

PROGRESSREPORT

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WAUKESHA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Investing in our Future — WAUKESHA EDUCATION FUND GRANTS

KHAN ACADEMY IN THE CLASSROOM: MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recognized educator Salman Khan for creating video tutorials used by students around the world. This grant allows students to create their own "Khan Academy" style videos to help them collaborate, share and grow as problem-solvers.

ASSESSING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE: CENTRAL MIDDLE

One-to-one computer models are being piloted in 7th and 8th grade science so students have access to digital as well as hands-on activities and assessments. This grant will expand the online activities available to students, including assessment tools so students can self-monitor their progress.

PDR...T! (PLAN, DO, REVIEW ... TOGETHER!): BLAIR ELEMENTARY

Blending our communities together, our English speaking and Spanish speaking 1st grade classes work together one afternoon each week. Students plan their own project/activity goal, complete the project/activity together and then write about its outcome in their PDR ... T! journals.

LISTENING TO LEARN: HADFIELD ELEMENTARY

CD players with headphones and books that include read along CDs will be purchased to create a listening center that allows children to hear books being read to improve fluency skills and benefit English as a Second Language students.

BANTING'S BILINGUAL LIBRARY: BANTING ELEMENTARY

Half of Banting Elementary School's student population are bilingual, but a majority of the library books are in English. This grant will increase the amount of Spanish books to demonstrate the importance of both languages.

MATH GAMES TO MOTIVATE LEARNING: LOWELL ELEMENTARY

Math Games to Motivate specifically focuses on the areas of telling time, elapsed time, counting money, making change, spending wisely, saving money, and probability. Students will use these to further these necessary skills.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM: WAUKESHA STEM ACADEMY

The STEM Academy acquired trout fingerlings for 4th grade students to raise in a coldwater aquarium and release. This grant will purchase aquarium materials and a chiller to allow more students to participate in this project.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION AND SYSTEMS CLASSROOM

RECOGNITION: HORNING MIDDLE

This grant will help Horning students and staff develop a more positive perception of the school's culture and traditions through a positive recognition system called LearningEarnings. It will help promote an environment where learning is safe, fun and positive.

ALEKS (ASSESSMENT AND LEARNING IN KNOWLEDGE SPACES)

MATH: IQ ACADEMY

ALEKS is an online math program that uses an artificial intelligence engine to assess and provide specific learning assistance for grades 3-12. ALEKS targets gaps in a student's math knowledge and delivers highly-targeted instruction on topics to focus on for better understanding and success.

APPLYING LESSONS FOUND IN TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE:

WAUKESHA WEST HIGH

Students in an English 11 class will be given \$10 and asked to use their imagination to see how far it will go to help another person. Through instruction and guidance, these students will be empowered to work together and make positive choices that impact our community.

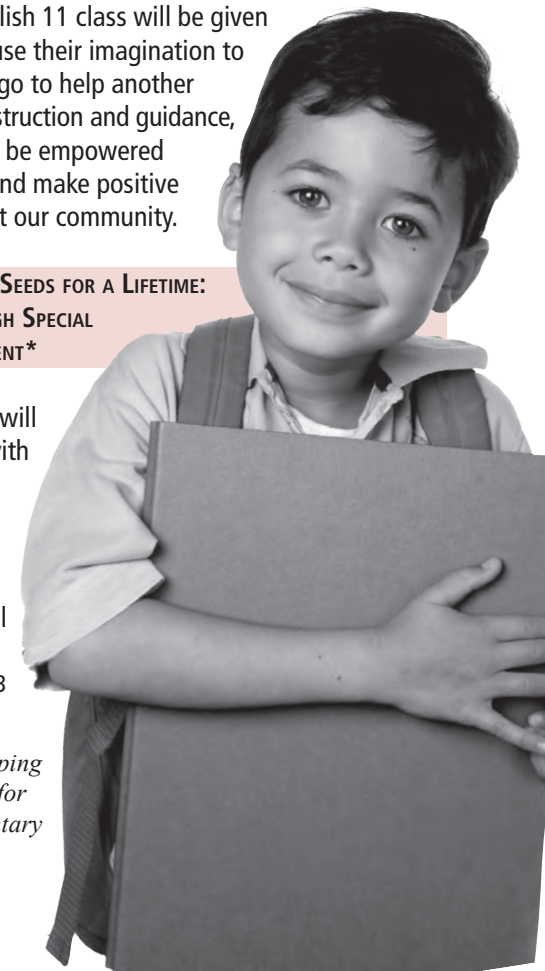
GROWING STUDENTS: SEEDS FOR A LIFETIME:

WAUKESHA WEST HIGH SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT*

This project-based learning endeavor will engage students with disabilities to use 21st century skills to grow, produce, market and sell plants in the school greenhouse.

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A WEF grant is helping buy Spanish books for the Banting Elementary School library.



Strive to Thrive!

Join us April 21st!

The Waukesha Education Foundation is teaming up with the School District of Waukesha Wellness Program to present the "Second Annual Strive to Thrive" Run/Walk and Wellness Fair. The event, to be held Saturday, April 21 at North High School, will appeal to a variety of wellness and fitness enthusiasts!

