



2011-2012 Special Projects

Four Projects, total of \$14,862

**Special Projects to Date 12/1/11

■ Staff Back-to-School Kick-Off Keynote Sponsorship - \$3,000

The entire staff was inspired by a 65-minute keynote presentation by Dr. Crystal Kuykendall, author of six books including *From Rage to Hope: Strategies for Reclaiming Black & Hispanic Students*, a national best seller offering tips and strategies to enhance student performance, achievement, and effectiveness.

Dr. Kuykendall's dramatic and poignant, funny and challenging message to the Spring Lake Park staff stressed the utmost responsibility and the key roles educators play in today's society as they are the "merchants of hope" for today's children.

District Wide

■ Percussion Ensemble Marimba - \$3,500

Special Project Funding will assisted with the purchase of a Marimba for the Spring Lake Park High School Band Department. This instrument will enhance the experience of over 220 students in the SLPHS band program. The band department is increasing their percussion ensemble repertoire to be more culturally responsive and the additional marimba increases the musical opportunities.

Spring Lake Park High School and District Wide Band Programs

■ Staff Membership Drive - \$3,562

During the Staff Membership Drive in the fall, 50% of what is donated goes back to the school or department of the donor's choosing.

District Wide

■ Kindergarten Special Project - \$2,000

During the first week of Kindergarten every incoming Kindergarten student is given a "Welcome to Kindergarten" book.

District Wide - All incoming Kindergarten students

■ School Supplies for All - \$2,000

The Panther Foundation supports the "School Supplies for All" project which provides backpacks filled with school supplies to students and families who cannot otherwise afford them.

District Wide

■ Dictionary Project - \$800

The Panther Foundation partners annually with the Blaine/Ham Lake Rotary Club to provide a dictionary to all third grade students.

District Wide - Third Grade