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



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What's new?

Since 2005, the Laker Educational Foundation has awarded in excess of \$247,000, benefiting 55,000 students and community members.

We were nominated for the 2011 Business of the Year by the Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce and named the beneficiary for this year's Summer Smash!

Hot Ticket!

The Guess Who has been named the headliner for the 2012 Summer Smash Gala.

Saturday,

August 18, 2012

6:00 pm - Midnight

The Epic Event Center

110 N. Fifth Street, Minneapolis



Tickets on sale May 15, 2012 at www.summersmashgala.com.

To donate an auction item or to purchase a sponsorship click here



(The Laker Educational Foundation is the beneficiary for Summer Smash)

Get Involved...Stay Involved

The Foundation is currently soliciting nominations for positions on the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

We are hoping to expand the board to 18 members by July 1, 2012.

The term of office is 3 years. The Board meets monthly.

The foundation accomplishes our mission by raising money to fund unique and innovated programs that enhance educational opportunities for all ages within our service area. The Laker Educational Foundation is an asset to the community.

Click Here for Application!

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Do you care about education and children? Give a tax-deductible gift to the Foundation.

Donating to the Foundation ensures today's children will be able to take advantage of fantastic educational opportunities beyond regular school budgets.

Click below to learn more about opportunities to donate to the Foundation.

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Thanks to our Donors

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those who have donated to the Foundation and all those who have volunteered their time and talents to help out at our events.

You make a difference!



Encourage your friends and family to sign up!

Save the Dates!

Dan Patch

5K Pace & 1 Mi Fun Run
Saturday, June 23, 2012

Summer Smash Gala

Saturday, August 18, 2012

Wolf Pack Fun Run

Saturday, September 8, 2012

Featured Grant

The following is just one example of how our foundation gives back to the students in the community.

"Bringing History to Life"

Nathan Dapper, 8th Grade US History Teacher at Twin Oaks Middle School was recently awarded the "Bring History to Life for My Students" grant.

The social studies teachers at the middle schools have been working collaboratively to get their students excited about our nation's history and make history come alive for them. Nathan has utilized his background as a Civil War Reenactment Specialist to give students access to authentic items from this time period. By receiving this grant from the Laker Educational Foundation, Nathan was able to add an authentic uniform from the War of 1812 and the US Mexican War.

As a result of the foundation's generosity, Mr. Dapper has been able to create a classroom museum that includes a variety of primary sources of United States history.

A comment from a student:

"Mr. Dapper's museum is the highlight of our middle school. I enjoy being able to see the things that my teacher is talking about and this helps students truly experience what life was like in that time period. I find it very interesting that uniforms tell America's war history by themselves."

A comment from the teacher:

"Every day there are students either before or after class that are in the back of my classroom looking at items in my display cases. This often leads to individual discussions I have with students about history. My classroom museum has become an integral part of how I make my class relevant and interesting to students. Thank you Foundation! Nathan"

This was the 193rd grant awarded by the foundation.

Spring Grant Requests



Spring is here and so are the new wave of grant requests received. The board awards grants for projects in keeping with our mission to encourage creativity, innovation and excellence.

We will be announcing the grant recipients soon. *Stay tuned!*



Nathan Dapper
US History Teacher

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