



Vote For Bed Blitz!

"A child's great day starts with a good night's sleep."

Some of the students the Promise Council supports have been the recipient of a bed from Bed Blitz in the past. Now we have an opportunity to support Bed Blitz!

Bed Blitz was selected as one of the 200 non-profits who could win a \$25,000 Neighborhood Assist Grant, sponsored by State Farm. To get that grant, they need to have people vote for them so they end up being one of the top 100 vote-getting causes.

You can vote up to 10 times a day until 11:59:59 p.m. ET on May 6. Use all your votes for one cause, or vote for a variety of causes you care about.

[Click here](#) to vote for our partner Bed Blitz!

"Shoes That Fit"



The Illinois State Women's and Men's Basketball team helped fit 75 Oakdale Elementary students with new shoes, as part of the "Shoes That Fit" program. It is a cause near and dear to their hearts, as the shoes were donated by Janice Ward, the mother of ISU Coach Torrey Ward, who died in a plane crash in 2015. Mrs. Ward has provided hundred of pairs of shoes to students at Oakdale over the years.

Oakland is grateful for our partnership with Mrs. Janice Ward, ISU Men's and Women's Basketball teams and Promise Council. One kiddo said, "I just love these shoes so much!"

The Purple Redbirds afterschool tutoring program launched at Bloomington High School on March 1, 2022 has been a HUGE success! We are thrilled to share that during the months of March and April nearly 200 BHS students received help. Eight ISU College Students volunteered to tutor as well as three BHS student teachers. During ISU's spring break, BHS students and teachers kept the program going and they are committed to supporting this effort throughout the month of May. A special THANK YOU goes out to our ISU students, and all of the BHS students and teachers who donated their time and talents to benefit BHS students!



Congratulations to Olympia Middle School!

Olympia School District joined Promise Council last year and its Middle School was recently re-designated as a *Horizon School to Watch*.

According to the Pantagraph (April 14, 2022) the school originally received this designation in 2018, based on an innovative mentoring program that pairs new and experienced educators, a new and improved math curriculum and a standards-based grading system. The re-designation looks for ways the school has grown, and one important focus for OMS has been social emotional learning for students.



Laura O'Donnell, School Superintendent, said "The Olympia Middle School staff has always been extremely collaborative and forward thinking. They understand the social, emotional AND academic needs of middle school students and have created structures and systems to support their students. They are also open and willing to reflect on their instructional practices and look for ways to enhance our student's experiences. We are so proud of their continued work and commitment to our students." Olympia Middle School is the only middle school in McLean County to receive this designation.

Message From The Board



April Showers

The board was overwhelmed by the generosity of our community during the month of April. Eighty six individual donors showered Promise Council with over \$5000 to support the needs of students and their families. Some gave in response to individual school-based shout-outs, and others gave in honor or in memory of loved

ones. Regardless of your motivation, we want say THANK YOU to each and every one of you. The work we do in our community would not be possible without your support. Your gifts continue to allow us to help schools help kids!

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