

2024/2025

Highlights of the Year-

Fundraising, Community &
Grants



STRIDE

Introduction

Role: Fundraising, Community Engagement, and Grant Writing Coordinator

- **Plan and execute fundraising campaigns**
- **Organize community events, volunteer opportunities, and student enrichment activities**
- **Secure grant funding to support resources for students**

Objectives of Tonight's Presentation:

- **Share YoY growth in fundraising/donations, community partnerships, and grants..**
- **Highlight community engagement initiatives**
- **Discuss grant writing successes and challenges**
- **A Glance at the Year Ahead: Opportunities and Highlights**



Main highlights

Fundraiser

2023/2024:
\$9,429

2024/2025:
\$4,344

➡ YoY change:
-53.93%

**Donations,
Including In-
Kind:**

2023/2024:
\$6,750

2024/2025:
\$6,858.74

➡ YoY Change:
+1.61%

2023/2024: **4**
businesses

2024/2025: **16**
businesses

➡ YoY Change:
+300%

Grants

2023/2024:
\$2,605

2024/2025:
\$16,447

➡ YoY change:
+531.4%

Student-Driven Fundraising (3 per school year)

➡ 2023/2024: **\$548.61**

Highest: SchoolStore - \$258.37

➡ 2024/2025: **\$1,555.50**

Highest: Harry's Pizza - \$964.50

YoY Change:

+183.5%

Fundraising Summary 2024/2025

- Kinder Coffee Lab (Oct. 7-31, 2024)
– Gross: \$580 | Net: **\$224**
- TreeMachine Greenraiser (Dec. 2024) – **\$24.02** & **3** trees planted
- Harry's Pizza (Apr. 7-28, 2025) –
Gross: \$2,970 | Net: **\$964.50**
- Skatin' Place (Apr. 17, 2025) –
Gross: \$875 | Net: **\$367**
- Golf Tournament (Jun. 16, 2025) –
Gross: \$5,689 | Net: **\$2,764.16**
➡ Total Net Profit: **\$4,343.68**



Golf Tournament Highlights Player & Team Growth:

Players:

- **2023 → 34**
- **2024 → 74**
- **2025 → 60**

Teams:

- **2023 → 11**
- **2024 → 18**
- **2025 → 15**

Sponsors:

2023 → 7
2024 → 10
2025 → 7

Financials (Gross Profit):

2023 → \$4,549.40

2024 → \$7,045.10

2025 → \$5,689

Donations to STRIDE Academy (2024-2025)

Quarry Creek Nursery – Topsoil for community garden & soccer goal – **\$540**
Cold Spring Bakery – 12 dozen donut balls – **\$23.16**
All Pro Powder Coating Co. – Coated Buddy Bench – **\$575**
United Way of Central Minnesota – Children’s socks, underwear, body wash, wipes – **\$288**
SCHEELS – \$500 gift card – **\$500**
Homeowners Financial Group – Men’s joggers, shirts, and boxers – **\$165**
Costco – \$100 gift card for Family Fun Night – **\$100**
Spirit 92.9 – Knitted winter hats – value not listed
DICKS Sporting Goods – Gloves & hats – **\$1,524**
Coborns on Cooper – \$50 gift card – **\$50**
Kinder Coffee Lab – Coffee for Para Appreciation Week – **\$160**
The Elks Lodge – Winter hats & gloves – **\$350**
Kwik Trip – Snacks & water for Teacher Appreciation Week – **\$70**
OnBrandPromo – 300 sunglasses for End of Year Color Run – **\$448.58**
Stop N Go – 48 bottles of Gatorade for Teacher Appreciation Week – **\$65**
Granite Leadership – Donation toward ValleyFair – **\$2,000**
Total Value (with listed amounts): **\$6,858.74**

Community Outreach & Partnerships

- **Student of the Month**
- **Costco Reading Buddies Program** – 12-week program, 2 students from grades 1-4, 30 minutes per week
- **Salvation Army** – Setting up the Toy Shop for community families
- **St. Benedict's Senior Living** – RCA Student House Leaders (bowling)
- **The Whitney Center** – Cribbage with 4th graders (once a week for 8 weeks)
- **Granite City Days Parade**
- **Summertime by George** – 3 nights



Environmental Initiatives

- **Great River Greening** – Quarry Park – Learning Phenology: the study and cycle of seasonal change with 3rd graders
- **Great River Greening** – Quarry Park– Seeding with 5th, 7th & 8th graders; goats came in first to remove buckthorn, then we seeded wildflowers
- **Farm Camp** – Fully grant funded, 8th grade students; groups visited an organic produce farm (Produce Acres) and DCI Corporate Headquarters
- **Bee Cause Project** – Grant funded pollinator initiative; live beehives
- **Pollinator Project** – Stearns Co. Soil & Water – Wildflowers planted throughout grounds, supports bees; soon plaques with plant descriptions and iPads will be available for students to use, learn, and study plants
- **Arbor Day** – Heritage Park – MS students with City of St. Cloud Parks & Rec; planted at Heritage Park

Experience working here

As a school, we lead by example, showing our students how to care for the world around them.





Awarded: 7

Awarded Grants

- 2024 Bee Grant Program - **\$1,500**
- Kids Need to Read - **\$3,451.51**- worth of books
- Casey's Cash for Classrooms - **\$3,600** - furnished the art room
- Farm Camp Transportation Grant - **\$750** - Took 8th graders on an agriculture adventure
- Strategic Initiatives Grant (MAELC) - **\$4,597** - Outdoor classroom materials, iPads and shelter
- Whole Kids Garden Grant - **\$3,500**
- Stearns County Tire Recycle Program - **\$2,500**

Total Awarded: **\$16,447**

Grant Overview

Pending: 2

- Hopecy's Heart Foundation- AED device - **Sept.**
- MDE- Cybersecurity Grant -**Oct.**

In progress in the Pipeline : 4

- MDE - Youth Voice Health and Wellbeing Grant Opportunity - **9/19**
- Bernick's Family Foundation - soccer field scoreboard & bleachers - **9/30**
- Community Giving- Special Needs - **10/31**
- CMAB - Theater grant - **2/25/26**

Not Awarded: 3

- Bernick's Grant- soccer goals and bleachers
- Initiative Foundation- Joy & Connection Grant- seeking funds to support our volunteering efforts
- Ciresi Walburn Foundation - Organized Binders & PD

2025/2026 calendar

Sept – Nov.	Dec – Feb.	March – May
Fall Fundraiser	Salvation Army	Spring Fundraiser
Great River Greening Community Event	Great River Greening	Arbor Day – Tree Planting event
Open	Wellness Week	Feed My Starving Children



Thank you

- Giving Back to the Community for
Student Enrichment

