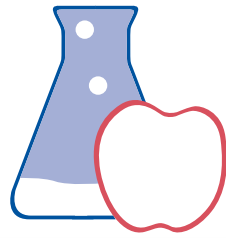


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**CENTER for
INQUIRY-BASED
LEARNING**

2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT



A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Friends,

For over 15 years, the Center for Inquiry-Based Learning (CIBL) has been providing schools all across North Carolina with high-quality, hands-on curriculum materials and teacher professional development. The 2017-18 school year saw new collaborations, new school district partners, and new curriculum.

It has been exciting to forge partnerships with other nonprofits to expand access to hands-on STEM curriculum across the state.



Last year, we partnered with Durham Public Schools (DPS) on an elementary school pilot program. Every Kindergarten and 5th grade teacher in DPS received professional development and a kit from CIBL – including an ant farm for every Kindergarten classroom! The kits generated excitement and curiosity among hundreds of young learners and teachers appreciated receiving the materials they needed to engage their students in this way. That’s why we do what we do here at CIBL!

In April, I participated in a panel discussion hosted by STEM East. I loved getting the chance to connect with school leaders who are eager to bring hands-on science to their districts. We have such a rich STEM ecosystem in North Carolina and CIBL is proud to be a part of it.

CIBL remains committed to developing curriculum to meet North Carolina teachers’ needs. This year, we developed two new units: 6th grade Earth’s Crust/Lithosphere and 7th grade Atmosphere. In a student survey, so many 6th graders commented how much they loved feeling and touching the rocks in the kit. Sounds so simple, doesn’t it? But in a world filled with screens, engaging their other senses really can’t be replicated or underestimated!

Todd Guentensberger, Executive Director, CIBL

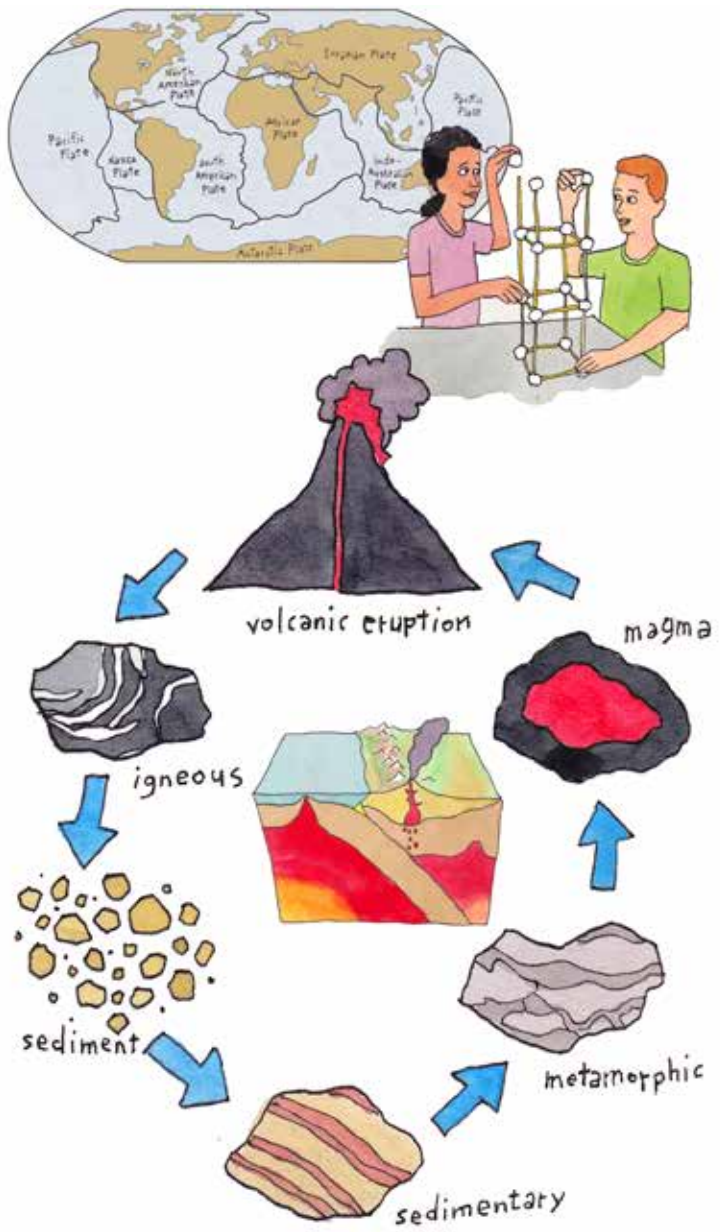
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New Curriculum

