

“Innovative Classroom Projects” Make a Difference



We Listened to Teachers! More Grant Opportunities in 2012

The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools recently reviewed completed surveys about our “Innovative Classroom Projects.” Teachers responded with great feedback on improving the application process and on increasing the grant amounts.

Because of their suggestions and due to increased need in the current economic climate, the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools is pleased to announce the following:

For the school year 2012-2013, up to **fifteen** “Innovative Classroom Project” grants will be awarded and the amount of each grant will be increased from **\$500.00 to \$750.00.**

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The Catawba Collaboration: Student art work and videos will be featured during the Related Arts Showcase night at GHES in March.

Gold Hill Elementary School’s “Catawba Collaboration”

With an *Innovative Classroom Project* grant, Gold Hill Elementary students presented the “**Catawba Collaboration Project.**” The Related Arts classes integrated Social Studies lessons and activities to include Native American life, culture, art, music, and outdoor games.

Students literally carried their learning from one class to the next. The project culminated in a live performance by local Catawbans who entertained students with their stories, musical instruments, and lively dances.

The teachers who created the “Collaboration” project are: JoNelle Gardner (Technology), Rebecca New (Art), and Joy Price (Media Specialist).



USING “INNOVATIVE CLASSROOM PROJECTS” GRANTS IN THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR



Students use a tripod magnifier to explore the characteristics of sunflowers.



A student observes a caterpillar collected on our playground.



Mrs. Mitchell helps students compare and contrast the size, color, and shape of the apple and the pumpkin.

A SENSE OF SCIENCE

Sharon T. Mitchell: FMHS Preschool Program

This is a literature-based program designed to enhance science skills. The program introduces children to literacy with a hands-on approach for learning fundamentals in science. Activities enable the learner to observe, classify, measure, infer, predict, discover and communicate. Combining science and literature helps a child to connect acquired skills with their immediate environment.



RECREATIONAL GAMES

Florence Ramsey

Springfield Middle School

Ms. Ramsey’s “Recreational Games” unit was incorporated into the Physical Education Program at Springfield Middle School. The unit consists of recreational activities for a lifetime: Bocce, Badminton, Shuffleboard, Pickle Ball, Four Square, Ping Pong, Bowling, Horseshoes, Croquet and Putting. All of these are activities that students and their families may enjoy playing together.

This unit encourages students to spend time with their families and friends while participating in health-enhancing activities.



Lead the Way: Building the Sopwith Camel

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The Fort Mill School District has recognized the growth of aviation opportunities in our state (e.g., Boeing in Charleston) and will introduce an Aerospace Engineering course starting in the fall of 2012.

There is a very special connection to the Sopwith Camel aircraft in Fort Mill. This is the same type of airplane that was flown by Colonel Elliott Springs when he volunteered to fly the fighter for the British Royal Air Force in World War One.

The plane will be dedicated to his memory at the time of its first flight.

FMSD Press Release:

Patrick Lyons, 1-9-2012

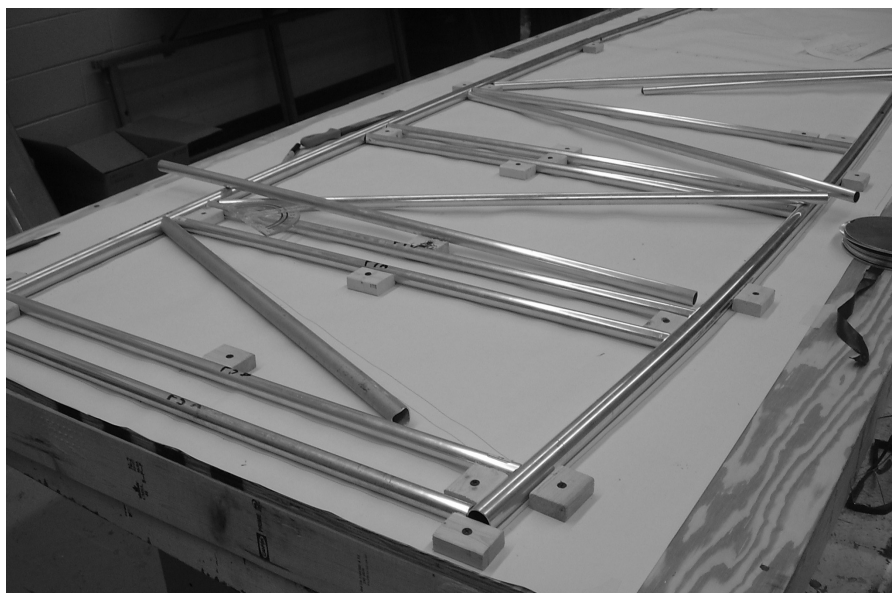
The Sopwith Camel was an Allied combat aircraft of the First World War, a British single-seat biplane fighter introduced on the Western Front in 1917.



