

Laker Educational Foundation Annual Report 2015



Mission and Board of Directors

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.



*Outdoor Garden at
Hidden Oaks Middle School*

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Dear Friends,

This is a very exciting time to be connected with the Laker Educational Foundation. Because of your generosity and commitment, it has been a successful year. 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 2016. We have had two grant cycles, spring and fall. We were fortunate to be able to approve funding to fulfill the following grants: Library Makerspaces were purchased for Grainwood and Redtail Ridge; in our tradition of inspiring innovation, we were able to fund a DSLR camera to create high-quality images to recreate using Fab Lab technology at Prior Lake High School; we were part of the Raptor Data Integration program at the two middle schools, we helped with the Sandwich Project; we purchased exercise balls for 7th grade math classes; we were able to contribute to an outdoor classroom for nature-based kindergarten; read and ride and read and pedal bikes were purchased for a few elementary and secondary classrooms. Additionally, we were able to fund a fishing program for seniors in our area through the Let's Go Fishing program partnering with Scott County. We will be helping to create a 21st century flexible learning environment for students as a pilot project at Glendale Elementary, provide audio support for secondary class assessments, provide educational tools for active learners at St. Michael's and purchase digital balances for 8th grade science classrooms so that students will be able to take measurements in a wide variety of labs. A wireless document camera and a F.L.I.R. camera will be purchased and Scholastic Math magazines will be provided for Twin Oaks Middle School. The foundation also approved funding for weighted tools for creative play in the early childhood/preschool environment which provides organizing sensory input for special needs students to help them focus and build their school readiness skills.

We held our 2nd Annual Blue Jeans Ball on a rainy fall evening, but inside it was warm and inviting. Our event was held locally this year at the MN Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake. Our fun-filled evening featured a live and silent auction, games including heads & tails with a grand prize from D. Copperfield's, and even a "Dessert Dash". The Horse & Hunt Club provided an excellent dinner concluding with nationally renowned comedian John Bush. Thank you to all who attended and gave so generously. It was a perfect night! Planning is already underway for our third annual event. Stay tuned for 2016 details!

It is so rewarding to be able to follow our mission to encourage creativity, innovation and excellence in education and we thank all of you who have given so generously and worked so diligently to ensure the foundation's success. We offer our heartfelt thanks.

All the best in 2016!

The LEF Board of Directors

Innovation, Creativity, Excellence

Ready Bodies, Learning Minds

Weighted tools will be provided for creative play in the early childhood/preschool environment to provide organizing sensory input for special needs students in order for them to focus, attend and build their school readiness skills. The plan is to see students able to integrate with their mainstream peers without disruption and start to build the foundational skills for better academic success through elementary school and beyond.

Inspiring Entrepreneurship & Innovation

We funded the purchase a Canon EOS Rebel T5i DSLR camera to be used to create high-quality images to recreate using Fab Lab technology. We also funded a light box to assist in producing quality, intricate decals, t-shirt designs and signs.



Let's Go Fishing - Scott County Area Chapter

Scott County is now able to provide seniors and the disabled, fishing and boat excursions on Cedar Lake.

Wireless Document Camera

A wireless document camera was purchased for use in the Hidden Oaks Middle School Industrial Technology Classes. The camera will seamlessly be incorporated into the curriculum and will replace lessons on the overhead projector. With class units such as sketching and drawing, the document camera will be used on a daily basis.

Outdoor Nature Based Kindergarten Classroom

We are funding an outdoor classroom space to integrate nature into the kindergarten classroom. Playing in nature creates endless opportunities for discovery and creativity.



Outdoor Classroom

Digital Balances 8th Grade Science

Digital balances were purchased to be used in the 8th grade Earth Science class at Hidden Oaks Middle School. Students are able to make measurements in a wide variety of labs utilizing technology that is 21st century appropriate.

Sandwiches

The 8th grade students assembled sandwiches to donate to the Sandwich Project of Minneapolis. The students goal was to assemble 5000 sandwiches to donate.

7th Grade Math Exercise Balls

Exercise balls will be incorporated as substitute chairs in 7th grade math class. The balls help students to focus and get some exercise in the process.

Supporting Education

Raptor Data Integration

Student exposure to real time data (Bald Eagle Blood Lead Levels) and analysis of the blood level data from 2010-present to look for trends and possible sources of lead entry into the environment. Students also attend two capstone presentations on the concept of bioaccumulation and effects on populations and communities. Students observe and gather evidence of adaptations, feeding habits, and behaviors of real raptors. The program encompasses the district E-STEM focus.

Library Makerspaces

This library makerspaces project consists of supplying materials that allow students to build, create and explore. These makerspaces complement our district E-STEM initiatives by encouraging students to use engineering skills in creative ways. The project provides opportunities in all elementary schools.

Scholastic Math Magazine

Scholastic Math is a print and online magazine that helps students relate math to the real world. A 10- issue magazine and a class set will be ordered (35 magazines) which can be used year after year. There is also an online platform that comes free with the subscription where worksheets can be assigned. These will be used as a supplement for our curriculum.

