

#### **Foundation**

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The Jaysmiles Foundation represents a message of hope and compassion through inspiration. We believe that a single action can make a difference in the community, and that collective action can greatly impact the lives of those living in it.

We encourage you to join us and be inspired to make someone smile.

# Mini Golf Fundraiser a Hole-in-One!



We're thrilled to share the success of our Mini Golf Fundraiser—an event filled with fun, laughter, and a whole lot of heart. Thanks to the amazing generosity of our sponsors, donors, raffle participants, auction bidders, and enthusiastic players, we grossed over \$17,000 to support our cause!

Families, friends, and community members came together for a day of miniature golf and big impact. From challenging putts to exciting raffle prizes and friendly competition, there was something for everyone. The energy was high and the spirit of giving even higher!

A huge thank you to our event sponsors whose support helped make the day possible. Your kindness and involvement directly support all of our Jaysmiles' schools, and with the proceeds we are adding more supplies to our Recess Bags to be distributed to all our Jaysmiles' classrooms in August.



We're already looking forward to next year's event—and we hope to see you there!



# Jaysmiles Spreads Joy with School Visits Honoring Top Students, Teachers, & Classrooms

Excitement filled the air as the Foundation made its school visits to present awards and certificates to Students of the Month, Teachers of the Month, and Classrooms of

the Month. These special moments celebrated hard work, dedication, and positive contributions across each campus—and the smiles said it all.

During each visit, Foundation representatives surprised deserving recipients with certificates, Talk of the Town Gift Cards, Domino's Pizza, Dipping Dots, and backpacks filled with fun. From students who showed outstanding effort and kindness, to teachers who go the extra mile, and classrooms that stood out for teamwork and spirit, every

honoree was recognized in front of their peers and school staff.

"The energy was incredible," shared one school administrator.

"The students were so proud, and the teachers were truly touched by the recognition. It made for such a positive atmosphere."

A Foundation spokesperson said, "These visits are just one way to say, 'We see you. We appreciate you."



## **Jaysmiles Foundation Awards \$24,500**



# in Fun Grants to Schools



Joy, gratitude, and big ideas were in the air as the Jaysmiles Foundation awarded Fun Grants of \$3,500 each to our schools. These special grants were designed to support creative programs and activities that bring joy, enrichment, and community connection to students, teachers, and families alike.

Schools were invited to apply for Fun Grants to fund unique initiatives—ranging from classroom enhancements and wellness activities to academic programs and community-building events. The response was inspiring, with schools submitting thoughtful proposals focused on making school more engaging and meaningful.

One school representative had this to say, "Just wanted to say thank you very much for the Fun Grants! We have been able to bring so many smiles to the staff and students with that funding. For Valentine's Day, we did a "Love You Latte" coffee bar and "You So-da Best" soda station for our staff. After Field Day, we created a Hydration and Snack Station—the staff loved it! Of course, our students clamor for the weekly Treat Trolley to support our reading programs. Without the funding from the Jay Smiles Foundation, we would not be able to provide these uplifting experiences for our school. We really appreciate all that you do for Kelly Park School!"

Other Fun Grant Activities included field trips, a community fair, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Book Bonanza, Math Munchies, and a Winter Wonderland.

These grants not only provide tangible benefits but also highlight the Foundation's ongoing mission to uplift and celebrate the people and places where learning happens every day.

### What's Next: Talk of the Town Round Up for Charity During the Month of July

Dine at any Talk of the Town Restaurants and round up your check to benefit Jaysmiles.

Also, donate \$50 and receive a \$50 gift to any Talk of the Town Restaurant during Round Up for Charity Month.

See details at <u>jaysmilesfoundation.com</u>

And, Jaysmiles is looking forward to another exciting school year and providing our schools support and inspiration.

Thank you all for your continued support and generous donations!

