

\$3K gift awarded to Atchison Co School programs

**(KAIR)--\$3,000 is awarded by the Atchison County Community Schools Education Foundation to support three teacher mini-grant projects.**

**According to a release from the foundation, the decision to gift the funds was decided Wednesday, during the foundation's regular monthly meeting.**

**The foundation was formed in January, 2019 with the mission, the release says, "to function in cooperation with and support of Atchison County Community Schools to preserve, maintain and improve public education."**

**The first of the three awarded projects is "Helping Buddy the Elf travel from the north Pole to New York (Effingham)." Funds will be used for digital projections to show Buddy the Elf's journey, enhancing the experience of the fall play, according to the release. It was submitted by instructors Noelle Walters, Amy Eckert, and Tim Walters.**

**The second project is called "Letters and Sounds Fun," as presented by instructors Charlotte Michel, Jennifer Wiseman, Callie Faught, Jamie Swendson, and Teresa Turner.**

**The release explains that the funds will be used to assist the effort of helping preK-kindergarten students learn letter/sounds and proper letter formation.**

**The third project is known as "Funding for the Future: Greenhouse Startup," as submitted by Agricultural Education instructor Kayla Bodehausen, with the release saying the award will provide funding for a wide range of supplies that are necessary for a successful startup of the school district's Greenhouse.**

**The release notes that the \$3,000 "is the largest dollar amount that has been awarded to date, as well as the most project receiving funds," made possible by what the foundation board calls "the generosity of the Atchison County community."**

**According to the release, the projects selected for funding "will provide enhanced learning experiences for the students of Atchison County Community Schools."**