Col. Springs

The Camel plane was manufactured by Sopwith Aviation Company and outfitted with twin synchronized machine guns. The Camel was considered difficult to handle, but experienced pilots preferred its better maneuverability.

The Camel was credited with shooting down 1,294 enemy aircraft, more than any other Allied fighter of the war.



Assembling the wing of the Sopwith Camel at FMHS

More grant opportunities in 2012

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The Foundation will also offer two (2) \$250.00 grants to teachers for *Professional Enrichment*.

New grant applications for these projects are now available on our website and have been emailed to all teachers in the district.

Completed applications for the *Innovative Classroom Projects* grants need to be received no later than April 30, 2012.

Professional Enrichment grant applications must be received by March 30, 2012.

If you have difficulty accessing a grant package on our website, please call the Foundation at 803.548.5559 or email Cheryl Hill at:

chill@foundationforfortmillschools.org

We urge all FMSD teachers to participate in our expanded grants program and submit their applications for consideration.

REMEMBER THESE DEADLINES:

March 31, 2012
Deadline for **Professional Enrichment** grant applications.

April 30, 2012
Deadline for **Innovative Classroom Projects** grant applications.

Foundation for Fort Mill Schools
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**REMEMBERING FORMER PRINCIPAL /SUPERINTENDENT
 J.H. "HOSS" NESBITT**

On Nov. 15, 2011, the Fort Mill School District lost a longtime friend, leader and advocate.

Mr. J. H. "Hoss" Nesbitt passed away at the age of ninety. He spent thirty-three years in education as coach, teacher, principal and superintendent in the South Carolina public schools.

In education, Mr. Nesbitt most recently served as the Superintendent of Fort Mill School District 4, retiring in 1980.

The current school district office was renamed the *J.H. Nesbitt Administration Building* in his honor.



Hoss Nesbitt

After retiring from the Fort Mill school system, Mr. Nesbitt went on to serve on Fort Mill's Town Council and then as a state senator for South Carolina.

If you know someone who would like to contribute to the Foundation of Fort Mill Schools in support of our grants, please ask them to use the form below.

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Please keep my contribution anonymous.

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**Foundation for Fort Mill Schools
 PO Box 476
 Fort Mill, SC 29716**

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The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent the law allows. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution. Thank you for your support!

The mission of the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools is to promote academic excellence in the Fort Mill School District of York County, South Carolina, through direct financial support of projects, activities, educational assistance and professional development.

The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools is a non-profit organization defined by the IRS as a **501(c)(3)**. All contributions are tax deductible to the full extent the law allows.

This designation applies to each contribution to the Foundation, including funds received from individuals, corporations, etc.

One of our most popular programs, **“Innovative Classroom Projects,”** is funded entirely through contributions from individual members of the community along with corporate sponsors. Many contributions are given in honor or in memory of a special teacher, student or influential member of the community. Classroom grants are awarded yearly to provide educational opportunities that cannot be funded immediately by the district.

The funds that the Foundation receives through general contributions and programs such as **“Honor a Teacher”** are added directly to monies that support **“Innovative Classroom Projects”** and **“Professional Enrichment”** grants for teachers, along with one-time projects that meet our criteria.

