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# The Laker Educational Foundation

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## Letter from the Foundation Board

Dear Friends of the Foundation:

This is an exciting time for the Laker Educational Foundation. We are truly blessed to live in a community that places 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, the 4th annual bash is just around the corner. This year, we will hold a Casino Night at the MN Horse and Hunt Club in Prior Lake on Friday, October 27th. We are very excited about this annual fundraising event and invite you to join us. Check out the details in this newsletter! If you haven't purchased your tickets online yet, do so soon as we are limited to the number of tickets we can sell to Casino Night. Also, tickets may be purchased from any of the board members. Unable to attend? Contribute to this annual event by donating, purchasing raffle tickets, or bidding on the online silent auction. Stay tuned...we've already received numerous donations and will have an awesome selection that will be appealing to all. Additional details are on our website and Facebook!

Our fall grant cycle is just around the corner. The deadline has been set for November 2nd. 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 our **Casino Night!**

*The LEF Board of Directors*





## Thank You Rotarians!

The Laker Educational Foundation was the recipient of a generous donation from the Prior Lake Rotary. Our LEF President Lori Frank graciously accepted the donation at the Rotary membership meeting.

## Kari Klima Scholarship Awards

Inaugurated in 2013, the scholarships are named after the late Kari D. Klima, who was instrumental in starting the Laker Educational Foundation and exemplified the purpose, the ideals and the principals for which the educational foundation stands. The annual selection took place and recipients were chosen by a group of math and science teachers. The students were presented the awards at a ceremony in June at Prior Lake High School.

The winners of these prestigious awards are:  
 LEF Science scholarship awarded to Piper Gilpatric  
 LEF Math scholarship awarded to Jared Benson  
*Congratulations!*

## 2017 Deb Jondro Award

The 2017 Deb Jondro award winners are Hidden Oaks Middle School Science teachers Laura Kuechenmeister and Becky Stark. The award is given in June each year in memory of LEF Board Director Deb Jondro. Deb lost her battle to cancer in 2015. This award is given each year for the most innovative and creative grant submitted to the foundation. In attendance to give out the award was Deb Jondro's daughter Keri and LEF Board President Lori Frank. Congratulations!



## Shop at Amazon and Support LEF



If you shop at Amazon, you can now help support the Laker Educational Foundation simply by shopping on Amazon through AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support us every time at no cost to you.

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](http://www.lakerfoundation.org)



## Five Hawks Elementary Garden Grant

The Laker Educational Foundation website: [www.lakerfoundation.org](http://www.lakerfoundation.org)



# Did you know?

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 911's Foundation to offer the Dan Patch 5K Pace and 1-Mile Club Run. This year's event was held on Saturday, June 24, 2017. There was a good turnout and the weather cooperated. 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, November 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. For details and application materials, please visit our website at [www.lakerfoundation.org](http://www.lakerfoundation.org) or give us a call at 952.226.0063.

We will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

## Grant Spotlight

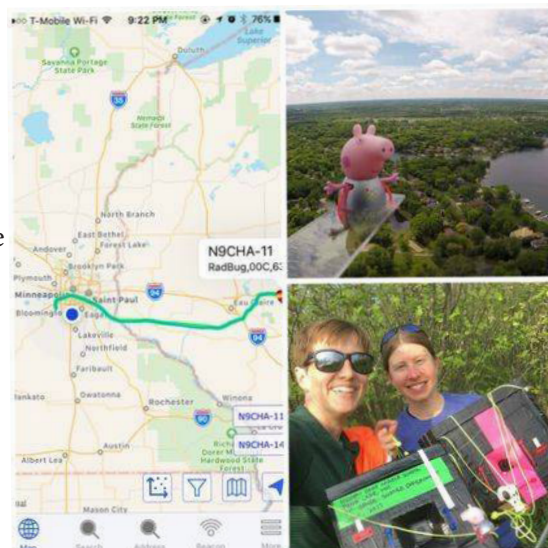
### High Altitude Balloon Launch

Science Teachers Laura Kuchenmeister and Becky Stark from Hidden Oaks Middle School were recently awarded this grant.