Waukesha and surrounding area runners will have a chance to compete in a 5K chip-timed run. A 3K family walk and a 1-mile student run will round out the options for exercise enthusiasts. A 4K Family Kite fly sponsored by the School District of Waukesha Early Learning Department will add to the day's fun.

In addition to those active outside offerings, much will be going on inside the gym! Participants can visit many vendors, learn about wellness-enhancing strategies, and gain chances to participate in a raffle for a variety of valuable prizes. Vendors represent chiropractic, dental, nutrition, massage, fitness-center, and many more aspects of wellness. Many vendors will offer demonstrations and free samples. High quality bike helmets will be sold at reduced prices, and trained volunteers will fit those helmets to ensure maximum safety.

Donations, sponsorships, and volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated. Please contact Jack Bothwell, Wellness Coordinator, at jbothwel@waukesha.k12.wi.us to help with this fun and important event!

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Waukesha Education Foundation to help carry on the tradition of funding grants and scholarships for students in the School District of Waukesha.

Learn more and register for the Strive to Thrive Run/Walk at www.waukeshaeducationfoundation.org.



Annual Bob Duckett Memorial Golf Outing Raises \$10,800

The Bob Duckett Memorial Golf Outing was held on July 25, 2011 at Merrill Hills Country Club. The event was organized to honor the name of Bob Duckett and his many contributions to the Waukesha Education Foundation (WEF).

As an educator in the Waukesha Public Schools, Bob spent many of his working years teaching and coaching children. In retirement, Bob wanted to enhance the educational experience for kids and became a driving force in the WEF, an organization that supports projects and programs not typically funded by the School District's annual operating budget.

Thanks to Bob's family and many friends attending this fundraising event as well as the many sponsors, donors and volunteers, we raised over \$10,800 for the support of the WEF and the Bob Duckett Memorial fund.

Mark your calendars for Monday, July 23 for the 2012 WEF Bob Duckett Memorial Golf Outing to be held again at Merrill Hills Country Club. Thank you again to this year's supporters.

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CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS WITH GROWING POWER: WHITE ROCK ELEMENTARY*

This grant helps implement project-based learning, science, and community collaboration in one program for students. Growing Power offers sustainable food sources through hands-on training, on-the-ground demonstration, outreach, and technical assistance.

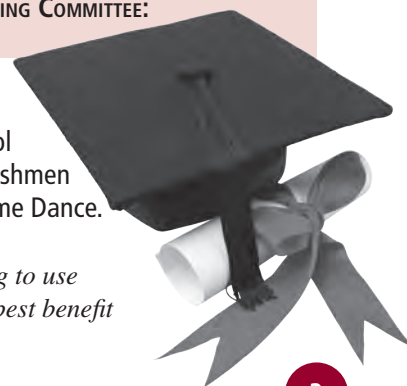
AVID COLLEGE VISITS: WAUKESHA SOUTH HIGH

This grant allows AVID students to visit Wisconsin colleges, exposing them to diverse post-secondary educational environments over the course of their four years at Waukesha South.

WAUKESHA SOUTH FRESHMEN WELCOMING COMMITTEE: WAUKESHA SOUTH HIGH

This grant will help fund two activities aimed at providing a smoother transition to high school for incoming freshmen — the Freshmen First Day and a Halloween Costume Dance.

** These projects are collaborating to use resources most efficiently and to best benefit student learning.*





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Foster the cooperation and collaboration of individuals, corporations, businesses and community organizations regarding public education in Waukesha.

Secure individual and corporate investment to promote excellence, opportunity and equity in the Waukesha Public Schools.

Initial focus on raising \$1 million in endowment funds over the next five years to enrich the Waukesha public education experience.

News from the Waukesha Education Foundation Board

Dear Friends,

As we close 2011, the Waukesha Education Foundation Board of Directors is very focused on strategies to increase community awareness and grow our endowment. We are excited about the prospects of our new Alumni Family and Friends Fund created for each of our three high schools — North, South and West. These funds will allow donors to make a lasting difference at our high schools.

For 2012, we plan to launch a new and improved website, provide annual grants that benefit Waukesha students, and raise money through our spring run walk, summer golf outing and a fall event. I want to thank all the friends of the WEF for their past support, whether it be in time or money. We look forward to an exciting 2012 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Mike Pjevach
WEF Board Chairman



Meet our Board Members

The volunteer board meets monthly and provides leadership in raising endowment funds and reviewing applications to award grants and scholarships to classroom students and district graduates. Members serve a three-year term and terms are renewable for an additional three years.

Current members are: Paul Bickler, Lisa Boerschinger, Betsy Forrest, Rajiv Gindhar, Ann Goetsch, Christine Howard-Turowski, Alan Huelsman, Phyllis Lardinois, Susan Lewis, Carol J. Lombardi, Frank Martins (Treasurer), Mark Mattiacci, Mike Pjevach (Chair), Kathy Runte (Vice Chair), and Kelly Walt Hoesly. Ex-officio members are Superintendent Todd Gray, Waukesha County Community Foundation (WCCF) President Kathryn Leverenz, Jeff Wiesner, WCCF liaison, Mitzi Keadle, Education Association President, and Joseph Como, Jr., Board of Education Representative.