These grants are awarded based on a formal application process and are entirely separate from the identities of individual contributors.

The **“Honor a Teacher”** program is a means of expressing thanks to a teacher who has made a difference to a child or family. A contribution is submitted in a teacher’s name and the contributor receives an acknowledgement of the gift. The honored teacher receives a card advising him/her of this contribution and the name of the donor.

About the Foundation: Did You Know?



Foundation board members enjoy the 2011 Fort Mill Christmas Parade.

“Honor a Teacher” is a fundraising program for the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools; all contributions received through this program go directly to the Foundation.

The Foundation also handles the administration of scholarships that have been funded to support higher education for both high schools. Contributions to these scholarships are also fully tax deductible, but the donor does specify which of the scholarship funds he wishes to support.

Projects funded by classroom grants are as varied as the teachers and students who receive them. All applying teachers must adhere to specific guidelines when completing their proposals. The guidelines are meant to ensure that grants are used in ways that are approved and sanctioned by the Foundation board of directors and the school district.

The foundation board currently consists of fifteen individuals, including community leaders / volunteers who promote and support our schools, management-level representatives of local businesses and / or corporations that influence and are influenced by the school system, persons with strong

banking /investment /accounting backgrounds who lend their time and expertise, a current member of the school board of trustees and a current administrator from the FMSD office.

The Foundation has one paid part-time employee who fills the role of Executive Director. This position is currently held by Cheryl Hill, a lifelong resident of Fort Mill. Office and meeting space for the foundation is donated by our school district.

Foundation operations are strictly managed in accordance with all government requirements for **501(c)(3)** non-profits.

There is a link on our website through which you can contribute to the Foundation’s programs using *PayPal*.

General contributions, along with memorials and honoraria, can also be sent directly to the Foundation:

Foundation for Fort Mill Schools
PO Box 476
Fort Mill, SC 29716
803.548.5559

Your support is appreciated.

The McCallum Scholarship

McCallum Scholarships of \$2,500 are awarded each year to one graduating senior from Fort Mill High School and one from Nation Ford High School. Scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year went to:

Grea Boyd, Fort Mill High School (to attend Clemson University).

Dina DeMeo, Nation Ford High School (to attend USC Lancaster).

In the selection process, preference is given to (but not limited to) the pursuit of vocational or technical teaching or nursing (to include agriculture, audio visual technology TV, automotive technology, business, digital arts, early childhood education, engineering, graphics and health science.)

The McCallum / FFA Dinner held in January raised over \$1,000 for the scholarship fund.

Contributions to the McCallum Scholarship Fund are accepted year round; checks should be made to the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools. Please write "McCallum Fund" on the memo line.



TEGA CAY LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS IN 29708 ZIP CODE

This year, the Tega Cay Lions Club Scholarship Fund will provide a scholarship of \$2,500 to a graduating high school senior in the Fort Mill School District (or a student who has completed an equivalent educational program.)

To be eligible, a student must reside within the **29708** zip code.

Other requirements:

Graduating seniors must have applied to a four-year college or university, community college or technical college.

A minimum GPR of 2.5 is also required.

The selection committee will give special consideration to students with an economic need and those who have a physical disability.

Complete instructions regarding the application process will be available from Guidance Counselors at the high schools.

The deadline for completed applications is March 31, 2012.

MORE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Harold and Phoebe McCallum Scholarship – FMHS Est. 1993	To a Student Studying Vocational Teaching	\$2,500
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Hugh White Memorial Scholarship—FMHS Est. 1994	To an Outstanding Football Player	\$1,500
Tim Hawkins Memorial Scholarship—FMHS Est. 2008	To a Swim Team Participant	\$500
Lillian Dickert Gainey Memorial Scholarship—FMHS Est. 1996	To an Outstanding Foreign Language Student	\$500
Elizabeth Palmer Collins Scholarship—FMHS Est. 2002	To a Teacher Cadet	\$500
Doug Walters Memorial Scholarship – FMHS Est. 2008	To a Student Studying Culinary Arts	\$500
Donna Helton Memorial Scholarship – FMHS	To an Outstanding Female Soccer Player	\$500

See a guidance counselor for more information on eligibility and applications for these scholarships.

