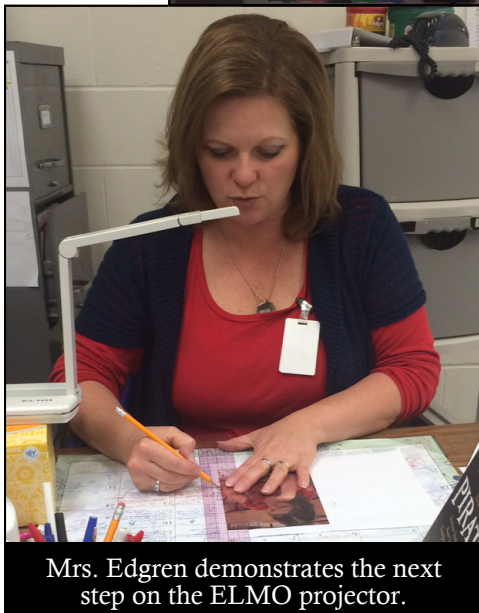
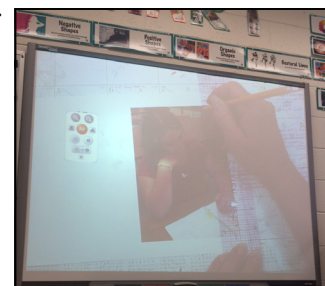
“The size and portability of the iPad Minis make them a perfect addition to our instructional program to better meet the needs of all students to achieve English proficiency,” said Mrs. Wells. “We are so thankful that this grant was approved to aid our instruction with these hard-working students.”

### Projector Expands View

HMS art teacher Brandy Edgren appreciates the ELMO projector purchased with grant funds more than she ever thought possible. She uses the projector several times a day and stated, “It has become a necessity in my classroom!”

With as many as 27 students in her 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, Mrs. Edgren uses the ELMO to demonstrate the next step in a project. She said, “Before receiving the ELMO, students had to gather around and try to see over someone’s shoulder to view the demonstration. I had even allowed some students to stand on chairs to get a decent view of the next instructions. Of course, this was never a good idea, but my choices were limited.”

Mrs. Edgren can now stay at her desk, projecting everything she does onto the Smartboard screen. Students have a clear view and it is a much safer and more effective way to deliver detailed instructions.



Mrs. Edgren demonstrates the next step on the ELMO projector.





Shane Haley and student Paola Alvarado review photos taken with the new digital cameras.

## Digital Project Impacts HHS Art & Journalism Departments

Thanks to a grant awarded to HHS art teacher Shane Haley, a DSLR Canon 60D camera, tripod, batteries, memory cards, and carrying case were purchased to double the impact of an identical purchase through regularly budgeted funds for the 2015-16 school year.

“We have used the cameras to document activities for the National Art Honor Society, assisted the yearbook staff with individual shots of the football players and cross-country team, recorded the dusters painted outside the gym, and photographed artwork for a scholastics competition,” said Mr. Haley. “We also put together digital portfolios for the junior and senior art students for college applications.”



Gabriella Contreras takes photos of student artwork for a digital portfolio.

Mr. Haley indicated that the new cameras will be used to record speech meets and school activities. The new equipment is also being made

available to the yearbook staff. This year, activities and sports photos are available to purchase through an online digital website. Students are gaining valuable experience and the proceeds support student activities.

“The HHS chapter of National Art Honor Society is looking at putting together a Holdrege coloring book and will use the cameras to gather local sites for the pages,” said Mr. Haley. “I greatly appreciate the support of the Foundation.”

## Grant Puts Finishing Touch on Cabinetry

A grant from the HPS Foundation put the finishing touches on a project to update the original casework and cabinetry in the HHS agricultural education room. The old existing casework was removed by students in early June and the new cabinets were installed in late July. In addition to improving the appearance of the agricultural education classroom, the cabinets and shelving increased the storage capacity. Due to a mis-order by the cabinet supplier, an extra cabinet was installed in the agricultural education office and put to use storing additional materials and supplies.