A recent LEF approved grant, "High Altitude Balloon Launch" was awarded to middle school students at Hidden Oaks Middle School. The purpose of the grant was for the science class to launch a high altitude balloon from the campus this past spring. The balloon was equipped with photo, GPS and data collection equipment. This allowed students to engage in real-world STEM data collection and observation.

Students affectionately named it Peppa Pig. Peppa is back from the balloon adventure. The balloon reached a peak altitude of over 80,000 feet and ended up in Stanley Wisconsin. Describing it does not do it justice! A video was provided that explains the adventure.

(Video Link)



### With your support we were able to fund the following in 2016-17:

#### Across the District

- Farm to School - Food Processors

#### Hidden Oaks & Twin Oaks Middle Schools

- High Altitude Ballooning
- Mural Project
- Weighted Blankets
- Standing Desk Tops

#### Prior Lake High School

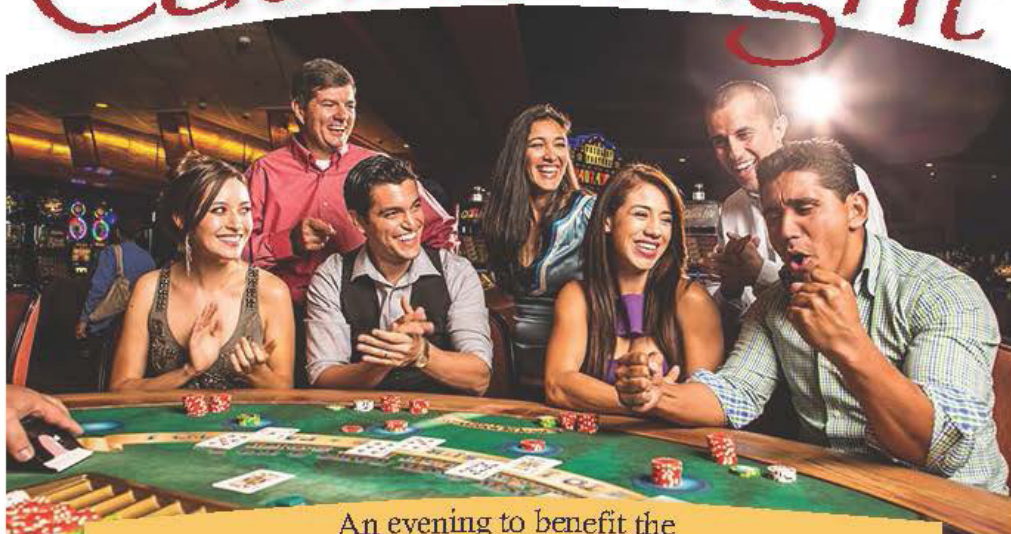
- Bridges Library

#### District Elementary Schools

- Flexible Seating - Standing Desks
- Movement Tools
- School Gardens
- K'NEX Educational Building Systems
- E-STEM in Early Education
- Stand to Learn
- Active Seating/Flexible Learning
- LEGO Engineering Kits
- Outdoor Learning Equipment
- Pre-K Maker Kit (MakinMaker)

Join us for an evening of fun at our annual bash featuring

# Casino Night



An evening to benefit the  
**Laker Educational Foundation**

**10.27.2017**

Casino Games | Heavy hors d'oeuvres

6:30 p.m. Social Hour

**Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club**

2920 220th St. East | Prior Lake, MN 55372

**General Tickets \$60**

(includes playing chips)

raffle | drawing | online silent auction

**Already booked for this night?**

Consider supporting us with a raffle ticket or by participating in the  
online silent auction!

[www.lakerfoundation.org](http://www.lakerfoundation.org)

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