



September 13, 2018  
7th Annual Academic Golf Classic  
Pilot Knob Park, Pilot Mountain, NC



April 27, 2019  
7th Annual MAD Dash 5K & Fun Run  
Surry Central HS, Dobson, NC



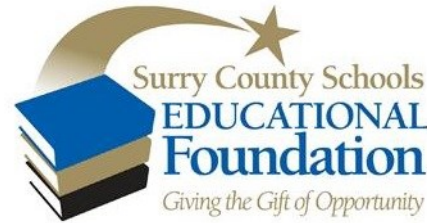
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## 2018 Enhanced Learning Mini-Grants Awarded

The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation has awarded its 2018 Enhanced Learning Mini-Grants. Twenty-two mini-grants were awarded to twenty-three teachers at fourteen schools. The total funding of the mini-grants was over \$17,000.

Thirty-six applications were received and reviewed in early May by a committee of board members and community leaders. The field was narrowed down to twenty-two creative and innovative projects. The awards team conducted surprise visits to grant recipients on May 24.

### 2018 Enhanced Learning Mini-Grant Recipients and Projects

- Emily Akers, Copeland Elem – Osmo Kits for the Classroom
- Stephanie Bode, Dobson Elem – Using Robots to Teach Coding
- Kathy Brintle, Gentry Mid – Ready, Set, Grow!
- Angela Caswell, Westfield Elem – Classroom Cajon Drum Circle
- Jennifer Collins, Franklin Elem – Wearable Guts
- Dana Draughn, Flat Rock Elem – Magic Book Bus Summer Literacy Project
- Luann Edwards, White Plains Elem – Happy Fingers: Rocking and Jamming with Keyboards
- Melodie Ellis, Shoals Elem – Exploring with Osmo
- Tonya Fletcher, Franklin Elem – Coding is a Snap!
- Amber Flippen, Surry Early College – STEM Art with Photography
- Trina Goettel, White Plains Elem – What's the Weather? ¿Cuál es el clima?
- Rachel King & Erin Simpson, White Plains Elem – Osmos for Awesome Growth
- Krystal Luce, Meadowview Magnet Mid – Building Gardens, Building Minds
- Grayson Moser, Pilot Mountain Elem – Shaping, Teaching, Exercising Minds...Creating my Own STEM Project this Time!
- Keena Moxley, Rockford Elem – Using Glockenspiels to Develop Creative Skills with Literature
- Billy Pell, Westfield Elem – Talk About a Revolution - An Integrated Reading Unit
- Alicia Ray, Meadowview Magnet Mid – Gaming to Learn
- Angie Smith, Central Mid – Ukés for All
- Ashley Snow, White Plains Elem – SWITCHing Up Learning
- Ashley Talbott, Cedar Ridge Elem – Buzzing Through Learning with Bee Bots
- DeAnna Walker, Copeland Elem – Making Sound Waves in Elementary Music
- Courtney Willard, Copeland Elem & Pilot Mountain Elem – Storytelling Quilts Go Digital

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## 6th Annual MAD Dash 5K & Fun Run Posts Record Year



The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual MAD Dash 5K & Fun Run raised over \$20,000 for Surry County Schools' students and teachers.

The race, held on April 28, 2018 and hosted by the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation, had over 500 participants racing through the streets of Dobson, NC, with hundreds more volunteers and spectators cheering them on! The 5K began on the Surry Community College campus and finished at the 50-yard line of the Surry Central High School Rex Mitchell Track and Field. Dozens of children participated in a Fun Run following the 5K.



All eleven Surry County Schools GROW (Go Run Our World) Strong Teams competed in the event. Each team goes through a 10-week training after school. The training not only prepares the students to participate in the 5K, but also teaches positive characteristics like determination, confidence, self-pride and race etiquette.



Deanne Fitzgerald, Surry County Schools' GROW Strong Coordinator, believes the program teaches children to persevere through tough situations. "This not only applies to running but life in general. Students learn that when a situation is difficult or challenging they can keep pushing and accomplish more than they every imagined they could accomplish," says Fitzgerald. "It is so exciting to watch children go from not being able to run a minute without stopping to racing 3.1 miles in 10 short weeks. The self-pride and self-confidence that they build is something they can carry with them throughout their lives."

Surry Insurance is the 2018 MAD Dash Event Sponsor. Top male runners: Ryan Mills (16:33), Elek Wyble (17:12), Eli Riggs (18:22). Top female runners: Deanne Fitzgerald (19:09), Annika Bell (20:36), Yasmin Hernandez (20:54)

## 2nd Annual Sharon Hardy Memorial Par 3 Tournament

On June 14, the 2nd Annual Sharon Hardy Memorial Par 3 Tournament raised \$5,000 benefiting the Sharon Smith Hardy Educational Endowment Fund. The tournament is supported by the family of Sharon Hardy and takes place at Hardy's Custom Golf. Before the teams teed off, Rex Hardy, Sharon's husband, said, "I think Sharon would be proud to see this tournament happening. She loved teaching and loved all the kids she worked with. I think she's looking over us today."

Choice Metal Buildings, the Hardy family, and the Huffman family were the Title Sponsors for the event.

First place morning winners Mike Harrison, Dennis Lowe, Randy Lions  
First place afternoon winners Buddy Edwards, Cam Eaton, Don Love



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## 2018 Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship

In 2011, Mr. Frankie Andrews and his family established The Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship through the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation. It is named for Mr. Andrews' two nephews, Matthew Absher and Brandon Moxley, who lost their young lives within a four-year period due to the adverse effects of prescription drug addiction.

Sarah Marion is a 2018 recipient of a \$500 Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship. In her application essay, Sarah reflected on how drug abuse affects teenagers, saying, "Addicts come from various lifestyles, ages, and backgrounds...in today's society, teenagers are commonly taking pain killers as a way of belonging to a social group. The consequences of drug abuse strains relationships, hinders cognitive performance, and limits your ability to function productively in a work environment." Sarah is a 2018 graduate of East Surry High School and will attend Forsyth Technical Community College in the fall.



Sarah Marion

Brandon Norman is also a 2018 recipient of a \$500 Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship. In his application essay, Brandon states that "Prescription drug abuse has become an epidemic in the United States, and it will not go away until we all bond together to fight this awful thing that comes with a cost of human lives." Brandon is a 2018 graduate of Surry Central High School and will attend Guilford College in the fall.



Brandon Norman

Donations to the Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship can be made through the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation, PO Box 364, Dobson, NC 27017.

## Magic Book Bus Literacy Project

2018 Mini-Grant Project by Dana Draughn, Principal, Flat Rock Elementary School

Summer time means hot days, popsicles, water sports, and no school! For Flat Rock Elementary staff, most of that is true. For the past five years, the school's Magic Book Bus has ridden through its community providing books and snacks for children.



"Research shows that children lose literacy proficiency during summer break," Dana Draughn, Principal of Flat Rock Elementary, says about the literacy program. "The Magic Book Bus decreases 'summer reading regression' for all students, including those who may not have easy access to summer enrichment programs."

The schedule for the Magic Book Bus is sent to each student's home so they will be ready when the bus comes to the neighborhood. "Our volunteers create a fun and happy environment for each student so they will want to join us at the next week's stop. We are so thankful for our volunteers and community partners, including the Surry County Schools School Nutrition Department, for helping to make this important program a success each year," says Draughn.