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**Dan Patch 5K Pace & 1-mile Fun Run**  
**JUNE 22, 2013 9:00 am**  
Lifetime Fitness – Savage  
Students \$15, Adults \$20,  
1-mile \$10  
Register online at  
[www.lakerfoundation.org](http://www.lakerfoundation.org)



**Prior Lake Alumni Weekend**  
**JUNE 27-30, 2013**

June 27 - Game Night 6:00 pm  
June 28 - Golf Tournament 1:00 pm  
June 29 - Laker 5K 9:00 am  
June 29 - Laker Reunion Event 2:00 pm  
June 30 - Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am  
[www.lakerfoundation.org](http://www.lakerfoundation.org) for event details and registration forms



P.O. Box 840  
Prior Lake, MN 55372

**Summer Smash Gala**  
**AUGUST 24, 2013**  
Epic Event Center, Mpls.  
The headliner for the event is  
“The Orchestra” featuring  
former members of Electric Light Orchestra  
and Electric Light Orchestra Part II. The  
theme for this year’s gala will be “Electrifying  
Education.”  
7:00 pm - midnight  
Ticket sales April 1  
[www.summersmashgala.com](http://www.summersmashgala.com)



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## Help us make an impact!

Help us ensure the Laker Educational Foundation’s programs will benefit generations of students to come.

Together, we can make an impact and support the academic achievement of all district students.

The Laker Educational Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that is funded primarily by tax-deductible contributions from individuals, businesses and community organizations. The Foundation also conducts or participates in multiple fund raising events designed to bring the community together in support of academic excellence. Each Spring and Fall, the Laker Educational Foundation awards grants to deserving projects or programs that will uniquely and materially enhance education.

*Please notify the Foundation at 952.226.0063 if we inadvertently misstated your donation, pledge or listing. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy. Please accept our apologies for any omission or error.*

### Ways to be involved and contribute

- Make a tax-deductible donation
- Pledge contributions for five years
- Utilize Corporate Matching with your non-profit contribution
- Join other donors in making payroll pledge contributions through your employer
- Make an Endowment Contribution for the future
- Express your appreciation for a teacher, coach, administrator or community leader by sending a Gratitude Greeting
- Send a Memorial contribution to the Laker Educational Foundation in memory of friends and loved ones
- Take part in the Legacy Circle for individuals who have established an estate provision, trust, annuity, or other deferred gift
- Volunteer for an event, committee, or become a member of the Board

# Laker Educational Foundation

## 2012 Annual Report



***Our mission... To encourage Creativity, Innovation and Excellence by raising, managing and allocating financial resources to enhance learning for all who reside in, or are served by the ISD 719 community.***



Dear Friends of the Foundation,

In 2012, the Laker Educational Foundation funded 30 grants to benefit more than 7,000 students in the Prior Lake-Savage Area School community.

These opportunities begin with innovative teachers and parents writing thoughtful and creative applications for funds that will bring their ideas to life. These ideas may translate to experts visiting classes to share their talents, the introduction of new teaching materials to bring a new dimension to the course of study or piloting the use of new technologies in the classroom that might later be used throughout the district. Their ideas are funded through foundation grants. We salute every teacher and parent who took the time to apply for a grant this year.

The grants were made for an impressive array of creative ideas that follow the mission of the Foundation. For example, at the middle schools, 7th graders attended a retreat focusing on courage, value, kindness and safety, senior citizens learned about good nutrition and healthy eating choices, Grainwood students worked with an artist to create a mural in the media center and Five Hawks implemented a healthy snack cart where students learn about healthy snack choices. This is only a sampling of this year's grants. We hope you will visit our website (lakerfoundation.org) to see all of the grants.

Our ability to support quality educational experiences in the classroom and in the community is due in part to the many families who support the Foundation. To our many donors we say thank you. Your generosity helps us continue to support curriculum-enhancing programs and we believe these programs contribute to the quality education that makes the Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools among the best in the state.

We invite you to join us. Our partnership in the community takes parents, business and community members, teachers, students and volunteers. Together we can ensure student success.

All the best in 2013!  
The LEF Board of Directors

Statement of Activities  
For the year ending December 31, 2012

|                               | 2012       | General Funds | Targeted Donations |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Support and Revenues:         |            |               |                    |
| Contributions                 | \$ 27,049  | \$ 27,049     |                    |
| Targeted Donations*           | \$ 54,085  |               | \$ 54,085          |
| Special Events                | \$108,857  | \$108,857     |                    |
| Interest Income               | \$ 2,429   | \$ 2,429      |                    |
| Total Support and Revenue     | \$192,420  | \$138,335     | \$ 54,085          |
| Expenses:                     |            |               |                    |
| Program Services & Grants     | \$ 19,576  | \$19,576      |                    |
| Targeted Donation Expenses    | \$ 69,375  |               | \$ 69,375          |
| Administrative & General      | \$ 6,853   | \$ 6,853      |                    |
| Special Events                | \$ 75,505  | \$75,505      |                    |
| Total Expenses                | \$171,308  | \$101,933     | \$ 69,375          |
| Change in Net Assets:         | \$ 21,112  | \$ 36,403     | \$(15,291)         |
| Net assets, beginning of year | \$ 302,394 |               |                    |
| Net assets, end of year       | \$ 323,506 |               |                    |

\*Targeted donations are donor-dedicated funds for specific purposes that we administer and support.