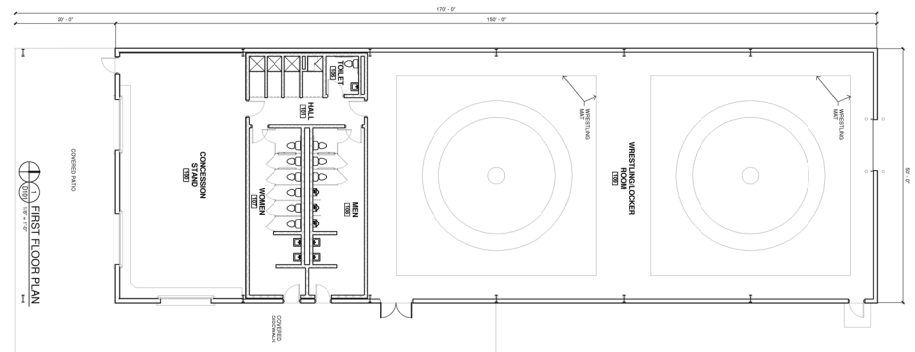
Mr. Moore said, “The new casework and cabinetry have made managing agriscience learning modules, laboratory kits, and supplies much more efficient. The new casework also adds to the professionalism and appearance of the program.”

Other contributions for this project included a grant through the PCCF Foundation William & Margaret Richards Capital Improvement Fund, the Holdrege FFA Chapter, and the Holdrege FFA Alumni Support Group.



Agricultural education students Clayton Holt, Olivia Skiles, Reece Jones, and Seth McElhaney with the new cabinetry.





### Connecting with Duster Alumni

One of the HPS Foundation Committee’s goals is to extend the reach beyond the community to maintain a viable database that will help Holdrege High School Alumni keep connected and will be a valuable tool for organizing reunions and communicating with classmates. The response to initial efforts in contacting alumni has been overwhelmingly positive. Our goal is to continue reaching out to all alumni via email newsletters and alumni recognition features to keep them abreast of the growth, development, and success of the HPS Foundation and the Holdrege Public Schools system.

**If you are a Holdrege Alum, community patron, or Duster fan, join us in our mission to enhance educational programs and give back to the students of HPS. Your investment is guaranteed dividends in any economic time.**

If you have questions or would like to be added to the e-mail list, please register from the Alumni tab at [holdregedusters.org](http://holdregedusters.org) or call the Holdrege Public Schools Central Office at (308) 995-8663.

### A drawing of the proposed Duster Pavilion project.

The present HHS stadium concessions, restrooms, and shower/locker room facilities were constructed many decades ago. Some improvements have been made to the current stadium concessions, however, the space remains congested, has minimal climate control and lighting, and lacks adequate space to fully cover concession needs.

The restrooms and showers are in poor condition and are not handicapped accessible. Visiting teams currently use the multisport practice facility as their locker room to change and prepare for games, but must go to the other building for restrooms/showers.

The proposed Duster Pavilion Project provides for construction of a new facility to house the stadium concessions, restrooms/showers, and a locker/practice room. The 150x50 steel building will be located in the northwest corner of the stadium complex.

**Thank you for considering a donation to help make this project a reality! Make sure that you designate “Duster Pavilion” in the “Dedicate this Donation” space.**

<http://give2grow.razoo.com/story/Holdrege-Public-School-Foundation-2014>

**How Can You Help?**

If you would like to make a donation or memorial in honor of or in memory of a loved one, to help us in our effort to “Give Back to Education”, please contact the school at (308) 995-8663 or send a check to Phelps County Community Foundation, HPS Foundation Fund.

**Christmas Gift Giving Options**

Do you have the person on your Christmas list who has everything and you just don’t know what to give them? How about a gift to the HPS Foundation in their honor? Your gift will benefit many HPS students through the Foundation’s grant program.

Please contact the school or send a check to the Phelps County Community Foundation, HPS Foundation Fund.