



Indian Valley Foundation

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Indian Valley Foundation is to enhance academic excellence within the Indian Valley School District through support of educational opportunities not funded by traditional sources.

Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Indian Valley Foundation office in Gnadenuhuten. No meetings are held during the months of June, July and December.

2015 IVF

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2015 IVF Scholarship Recipients

To celebrate their 50th reunion,

the *Gnadenuhuten High School Class of 1965* gave 2 \$1000 Scholarships.

Needed Assistance Arrived!

The lights are on at the Indian Valley Foundation office thanks to the generosity of *Lauren Illuminating!* *Lauren Illuminating* donated ten new lights for the office. AND thanks to a grant from the *Reeves Foundation* the IVF office now has desks, chairs, filing and storage cabinets. Also, the window in the office was replaced with this grant. The Indian Valley Foundation Board is very grateful for the assistance that the Indian Valley Foundation has received through these two contributions.

YES! YOU can support the work of the Indian Valley Foundation. Check your choice on the back of this Newsletter.

Catch the VISION!

Consider a gift to the IV Foundation to help our leaders of tomorrow.

Financial Updates for the Indian Valley Foundation

The Indian Valley Foundation has become well established. To date, **64** classroom grants, up to **\$250** each, totaling **\$14,634.22** and **64** scholarships totaling **\$32,000** have been awarded. Fall of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 grants of **\$1500** were awarded to each of the four district buildings, totaling **\$24,000**. The IVF continues to welcome new teachers to the Indian Valley Schools with a cash gift. A total of **\$130,824.87** has been raised through 2014.

Established in November 2009, the Indian Valley Foundation is an independent, non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, all Indian Valley Foundation programs and activities are planned and implemented by volunteers from the community, school district and alumni. New volunteers are welcome!

INDIAN VALLEY ALUMNI BAND FORMED



The Indian Valley Alumni Band was first organized in August of 2014. The idea came about during the planning stages for the Indian Valley Foundation's 5 year celebration activities. What wonderful musical opportunities and memories our schools provided us with during our school years! Some of the Foundation board members decided an Alumni Band would be a way to show our appreciation and support for our music program in the Indian Valley District, have a little fun and make some more memories!

An open invitation was put out by word of mouth, emails and Face Book inviting Indian Valley District's band, color guard, majorettes or field commander grads to come together to form an Indian Valley District Alumni Band. This included graduates from Indian Valley, Indian Valley North, Indian Valley South, Port Washington, Midvale, Tuscarawas and Gnadenhutten schools.

In Oct. 2014, 50 Indian Valley Alumni Band members marched with the High School Band members to perform the pregame show at a home football game. Members also played in the stands with High School Band members and enjoyed refreshments provided by the Band Boosters afterwards. As a result of this activity Indian Valley Alumni Band members donated enough money to award a \$500.00 Indian Valley Foundation Scholarship to a senior band student.

This year 42 Alumni Band members performed at the Homecoming Football game on Oct. 2, 2015 with the High School Band. Our hope is to be able to give another scholarship this year and make our performance with the Indian Valley High School Band an annual event.

We know we have just reached a small part of our district's music graduates and are hoping you will pass along this information to anyone who would like to be a part of this group. To find out more information they can contact the Indian Valley Foundation or ask to join the Facebook Group: Indian Valley Alumni Band.



*Celebrating our past . . . Building our future generations!
You can help! Contact the Indian Valley Foundation*

IVF awarded classroom grants totaling \$2000 for the 2014-15 academic year.

Awards were presented as follows:



IV Port Washington Elementary Teachers: *Brandy Grant* for “Children’s Literacy Project”. The focus of the project involved expanding the classroom library with rich text for language art students in K-5 grade levels to provide formal language learning activities aimed at proficiency in one or more language arts subject areas. *Patty Couts* for “Having a Ball in Kindergarten.” The focus of the project involved the purchase of alternative seating (stability balls) in the kindergarten classroom to allow students to be active while completing work and activities at their tables while minimizing misbehavior and improving attention span. *Stephanie Johnson* for “Classroom Tools.” The focus of the project involved

engaging fifth grade students in hands-on math activities in understanding fractions that make learning fun, as well as educational. Students rotated through small group game zones to practice a variety of mathematical concepts. *Leann Ong* for “Listen to Reading Anywhere.” The focus of the project involved The Daily 5 with kindergarten students selecting from five authentic reading and writing choices, working independently toward personalized goals while the teacher meets individual needs through whole group and small group instruction, as well as one-on-one conferring. *Rebecca Hicks* for “Strengthening Executive Brain Function in Primary Struggling Readers.” The focus of the project involved students in K-2 working with special apps and games and activities to strengthen working memory, processing speed, visual memory and visual sequential memory, auditory sequential memory and phonological awareness. AND *Kellie Mahaffey* for “Books for Braves.” The focus of the project involved students K-5 and provided fiction and non-fiction books and leveled readers across a span of student grade levels designed to meet all reading and interest levels with an emphasis on increasing fluency and independent reading.



IV Midvale Elementary Teachers: *Lorna Waters* for “Build and Engineer!” The focus of the project involved kindergarten students learning to design and engineer objects as part of the STEAM curriculum. Students received hands-on experience building and designing bridges, vehicles and homes. *Cheryl Jones and Terri Hupp* for “Fire Up!” and “Fire Up 2!” The focus of the project involved the use of Kindle Fires to enable students in grade levels 3-5 to have hands-on reinforcement targeted to their specific needs and allowing the effective integration of new technology to enhance student instruction and student learning in language arts, math, science and social students as well as determining student progress toward individual IEP goals.

Midvale Retires 7 Teachers

Seven teachers retired this past year from Midvale Elementary. A past retiree, who taught with all seven of these new retirees, chose to make a contribution to the Indian Valley Foundation and a Tribute was designed for each of the seven retiring teachers.

TRIBUTES Honor Occasions

Tributes can be designed for any occasion: birthdays, anniversaries, in place of flowers for departed loved ones. You can check out the Indian Valley Foundation website for more information and to download a form.

Any and all contributions are appreciated!





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