CIBL is committed to serving North Carolina teachers with hands-on curricula that meet the North Carolina Essential Standards. This year, we debuted two new units:

**Earth's Crust/Lithosphere
6th Grade Earth Science**
Concepts include plate tectonics, the rock cycle, identifying different rock type and soil quality.

**Atmosphere
7th Grade Earth Science**
Concepts include layers of the atmosphere, cycling of water, convection and wind, properties of air, and weather maps.



CHARITABLE SUPPORT

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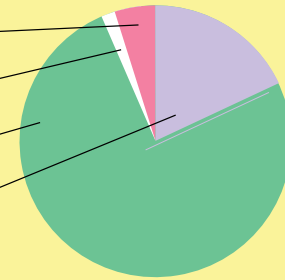
PARTNERS

Morehead Planetarium & Science Center
 - NC Science Festival
 Museum of Natural Sciences
 The Science House

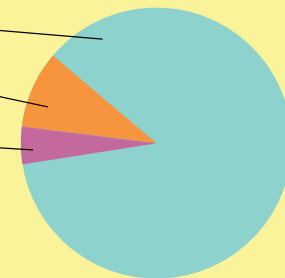


FINANCIAL REPORT (FISCAL YEAR ENDING 8/31/2017)

| REVENUE | 2017 | % of total revenue/expenses |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Corporate/Foundation grants | \$34,426 | 4.8% |
| Individual contributions | 1,145 | 0.2% |
| Program service revenue | 556,468 | 78.1% |
| Investment income | 120,155 | 16.9% |
| Total revenue | 712,194 | |



| EXPENSES | 2017 | % of total revenue/expenses |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Program service expenses | 558,820 | 86.4% |
| Management & general expenses | 63,246 | 9.7% |
| Fundraising expenses | 27,318 | 4.2% |
| Total expenses | 649,384 | |



NET INCOME \$62,810

NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED IN 2017-18

K-5: 30,330 6-8: 65,500

NUMBER OF KITS SHIPPED IN 2017-18

K-5: 1,011 6-8: 524

TEACHER TESTIMONIALS

"The students work harder when they are learning by hands-on activities."

"I learned a lot and made connections I hadn't quite gotten before."

"Students are more engaged and data shows growth."

"I like to do hands-on activities and the kits make it easier when the directions and materials are all there in one easy-to-reach place."

"These workshops are BEYOND amazing! Best experience for a science teacher!"

"Children have learned not to be afraid to make mistakes. Trial and error is the best way to understand how things work and understand why things **do not** work."



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"I got to do it instead of watching a video."

"The hands-on activities really helped me on the end-of-unit test."

"Lots of people got together and worked as a team."

