

WATERLOO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

monthly newsletter

\$3 Million Impact Report

In case you missed it, we published our **\$3 Million Impact Report** on our website last week! We shared physical copies at our Breakfast and wanted to relay this exciting overview to you.

Thank you for **believing in our mission** and **showing up** for Waterloo Community School District students.

[View the Report](#)



Becker Elementary's Women's Leadership Day



Hannah and Skylar participated in **Becker Elementary's Women's Leadership Day!** We chatted with 2nd - 4th graders and answered all their questions about our jobs, leadership, and education.

It was a fun morning interacting with some **Elementary students** and seeing the interesting questions they asked! There was a strong theme of leadership and the occasional 'What's your favorite color?'

May Grant Awards

Congrats to the following educators and students:

- **Andrew Scruggs**, Kittrell Elementary
- **Aubryanna Engel**, East High School
- **Carrie Fredericksen**, Highland Elementary
- **Jennifer Roster**, Highland Elementary
- **Keri Seda**, Orange Elementary
- **Nicole Goodman & Anders Elliott-Ott**, West High

[Read About These Unique Projects](#)



Acts of Jax



We're honored to share that we have added **Acts of Jax** as a fiscal sponsorship under the Foundation!

The Acts of Jax Fund honors **Jaxton Engstrom** and his courageous battle with Batten disease by carrying forward a lasting legacy of compassion and service. The fund provides financial support to **students and staff** to **design and carry out meaningful acts of kindness**.

[Read More & Give Online](#)

Multilingual STEM Night

Many of Waterloo Schools' multilingual learners are **underrepresented in STEM** courses, extracurricular programs, and Waterloo Career Center STEM courses.

Led by Autumn Bergman, ELL Instructional Support Specialist, we approved a grant in January to help her host a **Multilinguals in STEM Night**. And last month, this event was a hit for our multilingual families!

[See Photos from STEM Night](#)



Poyner Elementary Piano Keyboards



Take a look at Tiffany Mensing's music classroom at Poyner! Since receiving grant funding and implementing a keyboard curriculum, **students at Poyner are experiencing hands-on music making in a new way**.

Students have been focusing on **foundational keyboard and piano skills**, including proper hand placement, note reading, and melody performance. And, **indirectly, students have grown in their perseverance, focus, collaboration, and confidence**.