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Our mission is to encourage Creativity, Innovation and Excellence in Education



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Letter from the Foundation Board

Dear Friends of the Foundation:

Never in its history has there been a more exciting time to be connected with the Laker Educational Foundation. We are truly blessed to live in a community that has always placed a tremendous value on the education of its children. Your allegiance to continue the strong tradition of educational excellence and outstanding student achievement has been overwhelming.

If you haven't heard, we will be hosting our **3rd annual Blue Jeans Bash on October 14, 2016. The event will be held at the MN Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake.** We are very excited about the event and hope you are as well. The details are located in this newsletter. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, do so soon. A limited number are available. You can purchase them online or from any of our board members.

Our fall grant cycle is just around the corner. After the October 27th grant deadline, our grant committee will be reviewing all requests and recommending to the board how funds will be allocated.

Busy times ahead! To all of you who have given so generously and worked so diligently to ensure the foundations' success, we offer our heartfelt thanks!

Hope to see you at the Blue Jeans Bash!

The LEF Board of Directors

Help Wanted!

The Laker Educational Foundation is accepting applications for an Executive Director. This position will lead and direct all activities that raise funds and awareness in support of LEF while growing the LEF endowment.

The position will be part-time with an excellent compensation package. This person will report to the directors of the foundation.

For an application, or for more information, please contact Lori Frank at

lakeredfoundation@gmail.com

Foundation News

The Laker Educational Foundation will be growing our board for up to eight more seats. If you are interested in joining our board, please contact any one of our board members for specifics or email us at lakeredfoundation@gmail.com. Board meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are held at the District Services Center in Prior Lake.

The Laker Educational Foundation is launching a strategic planning process to revisit the mission, priorities and focus areas of the foundation in the next 2 to 3 years. The board is inviting LEF's founders and advisory members, ISD 719 staff and others interested in providing input into the future directions of the foundation to be a part of the planning process. If you are interested in being part of this process, please call 952.226.0063 to receive the specifics.

Inaugurated in 2013, the LEF Klima Scholarship Award/Math and LEF Klima Scholarship Award/Science are given each year to the top graduating math and science students. The scholarships are named after the late Kari D. Klima who was instrumental in starting the foundation. This years winners are: Megan Radtke (Science) and Sam Mader (Math). Congratulations to both recipients.

The Laker Educational Foundation offers gratitude greetings for teachers and support staff twice yearly. We are fortunate to be able to partner with two local businesses to offer this incentive. Fong's Restaurant and Artisan Bistro in Prior Lake have been very gracious and help us fund this worthwhile way to thank the special people in our student's lives.

We annually partner with District 191's Foundation to offer the Dan Patch 5K Pace and 1-Mile Club Run. This years event was held on Saturday, June 25, 2016. There was a good turnout despite the intense heat of the day. Fun was had by all that participated. Stay tuned for next year's annual event.

The foundation holds two grant cycles each year. One is held in the fall and the other in the spring. The fall deadline will be on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. For details and application materials, please visit our website at www.lakerfoundation.org or give us a call at 952.226.0063. We will be happy to answer any questions.



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When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to LEF. Directions and link can be found on our website: www.lakerfoundation.org

During our event there will be opportunities to bid on items from your favorite vendors at the live and silent auctions, participate in a wine pull and games, and back this year will be a dessert dash. Get ready for some laughs with John DeBeer, a well-known local comedian, who is sure to keep you in stitches! Our event will again take place at the MN Horse & Hunt Club, which is located at 2920 E. 220th Street in Prior Lake.

Don't delay...purchase your tickets today!

Limited Number of Tickets Available!!!

3rd Annual

**DINNER * RAFFLES * SILENT AUCTION
* ENTERTAINMENT**

The **L**aker **E**ducational **F**oundation
invites you to our

Blue Jeans Bash

Friday, October 14, 2016

6:00 pm social / 7:30 pm dinner

MN Horse & Hunt Club

2920 E. 220th Street E., Prior Lake, MN

**Tickets \$50.00 per person and on sale at
www.lakerfoundation.org**

What is the Laker Educational Foundation?

Since 2005, LEF has provided funding for extraordinary learning opportunities for students, pre-schoolers, parents and seniors in our community. Our non-profit foundation is dedicated to providing resources for educational innovations and enhancements for the success of our students. It is governed by a volunteer board of directors selected to represent a cross-section of our district. Support for the foundation comes entirely through community contributions!

For more information 952.226.0063

Flyer prepared and paid for by LEF



With your support we were able to fund the following in 2015-16:

Hidden Oaks & Twin Oaks Middle Schools

- Raptor Data Integration
- Geocache Class Sets
- Exercise Balls for Math Class
- Read & Ride
- Wireless Document Camera
- Digital Balances
- Audio Support for Classrooms
- Scholastic Math Magazine
- FLIR Camera

Prior Lake High School

- Audio Support for Classrooms
- Inspiring Entrepreneurship and Innovation

District Elementary Schools

- Educational Tools for Active Learners
- Library Makerspaces
- Outdoor Classroom
- Elementary Flexible Furniture
- Ready Bodies, Learning Minds
- iNaturalist Explorations
- Lego WeDo2 System



"Geocache Supplies for Twin Oaks"

Brian Anderson, Physical Ed Teacher

This grant expands the E-STEM curriculum in our district. 8th grade PE classes will pilot the unit this fall, with full implementation during the remainder of the year. ATLAS Global Studies and Science teachers have expressed interest in using the units to enhance their curriculum as well.



Other Approved Grant Requests

Lego WeDo2 System

This system is a unique and cross curricular tool that will be a valuable addition to many classrooms at WestWood Elementary. This system is based on the educational theory of constructionism, which is rooted in the belief that children learn best when they experience things firsthand and within a meaningful context. Students will be engaged in science, technology, engineering, math and creativity. The materials will last for years!

iNaturalist Explorations

GPS enabled digital cameras will be purchased to use with iNaturalist. The nature enthusiast will be able to post photos, discuss their observations and help each other identify and track various aspects of nature.

Geocache Class Set

A class set of Geocache supplies will be purchased to be used by numerous departments at Twin Oaks Middle School. By being awarded this grant, we will be able to expand our E-STEM curriculum and get the kids outside and involved with new technology and environmental education.

Grainwood Outdoor Classroom

Students and faculty will have an outdoor area for environmental lessons and E-STEM activities. The classroom will be located in the rain garden area.

Community Garden

The community garden at Hidden Oaks Middle School will be expanded to include a new buddy bench for staff and students.

The Laker Educational Foundation website: www.lakerfoundation.org

The foundation is located in Prior Lake and Savage, and its mailing address is P.O. Box 840, Prior Lake, MN 55372. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt public charity under the Internal Revenue Code, and contributions are tax deductible, subject to limitations in applicable law. No goods or services are provided to any donor in exchange for contributions. Unless otherwise specified, contributions to the foundation will be used for its general charitable purposes and endowment. This disclosure is made under Minn. Stat. 309.556.