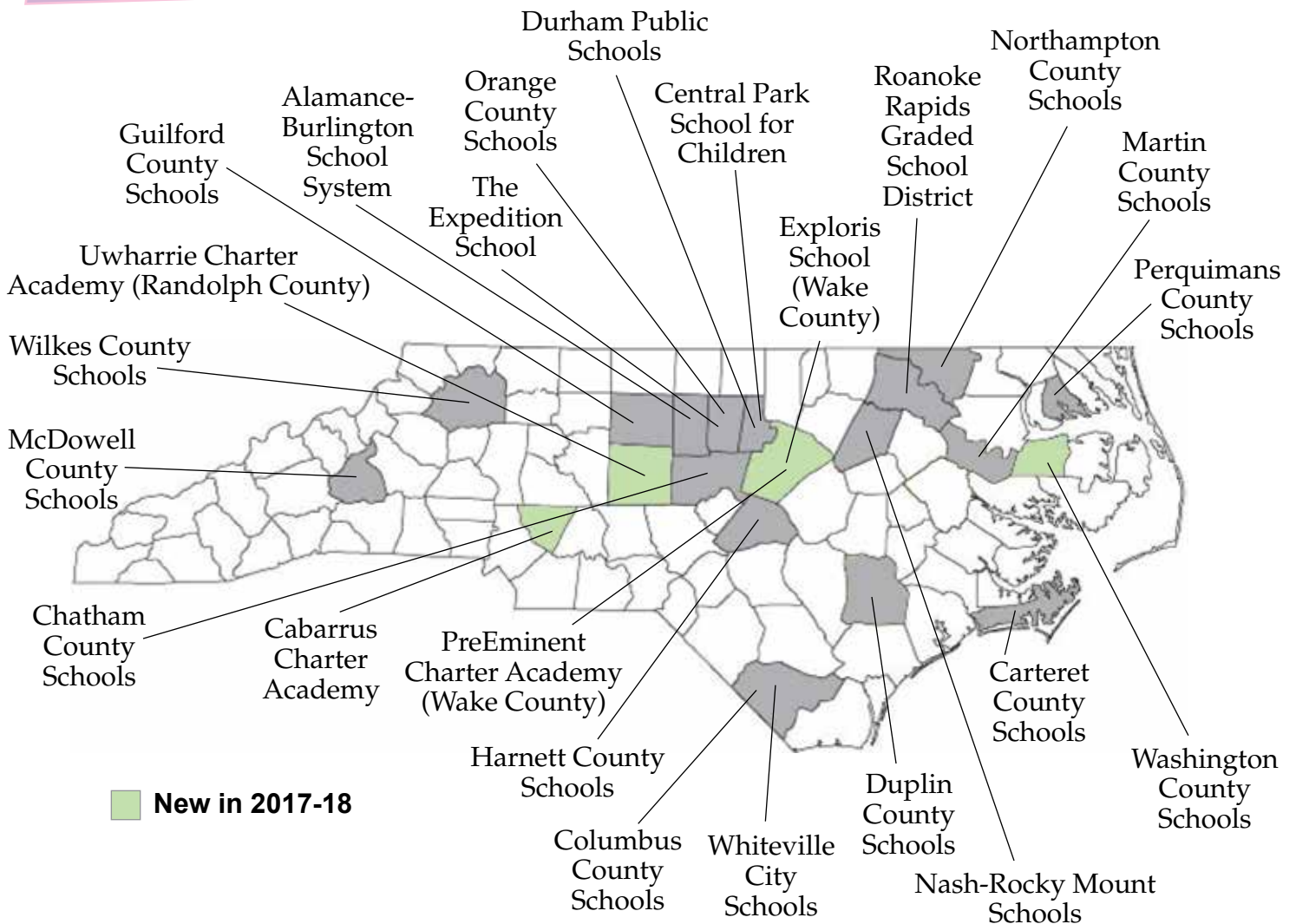
"I think why I love science so much is because of the labs."

"I would rather work and interact with my classmates instead of working in a book."

"We got to touch the rocks and feel the different textures and weight of the rocks."



DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS WE WORKED WITH 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR



CIBL'S MISSION

To support North Carolina K-8 teachers with training and the most engaging, integrated, hands-on STEM curriculum materials that promote creativity, collaboration and communication.

CIBL'S VISION

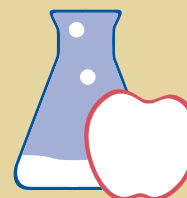
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