



Foundation

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Transforming Lives



2024-2025 GRATITUDE REPORT

FMCCS MISSION

To engage community support to inspire learning, enrich teaching, and enhance educational opportunities for all MCCSC students.

Fulfilling Our Mission

As I reflect on the 2024–2025 school year, I am inspired by the generosity of our community and the success of our students. Together, we are creating opportunities that make a lasting difference in our schools.

This year, we strengthened our commitment to educators by expanding the Faculty Grant Program. Thanks to an exceptionally generous donor, we doubled grant funding to support project-based learning—bringing a long-standing Foundation goal to life.

That same spirit of giving continued through a new partnership with the Kiwanis Club of South Central Indiana and the launch of our inaugural Duck Race fundraiser. This family-friendly event brought students, families, educators, and community members together to celebrate education and community.

We also remained committed to our core programs, including Food Assistance, Girls in Engineering, Math and Science, Real Men Read, Teacher Grants, Student Scholarships, and Personal Achievement Awards—each supporting students and educators in meaningful ways.

I invite you to explore this annual report to see how your generosity is advancing teaching, learning, and student success across our schools. On behalf of the Foundation, thank you for your continued belief in our students and educators, and for helping build a brighter future for every child we serve.

Thank you for making a difference!



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Impact at a Glance

Your gift transforms education & students' lives.

\$121,500

Community Grants
Invested

\$26,000

Food Assistance

3,750

Books given to
Kindergarteners



\$71,900

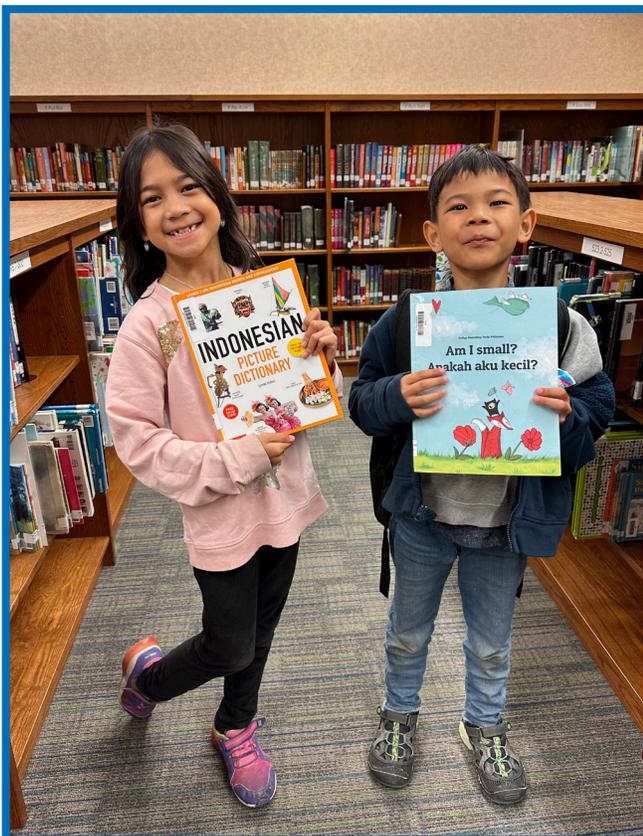
Grant funding awarded

1,200

Books purchased for
MCCSC libraries

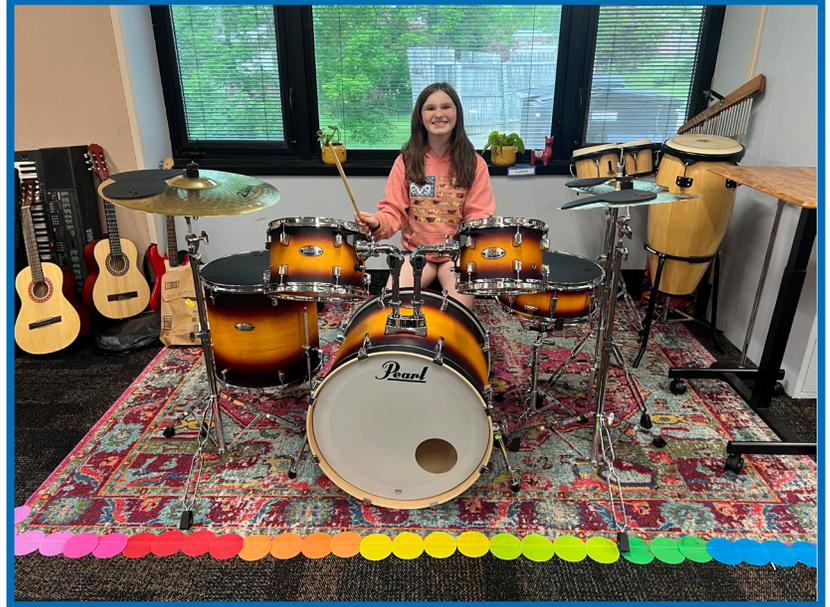
\$25,000

Student Scholarships
& Awards



Educator Grants

This year we awarded \$71,900 to 46 Educators.