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helped at Summer Smash, the list  
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making it such a success!

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# Supporting Education

## Brainology

Brainology is an award winning research-based curriculum that ignites student's motivation and self-efficiency through the growth mindset. It teaches students neuroscience and study skills, brain-friendly study techniques that students can adopt through a combination of online instruction and classroom support materials.

## Respect Retreat

4Word Momentum is a full-day retreat for our 7th grade students focusing on courage, value, kindness and safety.

## Healthy Snack Cart

Students choose healthy snacks and parents save money because food items are bought in bulk. We hope that students learn about healthy snack choices and continue to make better snack choices on their own.

## Wiggle Seats

Wiggle seats are round, plastic discs that have one smooth side and one textured side that students sit on while learning. They work both on regular classroom chairs and on the floor. Wiggle seats help students be calmer, and they can increase students' attention and focus.

## Educators of Excellence, Outstanding Service & Leadership Awards

Provide funding to ISD 719 to recognize several teachers and educational support staff in excellence, leadership and creative initiative.

## Wolf Ridge ELC

Administer donated dedicated funds that provide all 5th grade students in our elementary buildings with the outdoor, hands-on learning of science, math, social studies, environmental issues, geography, art and team-building.

## Festival at the Oaks

We are conducting our district's first ever band solo and ensemble contest and workshops. Individual growth and disciplined practice, stretching musical muscles and expanding mastery of skills are the preparation students need to take for such a contest. Creativity happens when mastery and growth in a discipline such as music are encouraged, and in these young, developing years, are required. The professionally led workshops offer new (to the young student), creative solutions on instrument-specific and general musicianship topics.

## Story Walls - A Mural Story

Students from Grainwood Elementary, adults from the community, and mural artist Greg Preslicka collaborated to actively participate in the creative process of a mural project through: brainstorming, critique, selection, and observation. Participants assisted in the creation of a visual story for the media center at Grainwood. After the story creation, Greg will paint the visuals in the form of a mural on the 3-sides of the perimeter of the center of the library where it drops down from the ceiling.

## I-Pad Mini Lab

A 21st Century 2nd Grade Classroom has been designed (see slideshow at [www.goo.gl/syRhC](http://www.goo.gl/syRhC)). The next step is to install a permanent iPad station. The iPads will be used for enrichment, to help struggling students, to promote creativity, to create visual storytelling (writing), for guided reading, as a math tool and to improve language arts.



Fund-A-Need Donation from Summer Smash Gala 2012

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# Grants Awarded Innovation, Creativity, Excellence

**(A sampling of the grants awarded)**

**Earth Inside & Out**

Students gain a more in depth understanding of real-world application of Earth Science while learning about real people of both genders and multiple cultures who may serve as role models in the area of STEM careers. Pursuing this topic falls within the new Minnesota Science Standards and will help prepare students of the MCA Science tests.

**E-Books at Prior Lake High School**

We are up and running! At present we have 106 eBooks in our collection with more on order. The majority are non-fiction with a small collection of classic literature. All the books can be accessed by multiple users at the same time. Access to the school's eBooks, checking out eBooks, and reading online or offline is available for hand held devices and home computers. All the information is on the media center web page. Thank you to Laker Educational Foundation for rewarding us the grant for eBooks!

**Spanish 5 Novel**

Students in an upper level Spanish 5 course will read and understand a novel in the Spanish language.

**Ipad Lab at Bridges ALC**

The Foundation, along with the Prior Lake Optimist Foundation and the Prior Lake Lions Club have purchased an i-Pad lab for Bridges ALC to enhance the educational experience for students through technology.

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Students in an upper level Spanish 5 course will read and understand a novel in the Spanish language.

**Ipads in the Classroom**

Implementing the use of an i-Pad 3 as a mobile, wireless teaching slate into my classroom, allows students the opportunity to maximize their manipulation time with our SMART Board, while minimizing transition time of students to and from their seats. This technology allows students increased opportunities to practice during all curricular areas, increase mobility of the teacher and diversity instructional modeling (from anywhere in the classroom), decrease time spent determining body placement for manipulating the SMART Board, and boost the confidence of those students uncomfortable with problem-solving or practicing directly at the board.

**Camp Streefland**

Camp Streefland is a team building incentive type camp similar to ELC in that a staff leads students through many team-building activities while also encouraging students to face their fears and try to do things a different way. Helps to build confidence, trust, and appreciation for each other's strengths and weaknesses.

