



*Enriching Educational Experiences for Students –
Thanks to great members like you!*

May 2008 Update:

**11 Grants and more than \$20,000 of grants approved
at the Foundation’s Board April meeting**

What do books, music, and saving lives have in common?

The Panther Foundation supports them all.

We are helping to enrich the educational experience in many ways. Six district schools or departments received grants this time around. Books are a common theme for many of our grants. We believe that books are a good investment of Foundation money because they are a gift that keeps on giving, from one reader to the next. Calista Alden at Westwood Intermediate and Tori Jensen at the high school were awarded grants that promoted reading. Thank you both for applying.

Two other groups who received several grants from the foundation are the Opportunities in Emergency Care (OEC) program and the music department. We see the Foundation as a resource that can be used to help expand the opportunities for students both inside and outside the classroom. Please join us in wishing good luck to Bill Neiss and his team of students competing in this year’s International EMS Competition in Texas in June. We have also supported the band and choir many times. This time around we were able to help Stephanie Phelps and her middle school Show Choir, and Amy Howard put together a performance for all middle school choir students to attend. Stephanie will be taking her show choir to Valley Fair to sing inside the theme park for part of the day. Good Luck!

Please be sure to go online www.pantherfoundation.org and share your next big idea --in need of funding—with us, and let us help you “Enrich the Education Experience for Students”.

Next grant application deadline: June 27, 2008.

Look how important Spring Lake Park School District staff are!

This year’s **Staff Membership Drive** accounted for 129 of our 187 total members. Over **\$10, 860 was raised**, with \$5,430 going back to the schools, departments, and programs to use for projects of their choosing.

School/department/program stipend disbursements

Spring Lake Park High School	\$525	Park Terrace Elementary	\$265
Learning Alternatives	\$212	Woodcrest Elementary	\$193
Westwood Middle School	\$990	Early Childhood Programs	\$ 75
Westwood Intermediate School	\$640	Community Education Dept.	\$825
Kenneth Hall Elementary	\$478	District Services Center	\$1,225

Thank you to the Spring Lake Park Schools staff for your continued support. If you have not yet become a member of the Foundation, or if you are considering an increase in your level of participation, please remember: An annual contribution of \$25 makes you a Bronze Member, \$100 for Silver, \$250 for Gold, and \$1000 for Lifetime. We appreciate support at all levels. Watch for your staff drive next fall.

A growing endowment

Your Foundation Board is committed to creating a solid financial base for the Foundation through our Endowment Fund. The Panther Foundation membership should be happy to know that our contributions this past year allowed for a \$10,000 increase, putting our total Endowment Fund at \$25,000. This will create interest income, and provide an indefinite funding source for future giving.