Investing in our teachers and students is essential to providing a high-quality education. The **Grants to Equip, Inspire, and Innovate** program offers vital resources and enriching educational experiences that enhance teaching and ignite a passion for learning. Your generous gifts are creating opportunities for students to read, write, think, and thrive.



Real Men Read

45 community volunteers read to 745 Kindergarteners and distributed 3,750 books to build home libraries.



Personal Achievement

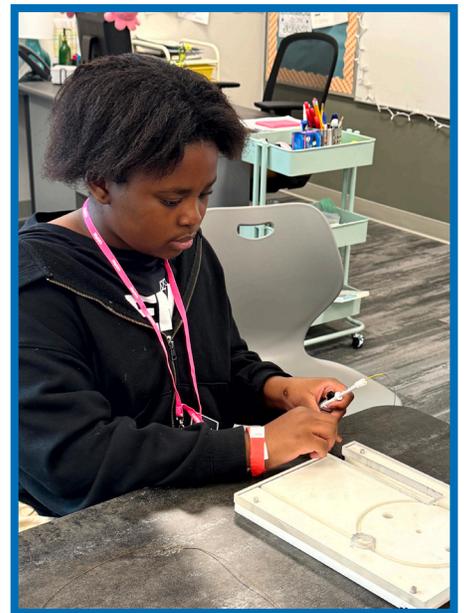
The Personal Achievement Awards celebrated 20 exceptional students who demonstrated remarkable perserverance and tenacity in overcoming the challenges they have faced.

Ibrahim Alkhalil - BHSN
Yvonne Biggs - BHSS
Anna Carlson - BHSN
Mya Coleman - BHSN
Kendal Dunlap - BHSS
Jasary Flores-Zelaya - BHSN
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Noah Hernandez - BHSN
Tristan Hicks - BHSS

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Kai McClain - BHSN
Violet Nova Eller - BGS
Hunter Olsen - HHCC
Jaeda Reinhardt - BHSN
James Rhonda - BHSN
Amelia Robinson - BHSS
Emma Scott Smith - HHCC
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GEMS

Over 50 volunteers came together with local businesses and organizations to provide a day of STEM learning and fun. 125 attendees from 5th and 6th grade participated in interactive projects and learned about careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.



Community Partners

impact learning

- Bloomington North Rotary
- Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association
- Boston Scientific Foundation
- Catalent Indiana part of Novo Nordisk
- Centerpoint Energy Foundation
- City of Bloomington
- Community Cars Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram
- Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County
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- Pi Beta Phi Foundation
- Solution Tree
- Smithville Foundation
- Simtra
- The Wahl Family Charitable Trust
- TRISTAR

More than \$121,500 invested

Fundraising

Reading, Writing, & Bidding

The 2024 online auction grossed \$20,800. In-kind donations from generous businesses and individuals, along with loyal bidders are what makes this auction an annual success.

Duck Race Festival

Our inaugural Duck Race Festival brought together students, families, educators, and community members to celebrate education and community and raised \$37,400 in partnership with Kiwanis of South Central Indiana.

Annual Giving Campaign

The Annual Giving Campaign is the cornerstone of our educational programs. Thanks to the generous and loyal support of our donors, we raised \$53,600 this year.

Golf FORE Kids!

In June, sponsors and teams teed off to raise \$43,500 for our students.

Charitable gifts are a powerful way to give back and make a difference in the education of youth in our community. To learn more about ways you can make a difference scan the QR code.

