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- **Tuition Expedition 2009**
tickets now on sale! \$50 ea.
- **Charity Poker** Fundraiser
January 24-27, 2009 @
Wonderland Lanes
- **Parenting Fair**, Saturday
March 7, 2009 @ WLN
- **Reading in the Park**
Sunday, March 22, 2009
1:30pm ~ 4:00pm @ WLN
- **TLLC...What???**
Technology ~ Literacy ~
Leadership & Community
- **Alumni Directories** in
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Tuition Expedition 2009...Ready, Set, GO!!

Are you READY??

Have you checked into the rising costs of college tuition these days? Do you think that a few extra bucks might come in handy when those education bills start rolling in?



Well ~ get SET!!

We have the answer for you! **Tuition Expedition 2009** has hit the streets with your opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket for only \$50 apiece. If your ticket is drawn at the Parenting Fair on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at WL Northern, you will be the lucky recipient of up to \$25,000 in post-secondary scholarship funds. The odds are great since we are only selling 1000 tickets. Even better, if you

don't win the raffle you have still made a very valuable contribution to the Foundation for Excellence. Our district's children will benefit from the numerous grants that are awarded to our teachers for innovation in our classrooms in areas of Technology, Literacy, Leadership and Community.

Last year's winner, Dan Gordon, received \$25,350 in scholarship funds! With three children in

elementary school, this little nest egg will pay off in a major way when his children are ready to attend college. The FFE also claimed their portion of the raffle equal to \$25,350 of which we shared with our “Raffle within a Raffle” school winners. These funds truly help set the Walled Lake School District apart from the rest.

...**GO!!** Purchase your tickets today with cash, check, Visa or MasterCard by calling 248-956-2116. Tickets are also available at the Community Education office and Gest Omelettes. For official raffle rules and more information regarding the Foundation, please visit our website at www.foundation4excellence.com. Good Luck!!

We're "ALL IN" for the Foundation

In conjunction with Wonderland Lanes in Commerce Twp., the Foundation for Excellence is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em four day charity poker event on Saturday, January 24th through Tuesday, January 27, 2009. There will be standard poker play available along with tournament play for adults 21 years and older. With the growing popularity of fundraising events

that revolve around Texas Hold 'Em, the Foundation has found yet another avenue to generate income to support our mission. There are daily Texas Hold 'Em tournaments scheduled with cash games always available. The event starts at 4pm on Saturday and Sunday and 5pm on Monday and Tuesday. No entry fee is charged

and chips can be purchased in \$1.00 and \$5.00 amounts. Guests may also play Black Jack each day.

Bring your friends for a great time and a good cause! Go “ALL IN” for fun and the Foundation!!



“Reading in the Park” Family Event at Walled Lake Northern

The FFE has teamed up with the Lakes Area Optimist Club and Border's Books (Novi) to host our first **“Reading in the Park”** family fundraising event. The date of the event is Sunday, March 22, 2009 from 1:30pm to 4:00pm in the auditorium at Walled Lake Northern High School.

The cost for the event is \$5.00 per person (\$7.50 each at the door).

Reading in the Park is open to all families to attend and interact with local published authors, shop at a mini-Border's bookstore, enjoy treats from Panera Bread (Commerce Twp.) and benefit from

an afternoon of reading. Our “special guest”, (as seen on WXYZ Channel 7 in December), is Greg DeGorsky author of the book “The Christmas Pirate”. Mr. DeGorsky will be reading and entertaining our audience with his hit story.

Our other acclaimed authors reading their works include: Diane Dunn (“The Harp Mouse Chooses Her Home”), Linda McLean (“The Heidelberg Project”); Tracy Gallup (“Tree Crazy”) and Patti Graham (“And That is Why We Teach”). Audience participation, prizes and surprises are in store for children and adults alike!

The Lakes Area Optimist Club is holding a book drive with drop boxes at every WL school. Each child who attends **Reading in the Park** will receive a new or gently used book compliments of the LAOC and the FFE.

Tickets may be purchased at Community Ed., on our website at www.foundation4excellence.com/ donate or by calling (248) 956-2116. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

March is Reading Month
~ join us at the **“Park”!**



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A little TLLC goes a long way at the FFE...

Technology, **L**iteracy, **L**eadership and **C**ommunity are the building blocks of the Foundation and it's mission to foster innovation in teaching and learning. Over the past two years, our district students have benefited from \$182,000 in mini-grants that have been awarded to our teaching staff.

Our students have had document cameras and projection systems

added to their classrooms. SmartBoards and CPS units for test taking are now in numerous WL schools.

Leadership Camps for high school students, Lifetown Learning field trips for Special Ed. students, Forensic and Robotics team competitions, Religious Diversity Journey and Galileo Leadership Consortium projects have been funded by FFE mini-grants.

The Elementary Model Classroom Project, benchmark fluency kits, Summer Literacy Camp, Everyday Math Workshops and Journey in Writing materials are assisting our children with their studies.

The Parenting Fair, K-12 Art Exhibit and MLK, Jr. Celebration garner annual support from the Foundation. When you think of the FFE, think **T ~ L ~ L ~ C**.



“Thank you so much!
Please know that
you have truly made
a difference in the
lives of 300 children
with our mini-grant!”
~Patti Graham,
teacher at Smart MS

Mini-Grant Mania

The deadline for mini-grant online applications is Friday, January 30, 2009. District staff members may submit their request via our website.

Awards will be announced the first week of March 2009. Be



creative and good luck!

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“What great thing
would you attempt
if you knew you
could not fail?”

~Robert H. Schuller