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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 Foundation Board

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 will attend a retreat focusing on courage, value, kindness and safety, senior citizens will learn about good nutrition and healthy eating choices, Grainwood students will work with an artist to create a mural in the media center and Five Hawks will implement a healthy snack cart where students will learn about healthy snack choices. This is only a sampling of this year's grants. We hope you will visit our website ([lakerfoundation.org](http://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

## With your support we were able to fund the following in 2012:

### Prior Lake High School

- E-books for Media Center
- Smart Music
- Special Ed Reading Materials
- Spanish 5 Novels

### Hidden Oaks &

### Twin Oaks Middle Schools

- Legal Unit for Grade 6 Advanced English
- Festival at the Oaks Band Solo and Ensemble Contest and Workshops
- iPads for Multiple Classrooms & Special Education Students
- Brainology
- Respect Retreat
- Camp Streefland
- Earth: Inside & Out

### District Elementary Schools

- Wiggle Seats
- iPad Mini Station
- Story Walls – A Mural Story
- Learning Without Limits
- iPad Accessories
- Healthy Snack Cart
- iPads for Multiple Classrooms & Special Education Students
- Visual Aids for Struggling Learners
- Students in Action – Hands-on Learning

### Aspen Academy

- THINK Playground

### St. Michael Catholic School

- Art-Photo & Recording Equipment

### Prior Lake Senior Citizens

- Nutrition Classes at Club Prior

## LEF Klima Scholarships Announced



*Kari D. Klima  
1962-2011*

Inaugurated in 2013, the LEF Klima Scholarship Award/Math and LEF Klima Scholarship Award/Science will be 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 Laker Educational Foundation (formerly the Prior Lake-Savage Area Educational Foundation).

Kari exemplified the purposes, the ideals and the principles for which the educational foundation stands. She gave unreservedly of her time, her abilities, and her services to promote the interests of the school district and the foundation.

It is befitting to have these \$1,000 scholarships awarded to the top math and science students in her name.

The annual selection will take place by a group of math & science teachers and presented at the award ceremony in June at Prior Lake High School.

*If you would like to contribute to the scholarship account, call 952.226.0063 or designate the Klima Award on your check.*

The Foundation has a new & improved website: [www.lakerfoundation.org](http://www.lakerfoundation.org).

### 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.

(A complete list of donors can be found on our website...[www.lakerfoundation.org](http://www.lakerfoundation.org))

*You make a difference!*

## Featured Grant

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

### "E-Books for the Media Center"

Robin Gunning, Media Specialist at Prior Lake High School was recently awarded this grant.



Using the ebooks on an iPad

#### Robin submitted the following project summary:

The high school media center is moving towards a digital based teaching and learning environment. A major component will be adding an eBook collection of reference materials. Many eBooks are interactive and provide additional online links and suggested alternative subjects. PLHS is moving forward with students having access anywhere through a variety of devices. eBooks allow the students 365/24/7 access wherever they have an internet connection.

#### How will the books be chosen?

The selection of eBooks will be done by collaborating with the teachers on what they need to meet the curriculum needs. When a department is up for adoption, we will work with them to find new resources to fit with the new curriculum. If a community education class is offered that can take advantage of the media center resources, they will be given the passwords to access them and a tutorial will be provided when needed.

#### Comments from Assistant Principal:

*"We live in a digital world. The method used by students to do research and collect information looks completely different than it did as little as ten years ago. We need to move forward with this 21st century form of teaching and learning. It is imperative that we provide all of our students the resources they need to be successful."*

#### Comments from Media Specialist Robin Gunning:

*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.*



*Robin Gunning  
Media Specialist*

This was the 213th grant awarded by the foundation.

## Spring Grant Deadline Announced

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 March 7, 2013.

*(If the request falls within our mission, you are eligible)*

Last day to submit your grant request is **March 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.**

Need help or have questions? Call 952.226.0063.

Applications can be found on our website:

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

# Summer Events Line Up

## Prior Lake High School Alumni & Friends

All Laker Weekend June 27-30, 2013

All past students, staff and friends are welcome!

Stay tuned & visit  
[www.Facebook.com/PLHSAumni](http://www.Facebook.com/PLHSAumni)

Thursday, June 27 - Bingo at the VFW 6:00 pm

Friday, June 28 - Golf Tournament at the Wilds Golf Club 1:00 pm

Saturday, June 29 - Laker 5K from VFW 9:00 am

Saturday, June 29 - Laker Reunion Event at VFW 2:00 pm

Sunday, June 30 - Pancake Breakfast at the VFW 8:00 am



**Saturday, August 24**

**7:00 pm**

**Epic Event Center - Minneapolis**

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## Bret Michaels & Montgomery Gentry

to Headline Prior Lake Rotary's Lakefront Music Fest JULY 19 & 20

Other acts include Warrant, FireHouse and Casey James

**Buy tickets now and save!**

**Advance: \$20 both nights**

**(Day of: \$20 per date) 15 & Under free**

50% of admission ticket sales sold directly through the  
Laker Athletic Booster Club and Patrons of the

Arts & Activities will benefit students!

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