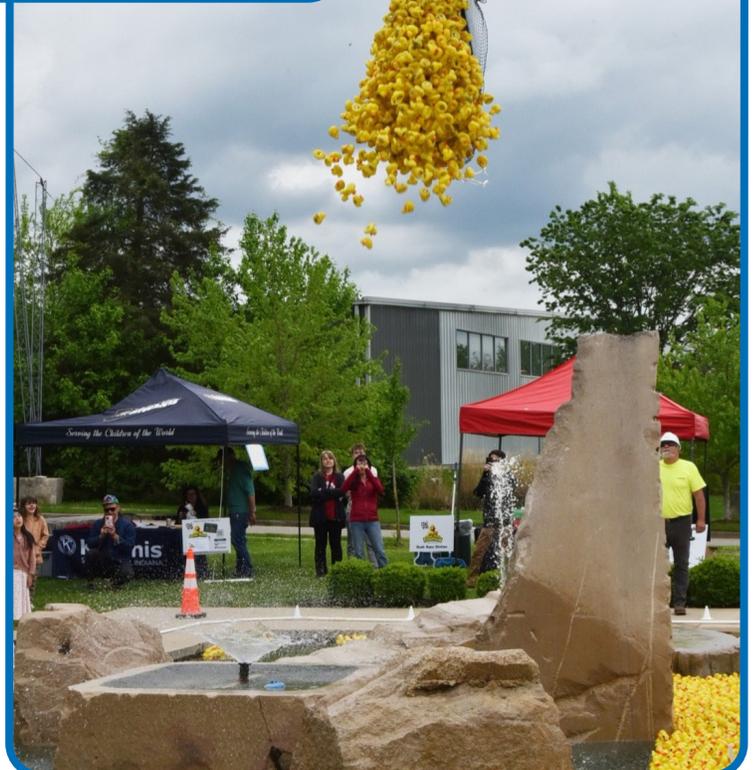


1st Annual Duck Race Festival

In May, we celebrated our inaugural Duck Race fundraiser. Families, students, educators, and community members came together to celebrate learning and raise funds for our educational programs. In partnership with Kiwanis of South Central Indiana, we raised \$37,400.

The centerpiece of the festival was our “duck drop” where thousands of rubber ducks splashed into the fountain at Woolery Mill. Participants adopted ducks for a chance to win the \$2,500 grand prize!

Students participated in the 500 Minute Reading Challenge - collecting their prize at the event. STEM students from ASE designed and built our duck picker!



Student performance groups shared their amazing talents with guests throughout the day along with local bands.

The day was filled with games, music, a JEEP show, fire truck, food, the STEM to Them Bus, and more.



We gratefully acknowledge contributions from our generous supporters. Your gifts empower and transform young lives. Thank You!

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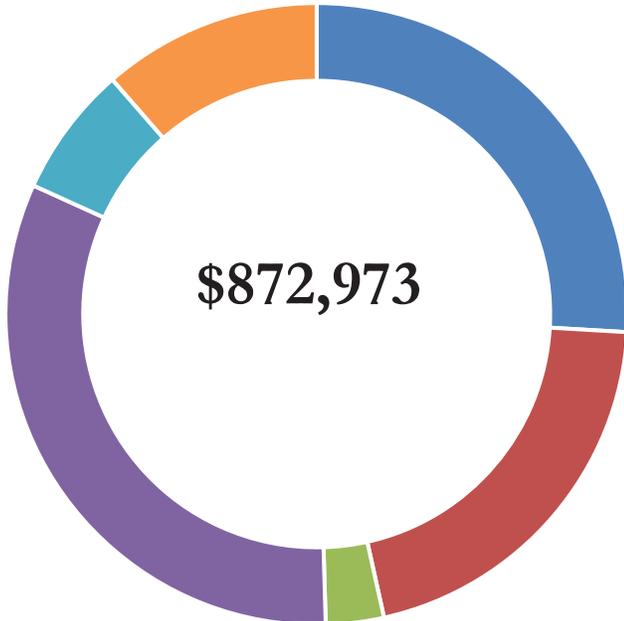
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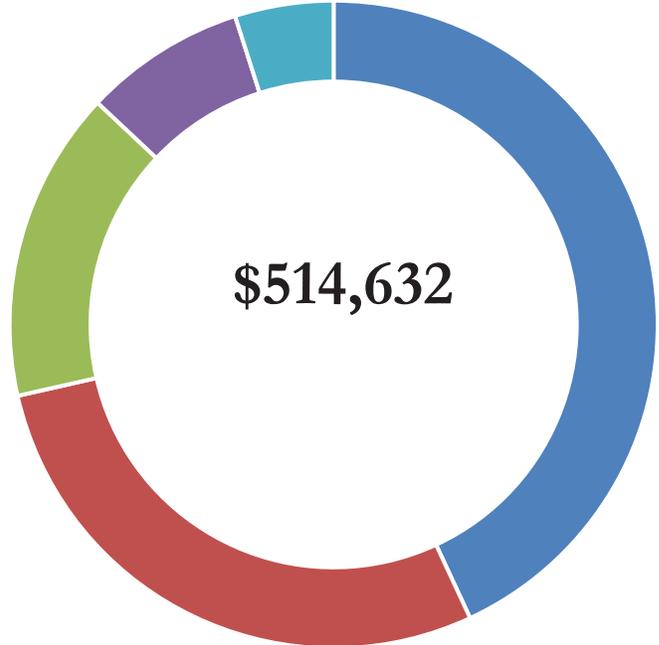
Financial Highlights

