

Laker Educational Foundation Annual Report 2016



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Our mission

To encourage *creativity*,
innovation and excellence by raising,
managing and allocating financial resources
to enhance learning for all who reside in, or
are served by the ISD 719 community.



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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.

We would like to take this time to highlight our year and to let you know what is in store for 2017. We have had two grant cycles, spring and fall. We were fortunate to be able to approve funding to fulfill the following grants: an outdoor classroom space at Grainwood Elementary, a community garden at Hidden Oaks Middle School, Geocache class sets for Twin Oaks Middle School, iNaturalist Explorations for Five Hawks and Lego WeDo2 Systems at WestWood Elementary that align with the districts E-STEM initiatives. New this fall, we provided flexible seating/standing desks at Grainwood Elementary and Hidden Oaks Middle School, movement tools to help children with Attention Deficit Hyper Activity Disorder to self-regulate, organize and focus their attention on classroom instruction for Glendale Elementary, library books for Bridges ALC, a school garden will enhance Five Hawks nature center, a Spanish mural will grace the walls at Hidden Oaks and we will provide E-STEM in early education programs at Edgewood School. We funded a K'Nex Education Building System at WestWood for students to use STEM and engineering skills. Another innovative grant we are funding will allow the 8th grade at Hidden Oaks Middle School's science class to launch a high altitude balloon from campus this spring. The balloon will be equipped with photo, GPS and data collection equipment. We will post the video once complete. You can read about each grant with details of the programs on our website.

If you haven't heard, we will be hosting our 4th annual Blue Jeans Bash on October 27, 2017. The event will be held once again at the MN Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake. We are very excited about the event and hope you are as well. We will begin to sell tables and tickets this summer.

What an exciting time to be connected with the Laker Educational Foundation!

All the best in 2017!

The LEF Board of Directors



Innovation, Creativity, Excellence



K'Nex Educational System

The K'Nex Educational System are K'Nex building tools for students to use STEM and engineering skills to build structures and robots. This grant would provide the opportunity for all West-Wood students in grades 3-5 innovation opportunities to build structures and robots, and develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.



Bridges Library

Best practice shows a school library should contain at least 100 books per reading level. This grant will be used to purchase at least 16 books per reading level to add to our library during the 2016-17 school year at Bridges ALC. We will provide surveys for our students to collect data regarding what topics they would be interested in reading and match items to both their interest and levels.

Standing Desk Tops

This grant provides 5 desktop podiums for the 7th grade algebra class at Hidden Oaks Middle School. All students will have equal access to using the stand-up desks throughout the year. When students are given choices in their learning environment, they are able to be more creative and innovative which will lead to excellence in learning.



High Altitude Ballooning

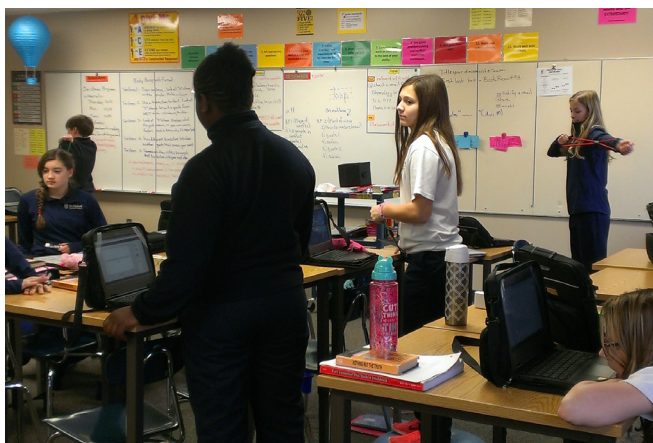
This grant allows the 8th grade at Hidden Oaks School's science class to launch a high altitude balloon from campus this spring. The balloon will be equipped with photo, GPS, and data collection equipment. This will allow us to engage students in real-world STEM data collection and observation.

Upcoming Grant Deadline:
Thursday, March 30, 2017

Supporting Education

Flexible Seating - Standing Desks

The money from this grant provided a standing desk which provides flexible seating options for some students in need of non-traditional work space to be successful.



Standing Desks

Movement Tools

This grant provides a tool to help children with Attention Deficit Hyper Activity Disorder to self-regulate, organize and focus their attention on classroom instruction. Attention and focus can often be increased when children have access to tools that assist them with sensory input.



Flexible Seating

Mural Project: Cultural & Linguistic Exploration of Hispanic Folklore

This grant provides Spanish II students the opportunity to create and organize the painting of a mural that will hang in the hallway of Hidden Oaks Middle School. This project will challenge students linguistically, academically, and personally as they experience the union of their own perspectives and experiences with those of Hispanic culture and folklore.



