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## The Laker Educational Foundation

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



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### **Letter from the Outgoing President**

July, 2012

Greetings,

It has been a privilege and an honor to have served the Laker Educational Foundation as President. I am pleased about the accomplishments that have occurred over the last year, although I certainly cannot take credit for them. This belongs to hard-working, talented and dedicated board members!

#### We have:

- changed our name from the Prior Lake-Savage Area Educational Foundation to the Laker Educational Foundation to better encompass the community we serve
- created a new website with an updated organization and appearance
- put together a board member recruitment packet and advertised in many different arenas to expand our membership to have greater geographic and multi-disciplinary representation and
- were named as beneficiaries of the annual Summer Smash Gala, August 18, 2012

As I move from the position of President to other responsibilities, I am glad this is not farewell, but just a change of roles. It is such a pleasure to work with the board and staff that care deeply about education. We have many challenges and must continue pursuing efforts to be able to offer the funding of grants to improve the lives of children.

Warm regards, Bryce

### Get Involved...Stay Involved

The foundation is currently soliciting nominations for positions on the Board of Directors. The term of office is 3 years and commences on July 1, 2012. The Board meets monthly.

The Laker Educational Foundation is an asset to the community.

Click Here for Application!

### **Quick Links**

www.summersmashgala.com www.lakerfoundation.org Newsletter Archive More On Us

### Volunteers Needed!

**Summer Smash Gala** 

Saturday, August 18, 2012 Need donations for wine pull Call 952.226.0063 for details



Encourage your friends and family to sign up!



### **Spring Grants Have Been Awarded!**

We received many grant requests this spring..thank you!

The Grant Review Committee met, reviewed and brought back their recommendations to the board of directors for approval based on fulfilling the mission of the foundation.

The grants that were recently approved are as follows:

- Special education reading materials at Prior Lake High School
- I-Pad accessory for special education at Five Hawks Elementary School
- Writing for students with disabilities with I-Pad's at Twin Oaks Middle School
- · Earth Inside and Out at Twin Oaks and Hidden Oaks Middle Schools
- Learning without Limits at Grainwood & Five Hawks Elementaries
- · Smart Music at Prior Lake High School
- I-Pads for Five Hawks, Grainwood and Hidden Oaks Middle Schools
- Spanish 5 Novel for Prior Lake High School
- Students in Action: Hands on Learning for Redtail Ridge Elementary

Since 2005, the foundation has granted more than \$250,000 to the Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools, the parochial schools and the Prior Lake-Savage Area community.

Grant applications are accepted from teachers, staff, students and community members. The foundation reviews all applications and allocates funds that fall within our mission. The next grant deadline is October 30, 2012.

# You Are Invited!

SUMMER SMASH, an annual benefit gala has named the Laker Educational Foundation beneficiary for this year event.

SUMMER SMASH is Sat. August 18, 2012 6:00 – Midnight at the Epic Event Center in downtown Mpls.



The headliner is The Guess Who (known for "American Woman", "No Sugar Tonight", "These Eyes", "Share the Land" and "No Time").

Patty Peterson, a Minnesota renowned jazz vocalist, and moZiak, a rock band of PLHS alumni will also perform.

SUMMER SMASH also features live and silent auctions, heads and tails, raffle, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Tickets \$60 in advance, (\$30 for students) before July 18th or \$80 adult (\$40 for students) after July 18, 2012.

For details check out our website: www.summersmashgala.com

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