Revenue



- Business Support - \$226,342
- Public Support - \$179,829
- Foundations - \$26,277
- Investment Income - \$281,514
- Other/Fees - \$59,464
- Endowment - \$99,546

Operating Expense



- Grants and School Transformation - \$221,697
- Other Programs & Services - \$146,057
- Fundraising - \$80,088



Community and Event Partners make a difference.

Class of 2025 - Scholarships and Awards

\$25,100 awarded to amazing students!



Sam Burgess Award
Ruben Morales, BHSS



Sara Flores-Adorno, BHSS



Bertha E. Rogers
Hinkle
Scholarship
Ava Noelle Robbenolt, BHSN



Evelyn Ford, BHSS



Ruth Hidore Memorial Scholarship
Olivia Roberts, BHSS



Jason Lorne
Kennedy
Scholarship
Marshall Caldwell, BHSS



Grace Stringer, BHSS



Lexie Mills
Scholarship
Miriam Sui, BHSN



Fred Simic
Scholarship
Jillian Navarro, BHSN



Isaiah Stroup
Scholarship
Aiden Beyers, BHSS



Dave Tanner
Scholarship
Ella deWeber, BHSN



Jeannine Butler
Scholarship
Sofia Garcia, BHSN



Phoebe Crookes
Whaley Memorial
Scholarship
Ella Smedley, BHSS



BHSS Class
of 1967
Scholarship
Noah Torres, BHSS



Dave Deckard
Scholarship (not pictured)
Evan Fox, HHCC

IUCU Personal Achievement Scholarships (not pictured)

- Violet Nova Eller, BGS*
- Maya Coleman, BHSN*
- Brogan Gilbert, ASE*
- Tristan Hicks, BHSS*
- Hunter Olsen, HHCC*

Cummings Family Kindness Award

- Kalea Carter & Elijah Taylor*
- Binford Elementary*

Leanna Beth Anderson
Scholarship (not pictured)
Emma Scott Smith, HHCC



Afemai Memorial
Scholarship
Matthew Arroyo,
BHSN



Operation Fish-
bowl Scholarship
Sofia Garcia,
BHSN



Elizabeth von Bu-
chler Scholarship
Rohnan Steele,
BHSS



Laura Childs Award
Ava Moore, BHSN
Rebecca Heim, BHSS



James R. Eberly
Scholarship
Yverre Berzins,
BHSS



Business & Professional
Women's Club Award
Daisy Rogers, BHSN
Yvonne Biggs, BHSS



Brabson Scholarship
Mathias Allen, BHSS



Donald Childs Medal
Caleb Webb, BHSN
Owen Gerber, BHSS



Ida Medlyn Scholarship
Sloane Craig-Stake, BHSN



Florence Hamilton
Scholarship
Helena Lehr, BHSN
Gabe Oliger, BHSS



Jakob Mumper Memorial
Scholarship
Luke Miller, BHSN



Ben Tait Scholarship
MaKenzie Rayles, BHSS
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L. Jon Wertheim Journalism
Award
Ally Sons, BHSN



James F. Thompson &
Carolyn Weir
Thompson Quill &
Scroll Award
Kelton O'Connell, BHSN
Siena Johnson, BHSS



Bloomington Watercolor
Society Scholarship
Lorelei Held, BHSS

New Endowments

This year, one new endowment was established, representing a powerful financial asset that will make a lasting impact. Endowments provide annual support and contribute to the sustainable growth of education over the long term. We are deeply grateful for these generous gifts and the positive influence they will have on both current and future students.



Elizabeth von Buchler Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth was a prominent English teacher at Bloomington High School South for over 20 years. She made a profound impact on the lives of students and faculty throughout the school as a teacher, leader of the Academic Super Bowl Club, and an advocate for keeping libraries open, reading, and championing students to learn about renewable energy.

Endowments are a great way to share your passion with students and can create extraordinary results. Gifts can be made during your life-time and/or by adding FMCCS to your will, retirement plan, or as a beneficiary. If you would like more information please contact Cyrilla Helm.



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