

Castle Rock Elementary Receives Literacy Program From Logan Bauman Memorial Foundation

In the spring of 2017 Castle Rock Elementary students and staff had the privilege to meet the reading volunteers of Christ Episcopal Church of Castle Rock. These amazing men and women have come to CRE consistently every week since then to read with students and offer them extra literacy support. This volunteer program provides not only a reading partner to our students but also builds a foundation of friendship with their assigned volunteer.

One of these amazing volunteers is Karla Bauman. Karla shared with us her feelings about her work as a reading volunteer and how it tugged at her heart to see children struggling with reading. "I want kids to recognize what reading can offer to them, and how it can provide a personal, educational, and occupational future for them. Reading can give them such joy, contribute to their health, and provide them with distraction from life's struggles," Karla reflected. "I try to instill a love and passion for reading with the kids."

Karla shared that she and her family had lost their 14 year old son, Logan, to a pedestrian traffic accident in 2008. Logan loved sports and reading. Logan lived his life filled with passion, enthusiasm, and optimism. Logan devoured his favorite books on Vince Lombardi, the Harry Potter series, and Lemony Snicket. He played football, baseball, and golf with equal unbridled passion and enthusiasm. To honor Logan and the impactful way he lived his life, the Bauman family established the [Logan Bauman Memorial Fund](#). The Logan Bauman Foundation was established to provide resources and endowments toward education for students. "All kids deserve to have the quality of education that every child deserves," Karla says. "It's not just for academics but is also set up for assisting kids in athletic programs through education, training and exercise."

Through the Logan Bauman Memorial Foundation, Andy Karla and Alyse offered to purchase Scholastic Short Reads for Castle Rock Elementary, a much-needed resource to support guided reading for our students, kindergarten through sixth grade. A *Buddy Bench*, which provides a place for solitary kids to sit and signal needed playmates arrives on our playground this spring. Karla shared, "I'm privileged to share how Logan lived his life. So impactful is his memory. We will grow and continue to make a meaningful difference."

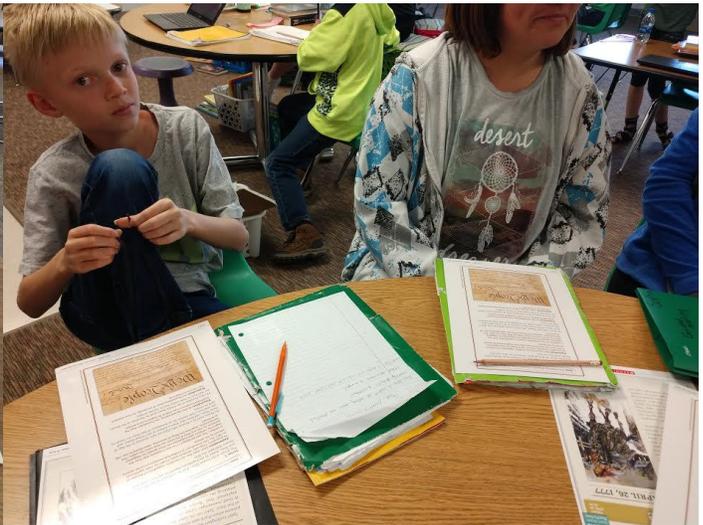
The Bauman family wants to continue Logan's legacy by making a meaningful difference in someone's life every day. This is their mantra, their motto. To date, the Logan Bauman Memorial Fund has supported and given back over \$250,000 to organizations and schools. Castle Rock Elementary is honored and humbled to have been a recipient of this foundation. Thank you, Bauman Family, your gift is boundless and will impact the students of Castle Rock Elementary for untold years to come.



Reading Recovery and primary students using Short Reads



3rd graders



Fifth Graders using Level Z