Educational Tools for Active Learners

This will provide additional outlets for kinesthetic learners during instructional and independent study time as well as during partner work. By adding balance boards, exercise balls, swinging and standing desks, students will have additional resources to keep them actively moving while being intellectually focused in the classroom, increasing time on task, increased focus and improved test/assessment scores.



Sandwich Project



Library Makerspaces



Library Makerspaces



Spanish Book Reading at Library

Grants Awarded

Read and Pedal

In every classroom there are active students who profess to not like to read. Many times it is the student's lack of constructive movement that can impede their learning and success with reading. This program is designed to engage these students and increase reading proficiency using different equipment than the Read and Ride program.

Elementary Flexible Furniture

The goal will be to replace current student desks with tables with wheels to create a 21st century flexible learning environment for students. This will be a pilot project at Glendale Elementary.

F.L.I.R. Camera & Support Technology

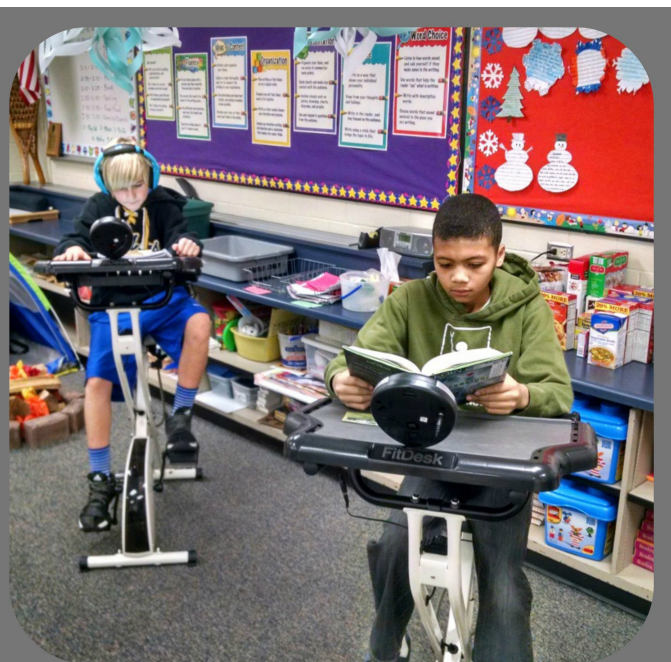
By using a F.L.I.R camera, the ideas of diffusion and heat dispersal will come to life in front of students in real time. Pictures and videos can be taken of heat moving and interacting in a variety of substrates.

Audio Support for Secondary Class Assessments

The goal is to develop a system and data bank of audio support for social studies and science tests at the secondary level. The desired outcome includes increased satisfaction for student with Section 504 plans who need tests read to them, reduced demand on para's to read at all times, to students with varied educational needs, support available in case of absence, and less student resistance to accepting the accommodations because it is more meaningful to them. The ultimate desired outcome is higher classroom assessment scores.

Read & Ride Program

The Read and Ride program is designed to engage students in learning through a combination of movement and reading. Research has shown students who ride while reading are better able to release frustration, which is often a learning block, and helps to increase reading proficiency in riders. During the last grant cycle, we funded five of these bikes to Five Hawks Elementary with huge success.



*Bikes for Reading and Exercise at
Five Hawks Elementary last grant cycle.*

2nd Annual Blue Jeans Ball



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Volunteers

To the many volunteers that helped at our 2nd annual Blue Jeans Ball, the list was too numerous to name but we wish to thank all of you for help making it such a success!

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, leadership and creative initiative.

Statement of Activities

For the year ending December 31, 2015

| | 2015 | General Funds | Targeted Donations |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Support and Revenues: | | | |
| Contributions | \$ 16,686 | \$ 16,686 | |
| Targeted Donations* | \$ 33,000 | | \$ 33,000 |
| Special Events | \$ 22,800 | \$ 22,800 | |
| Interest Income | \$ 213 | \$ 213 | |
| Total Support and Revenue | \$ 72,699 | \$ 39,699 | \$ 33,000 |
| Expenses: | | | |
| Program Services & Grants | \$ 18,743 | \$ 18,743 | |
| Targeted Donation Expenses | \$ 35,000 | | \$ 35,000 |
| Administrative & General | \$ 9,117 | \$ 9,117 | |
| Special Events | \$ 14,121 | \$ 14,121 | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 76,981 | \$ 41,981 | \$ 35,000 |
| Change in Net Assets: | \$ 11,063 | | |
| Net assets, beginning of year | \$305,592 | | |
| Net assets, end of year | \$316,655 | | |

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

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your donations made possible
230 grants totalling \$278,361 with
countless student
learning experiences.

Statement of Activities



Save the Dates



**Dan Patch 5K Race &
1-mile Fun Run**
June 25, 2016 9:00 am
Lifetime Fitness – Savage
Students \$15, Adults \$20,
1-mile \$10
Register online at
www.lakerfoundation.org

**3rd Annual
Laker Educational Foundation's
Blue Jeans Ball**
October 21, 2016
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.

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- 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