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# YOUR GIFT TODAY

## ENABLES TEACHER GRANTS FOR 2017-2018

# We Help Make an Excellent School Even Better

The Pine Street School Foundation was formed in 2009 by a group of parents and grandparents seeking to help ensure Pine Street Elementary School has the resources needed to enhance an already exceptional educational experience.

In today's competitive educational world, we believe the education our children receive is one of the best at any school, anywhere. Our goal is to increase discretionary funds for equipment, supplies, and projects above and beyond what traditional funding sources provide. Accordingly, the Foundation has created a grant process for teachers and staff to leverage and fund these initiatives.

Over the last six years, the Foundation has awarded more than $180,000 in grants to teachers of grades K - 5. Teachers apply for grants each April and recipients are announced by the end of May so that projects can be implemented in the following school year.

# Please GIVE by May 1st

Gifts to the Foundation received by May 1 determine the level of funding to be awarded for next year.

# Join the Campaign!

**We need you – gifts of every amount truly make a difference!**

This year's campaign ends May 1, 2017. Gifts received by this deadline will fund the 2017-2018 grants.

The Pine Street School Foundation is a 501c3 organization; all donations are tax-deductible.

10 x $10
4 x $25
1 x $100

→ EACH OF THESE MAKES A $100 GRANT POSSIBLE

# Making A Gift Is easy

**Give Securely Online:**
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(click the orange "Donate" button)

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# FAQ's

### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PTO AND THE PINE STREET SCHOOL FOUNDATION?

The differences are both in how funds are generated and allocated. The PTO leverages family dues and fundraisers such as Boosterthon and restaurant Spirit Nights to support teacher appreciation and meaningful school traditions. Examples include duty free lunch for teachers, Grandparents Day and Colonial Day. The Foundation seeks financial commitments to fund academic enhancement projects at the classroom, grade, department, and school-wide levels. Examples range from a new set of lacrosse equipment for the PE Department to specialty math and science equipment for the 5th grade.

### WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION'S SPENDING POLICY?

Our spending policy emphasizes that funds should be deployed quickly and that every student should benefit from the Foundation's grants every year. We do not intend to raise an endowment to gradually deploy funds over many years. Our donors should know that we intend for their current contributions to benefit today's students.

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"From its very inception, the Pine Street School Foundation was born of a commitment to partnership. When parents and families see the value of public/private partnership, there's no limit to what we can accomplish together."

Dr. Russell W. Booker, Superintendent,
Spartanburg School District 7

# Quick Facts

**$1**

The minimum donation you can give to the Pine Street School Foundation

**3 Families**

Established the PSSF in 2009

**8.3%**

The percentage of PSSF funds used for operating expenses

**22%**

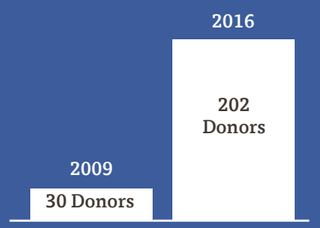
The portion of donations to PSSF that are between $50 and $99

**130 Grants**

Have been funded by the Pine Street School Foundation since 2009

**686 Students**

In Kindergarten through Fifth Grade attend Pine Street School




Our number of donors has jumped from 30 to 202 since 2009.

# How Our Grants are Helping Students and Teachers

## 1 Buddy Benches

Located on both playgrounds, the new Buddy Benches promote sharing, caring and respect. Students are learning that when they see a child sitting on this bench, they should invite him or her to play, to talk or to walk. The benches were proposed jointly by teachers and guidance counselors.

## 2 School-Wide Musicals

The Foundation has purchased the rights for a school-wide musical for the last several years, involving approximately half of the children at Pine Street in each production. Last year, the school presented *The Lion King*, and this year children are preparing *The Wizard of Oz*.

## 3 Building Blocks of Education

The "Building Blocks of Education" grant provided natural materials for creative construction in Kindergarten classrooms. "During our recent study of measurement, we learned how to use balance scales," said Kelli Hardigree. "Later in the day, without being prompted, the students created a balance scale using the blocks in our building area. They were using math terminology while comparing the weight of objects within the construction area."

## 4 BrainPOP Subscription

BrainPOP facilitates interactive multimedia learning and inquiry to support a variety of learning styles for all students in grades 3 – 5. Students enjoy learning from BrainPOP's interactive games and movies during their unstructured iPad and computer times.

## 5 Start Spreading the News

A Foundation grant enabled a new student-produced newscast to launch this year, introducing students to public speaking and media arts. "Pine News" is produced by Student Government leaders, showcases all grade levels, and is broadcast weekly for the entire school to enjoy.

# Who Supports the PSS Foundation?

## Parents, Grandparents, Community Members, & Local Businesses

"As a teacher, I understand the impact teacher grants make in a classroom. They inspire and reward innovative approaches that directly benefit our children."

**Jennifer Hallenbeck,** PSS Parent

"Whether its supporting beautiful new playgrounds or teacher grants that advance creativity and innovation – there's a special synergy at Pine Street thanks to the involvement of our parents and families."

**Anne Chapman Jeter,**
Principal of Pine Street School

"Spartanburg is Contec's home, and supporting our community matters. The opportunity to spark excitement in a young person – to uncover a talent or interest that changes the course of that child's life – compels us to give to the PSS Foundation year after year."

**Jim Smith,** Contec, Inc.

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