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"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future."

~John F. Kennedy

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Golf "Fore" Excellence!!

The Foundation "Fore" Excellence 1st Annual Golf Scramble will be held on Monday, June 28, 2010 at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township. We would love to have you join us! The day promises to be beautiful and fun-filled with a BBQ lunch during registration and a shot-gun start at 1:00pm.

After a perfect round of golf, attendees will wind down at our "19th Hole" compliments of one of our generous sponsors, M3 Investment Services. There will be raffle prizes for everyone, a framed photo of your foursome compliments of another wonderful sponsor, the WLEA. Unique silent auction items will be available to suit every whim. We will follow up the day with a gourmet sit down dinner...all for only \$100 per golfer.



Register Today! Do not miss out on this fantastic opportunity to network with community members, business owners, educators, friends, and FFE trustees.

We make it easy to attend! You may register online with a MasterCard or Visa by clicking on the link below. If you prefer, we will gladly accept your registration check payable to the Foundation For Excellence. Click on the link for details. Hope to see you on the course!

<http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/14160-FFEGolfScramble/>

Tuition Expedition 2010 Soars High!!!



Saturday, March 6, 2010 was a banner day for the Howald family of Commerce Township! Long time district staff member, Neal Howald held the winning ticket, #10-091, for this year's scholarship raffle. When he was contacted by phone from the Parenting Fair, Neal was stunned at the news delivered to him by Sandy Richards, director of the FFE. "Neal, you have just won \$15,600 in scholarship funds! How does that feel?" asked Richards. Mr. Howald, always cool and calm, couldn't believe his good fortune. Upon receiving the news, Neal commented, "I have been waiting for this call for five years! I have purchased a ticket every year hoping to win!" His daughters attend CMU and EMU and the funds from this raffle will offset their tuition fees for the upcoming school year. Congratulations to the Howald family!

Updates—Past, Present & Future!!

Tuition Expedition 2010 ~ 312 tickets sold, \$31,200 raised and \$15,600 dispersed. Awesome!!

Reading in the Park, Chapter 2 ~ 106 tickets sold, great authors + entertainers = one great event!!

Mini-Grants ~ 45 submissions ~ 35 awards granted, \$62,434 dispersed along with \$2,225 in extras for a grand total of FFE funds to the district: **\$64,659!!** 9 SmartBoards, 19 document cameras, 10 iPod Touch units and over 2,000 books is just a sampling of the items granted. Visit our website's Mini-Grant page for a complete list of the grants and teacher recipients along with the receiving school. www.foundation4excellence.com

Golf Scramble ~ \$100 per golfer, Edgewood Country Club and perfect weather...be there on June 28th!!

To Give or not to give...that is the question!

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." ~ Winston Churchill

In these tough economic times, it seems like everyone is asking for money. Booster clubs, service organizations, PTA groups, religious institutions and school foundations, just to name a few, vie for the same philanthropic funds in their geographic areas. In two local communities, donors have stepped forward to help struggling school districts with major donations. In Northville, an anonymous donor has generously committed to match community donations up to \$1 million dollars to help support a community-wide campaign to raise several million dollars. These funds will be used to support educational programs beyond what the Northville Public Schools budget will be able to fund.

The John and Marlene Boll Foundation is giving the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education a \$500,000 gift for technology for the school district and is challenging the public to raise an additional \$250,000. The foundation, named after the Bolls, who live in Grosse Pointe Shores, has given their district over \$1 million dollars in the past few years.

In order for the Foundation for Excellence to continue to support our district students with current technology, literary initiatives, leadership building and community projects, we as parents and business leaders must continue to support the many endeavors sponsored by the FFE.

We are passionate about what we do...won't you join us? Call 248-956-2116 to find out how to help!

"Donors don't give to institutions, but invest in ideas and people in whom they believe. ~ G. T. Smith

Join **WLW** and **WLC** Online Alumni Connections by visiting the following websites:

graduateconnections.com/wlchs

graduateconnections.com/wlwhs




Interesting Fact:

78.8

million

US

residents are enrolled in school from nursery school to college!



FFE Board Member SPOTLIGHT

Cindy Lagas, owner of Gest Omelettes located in Commerce Township, not only whips up a great breakfast and lunch menu, but also finds time to be a very active board member of the Foundation for Excellence. Cindy joined the ranks of the FFE in November of 2006 and has volunteered hours on end to ensure that our events are always fabulous and our board goals are met.

Besides her work with the FFE, Cindy adds PTA involvement and WLW's orchestra booster club membership to her long list of volunteer positions. She is the mother of two graduates from Walled Lake Schools, Lea and Steven. She enjoys watching her kids play hockey and of course, watching the Red Wings play. She loves cooking and would one day like to write her own cookbook.

When it comes to organizational skills, Cindy reigns supreme! From our Bocce Bash to two Reading in the Park events, and now working on our 1st Annual Golf Scramble, Cindy "makes it happen"! All this while squeezing in some zumba classes! We are thrilled that Cindy is such a devoted FFE trustee.



Gest Omelettes is located in Newberry Square at Haggerty & 14 Mile Rd.



Cindy Lagas
FFE Trustee



WLC "Volley's" for the FFE

The FFE would like to acknowledge a wonderful contribution made by the Walled Lake Central Student Council in March 2010. The students banded together for their annual Volleyball Marathon which raised over \$19,000...WOW!

The Foundation for Excellence was the non-profit organization that was chosen as the recipient of these funds. This donation will be funneled right back into the classroom in the form of mini-grants to our teachers. To put this donation in perspective, their generosity could put 13 new SmartBoards into classrooms across our district!

Great job Vikings!!

Technology
Literacy
Leadership
Community
TLLC