Paint for a Mural

Garden for Five Hawks

This grant helped two classes of 4th grade students who have taken on a challenge of creating a garden at Five Hawks Elementary School. Students will be doing a Project Based Learning (PBL) project where they work together to learn more about gardening. A grant is needed to help buy the necessary things for a garden: beds, dirt, seeds, gardening tools and supplies, etc.



Garden for Five Hawks

Community Garden

The community garden at Hidden Oaks Middle School will be expanded to include a new buddy bench for staff and students. The bench will include a plaque from the Laker Educational Foundation.

Grants Awarded

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.

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.

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.

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!



*Lego WeDo2 System
WestWood Elementary*

Comments from WestWood teacher Heidi Murray that applied and received the grant:

"The Lego WeDo2 Systems have been used in many classrooms throughout WestWood and SAGE Academy. SAGE classrooms helped get the Lego WeDo2 systems set up and they taught other classrooms how to get started. Students are actively engaged, working together, and solving problems during each session. This grant has truly allowed WestWood students to be innovative using their creativity and problem solving skills. We look forward to using the LegoWeDo2 systems for many years to come."

"Thank you Laker Educational Foundation!"

3rd Annual Blue Jeans Bash



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Staff put their E-STEM skills to a test!

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Gratitude Greeting & Teacher Tribute Recipients

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Volunteers

To the many volunteers that helped at our 3rd annual Blue Jeans Bash, the list was too numerous to name but we wish to thank all of you for help making it such a success!

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your donations made possible 239 grants totalling \$298,358 with countless student learning experiences.

Did you know the foundation funds Educators of Excellence, Outstanding Service & Leadership Awards?

Provides funding to ISD 719 to recognize several teachers and educational support staff in excellence,

Statement of Activities

For the year ending December 31, 2016

	2016	General Funds	Targeted Donations
Support and Revenues:			
Contributions	\$ 5,513.44	\$ 5,513.44	
Targeted Donations*	\$ 43,510.00		\$ 43,510.00
Special Events	\$ 29,018.01	\$ 29,018.01	
Interest Income	\$ 98.74	\$ 98.74	
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 78,140.19	\$ 34,630.19	\$ 43,510.00
Expenses:			
Program Services & Grants	\$ 13,992.87	\$ 13,992.87	
Targeted Donation Expenses	\$ 32,733.14		\$ 32,733.14
Administrative & General	\$ 6,572.21	\$ 6,572.21	
Special Events	\$ 15,212.94	\$ 15,212.94	
Total Expenses	\$ 68,511.16	\$ 35,778.02	\$ 32,733.14
Change in Net Assets:	\$ 18,612		
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 316,655		
Net assets, end of year	\$ 335,267		

*Targeted donations are donor-dedicated funds for specific purposes that we administer and support.



Farm to School - Fund-A-Need (Blue Jeans Bash)

PLSAS Child Nutrition Department recently received donations from the Laker Educational Foundation to purchase equipment that will provide more local fresh fruits and vegetables to students. Large quantities can be processed in-house.

Save the Dates



**Dan Patch 5K Pace &
1-mile Fun Run**
June 24, 2017 9:00 am
Lifetime Fitness – Savage
Students \$15, Adults \$20,
1-mile \$10
Register online at
www.lakerfoundation.org

**4th Annual
Laker Educational Foundation's
Blue Jeans Bash**
October 27, 2017
MN Horse & Hunt Club, Prior Lake
Details to be announced
Tickets available at:
www.lakerfoundation.org



Help us make an impact!

Help us ensure the Laker Educational Foundation's programs will benefit generations of students to come.

Together, we can make an impact and support the academic achievement of all district students.

The Laker Educational Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that is funded primarily by tax-deductible contributions from individuals, businesses and community organizations. The Foundation also conducts or participates in multiple fund raising events designed to bring the community together in support of academic excellence. Each spring and fall, the Laker Educational Foundation awards grants to deserving projects or programs that will uniquely and materially enhance education.

Please notify the foundation at 952.226.0063 if we inadvertently misstated your donation, pledge or listing. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy. Please accept our apologies for any omission or error.

Ways to be involved and contribute

- Make a tax-deductible donation
- Pledge contributions for five years
- Utilize corporate matching with your non-profit contribution
- Join other donors in making payroll pledge contributions through your employer
- Make an endowment contribution for the future
- Express your appreciation for a teacher, coach, administrator or community leader by sending a gratitude greeting
- Send a memorial contribution to the Laker Educational Foundation in memory of friends and loved ones
- Take part in the Legacy Circle for individuals who have established an estate provision, trust, annuity, or other deferred gift
- Volunteer for an event, committee, or become a member of the board

Creating a Path to the Future

The Laker Educational Foundation will be embarking on a comprehensive planning process to develop a 3-5 year strategic plan based on our mission. If interested in joining in this process, please call 952.226.0063 or send an email to: lakeredfoundation@gmail.com

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To register for any of these events, contact: www.lakerfoundation.org • 952.226.0063