MCCALLUM / FFA ANNUAL DINNER: A TRADITION CONTINUES IN 2012

On Tuesday night, January 24, a capacity crowd of former FFA (Future Farmers of America) members from Fort Mill, along with a number of current FFA members and other guests, met at Captain Steve's Seafood in Fort Mill to honor a tradition established by long-time teacher and FFA sponsor H. M. "Mac" McCallum and to support the McCallum Scholarship Fund.

Mr. McCallum served the Fort Mill Schools as a teacher and principal for twenty-eight years. "Mac" (as he was called by everyone who knew him) taught courses in agriculture at Fort Mill High School back in the days when Fort Mill was surrounded by farms and dairies.

"Mac" McCallum also sponsored the FFA for agricultural students who wanted to participate in special

projects outside the classroom. FFA activities through the years included dances, trips to summer camp, conventions and, of course, seafood suppers.

A scholarship, founded by a former student in honor of Mr. McCallum and his wife, Phoebe, was established in 1993.

Mac's wife Phoebe McCallum taught nearly every student in Fort Mill (in the "pre-computer" years) to type. "Mac" and Phoebe continued the tradition of the annual "fish camp" events until Mac's death in 2008.

After his death, the yearly dinner was continued by former students and FFA members in recognition of the influence the McCallums had over all the students whose lives they touched.

Two McCallum scholarships of \$2,500 each are awarded every year, one at Fort Mill High School and one at Nation Ford High.



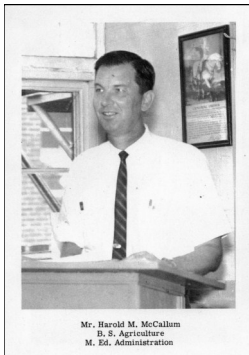
Top left: Murray White, organizer of the event

Top right: Joyce White with Phoebe McCallum

2nd down: Pinckney Purcell and Wayne Price, two supporters of the McCallum Scholarship Fund.

3rd down: It's a whole new FFA with female leaders and members.

Bottom: A full house for the annual FFA / McCallum Dinner.



Mr. Harold M. McCallum
B. S. Agriculture
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- ALLEN TATE REALTORS**



Allen Tate Realtors: Supporting the Foundation with a FUNDay Event

On Wednesday, January 25, Fort Mill Allen Tate Realtors presented the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools with a check for \$2,778.00.

Through the Tate FUNDay event, sponsors & Realtors along with Allen Tate are able to celebrate the spirit of working together and giving something back to the community.

Pictured: Suzanne Nguyen, Sybil Brindel, Tracey Miller, Hembree Sutton, Guynn Hozey Savage, Susan Swanson Axton, Yvette Ledet, Kelly Cahill, Martha Kinard and Cheryl Ervin Hill (representing the Foundation.)

**Project Lead the Way:
Building the Sopwith Camel**

Project Lead the Way: Engineering students and Auto Tech students from Fort Mill and Nation Ford High Schools have begun a yearlong project to build a full sized Sopwith Camel bi-plane.



A replica Sopwith Camel in flight

This project is being overseen by Fort Mill and Tega Cay residents Ell Close & David Griffin.

Students from both high schools are working together, building the plane fuselage and components at Fort Mill High School. The engine will be built at Nation Ford in the Auto Tech building.

Students will use the schools' engineering facilities for design work and construction, and they will incorporate computer-aided manufacturing techniques as well as hands-on construction of the airframe and engine.

This opportunity had been funded by a one-time gift to the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools. These funds, dedicated by the donors specifically to this project, will involve the participation of students and teachers at both district high schools. **(continued on p. 3)**

Aviator David Griffin discusses *Project Lead the Way* with students at FMHS.

