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"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Another year has closed and I hope everyone had a healthy and prosperous 2012. Now 2013 is off and running and this a good time to take a step back and reflect on what the Hiawatha Education Foundation has accomplished. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who once again has donated time or money this past year. Your response to last year's Appeal was humbling; I challenged you and the amount of people who donated increased substantially in comparison to past years. You have shown your belief in the mission of this Foundation. The golf outing, at its new location, was a great success -- other than the storm cutting things short at the end.

Recently, I had the opportunity to travel to Germany for business. While there I took some extra time to visit some of the country and sites. I could not help but notice the number of students who were at **every** historical site I visited; bus-loads of German students being educated on the history of their country. It did not matter whether it was Cold War History (Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate, Check Point Charlie) or WWII history (Reichstag, Holocaust Memorial, Dachau), there were large groups being taken to these sites to understand the history behind what happened. It was blatantly obvious that the German education system wanted their youth to understand what has happened, both good and bad to Germany and to appreciate the effort, pain, and suffering to unify Germany and rid it of the oppression of the Iron Curtain (and, may I add, a definite appreciation of the United States and Ronald Reagan for what was done to end the Cold War and to "tear down that wall"). They also were showing and lecturing students on the horrors brought on during WWII by the Third Reich. Even at Dachau, the first German concentration camp, there were huge groups of German students. They were lectured at every exhibit there. It did not matter if it was the torture chambers, barracks, or crematory ovens, they visited and were taught what happened at this facility, as one German told me, "to make sure all understand and make sure it never happens again to humanity."

You may now ask, "why the history lesson from me?" Well, I could not help but think of the education of the youth of this country. How good of a job do we really do in educating the kids in this country about our history to the extent that the German people are doing with theirs? Now, I know our history is far different from the Germans, but how many youth get to take field trips to historical or educational sites in this country? Would it not be wonderful to be able to provide the same kind of experiences to our children? This is by no means to take away from the fine job our teachers are doing, but there is only so much they can do in the classroom and with the normal means of taxpayer funding. I know I had an excellent education at Hiawatha, but looking back I cannot think of many field trips that I was able to experience while I was a student. Field trips, guest lecturers, experiences above and beyond the normal curriculum, that is what helps fuel the quest to learn more. These experiences help students visualize, question, and learn and have an impact they will never forget.

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This is the mission of this Foundation, to enhance the educational experience for all the students of Hiawatha school system and to provide those experiences that help educators teach things that they otherwise would not be able to teach; educational experiences that give that extra “pop” which are appreciated even years after they have left school – that fuel and that desire to learn more and in which the students may relate to later in life. These experiences help build character, broaden minds, and provide students with something that they remember long after the words in the textbook have faded.

You, the donors, community, alumni and businesses, continue to contribute. Your support of the Hiawatha Education Foundation in both the annual appeal and annual golf outing has been unwavering. Your confidence in the purpose of this Foundation is shown by your continued support year after year. For that, we thank you and hope you find it within yourself to continue your support of the **Hiawatha Education Foundation**.

Sincerely,



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The **Hiawatha Education Foundation** is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois as a method of providing a long-term, self-sustaining financial program to complement and enrich the educational opportunities and experiences for the students and staff of Hiawatha Public Schools, Kirkland, Illinois.

The mission of the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** is to provide and secure resources for enrichment activities, programs, and educational opportunities for all students and staff of the Hiawatha School District.

The **Hiawatha Education Foundation** would like to thank the many wonderful people and organizations who have contributed to the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** this past year (many of whom give on an annual basis) and the grants awarded as a result of these generous contributions.

ARE GIFTS TAX EXEMPT?

Yes. The *Hiawatha Education Foundation* is an IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation. Check with your tax consultant on taking advantage of this tax break.

WHY YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SO IMPORTANT

Your contributions will help the Foundation achieve its mission to provide resources that will enhance and enrich educational opportunities, programs and activities for students and staff of the Hiawatha Schools.

Our long-term financial goal is to establish a \$250,000 endowment fund, the earnings of which will be used to provide resources for grants and other educational opportunities and experiences for our students.

You can help us reach that goal! If you are a current donor, we encourage you to continue to help; if you have not yet made a donation, please consider doing so today and join with others as together we can make a difference in the lives of our young people. You may wish to contribute annually (or even quarterly).

Make your check or money order payable to the *Hiawatha Education Foundation* and mail to PO Box 83, Kirkland, IL 60146. Your contributions are always welcome.

OUR SINCEREST THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO CONTRIBUTED THIS PAST YEAR:

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And, of course, all who support our golf outing in one way or another.
 If we have overlooked your contribution or have misspelled your name, please contact us.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!

GRANTS AWARDED THIS PAST YEAR

Name of Grant	Area(s)
Fine Arts Week	High School Art Department
Fine Arts Week	Elementary Art Department
Adler Planetarium Trip	Third Grade
Burpee Museum	Second Grade
Field Trip to Springfield: Library Books	History Club



“The Hiawatha Education Foundation was gracious enough to grant money to our math science classes in the form of added technology to our computer based lab equipment and graphing equipment. This grant is giving our students the ability to look at instantaneous data to explore Physics and Physical Science topics with a visual learning approach. This will give Hiawatha students the ability to perform more advanced labs similar to many labs used at a college level. These labs will use motion detectors, force detectors, and Photo-gates to explore instantaneous changes in distance, velocity, force, and acceleration. You may view this equipment at www.vernier.com. This picture depicts some of our students using force detectors to explore Newton’s three laws and motion detectors to look at movement based graphs. Students regularly tell me that the lab along with the exploration of data using lab equipment is their favorite part of Physics and Physical Science. The Math department was able to get Two TI Presenters with the money from the Hiawatha Education Foundation. With the TI Presenters students can look at a teachers screen on the calculator as it is displayed on the LCD projector. The math and science departments are grateful for all of the support from the Hiawatha Education Foundation.”

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Our thirteenth annual golf outing saw a couple of changes.

Dr. Ken Brooks took over as chair of the golf outing for the first time and did an admirable job! The second change had to do with the venue for the golf outing. Our first 12 years, the golf outing was held at Silver Ridge Golf Course in Byron.

We decided it was time to do something a little different so we decided to try Prairie View Golf Course in Byron for our thirteenth annual golf outing. Needless to say, this was a wonderful change and a huge success so we will be hosting our fourteenth annual golf outing again at Prairie View Golf Course. We had 119 golfers this past year and everyone had a great time – that is, until the event reached an early conclusion because of severe weather. The golf outing has become the main source of revenue on a yearly basis for the **Hiawatha Education Foundation**. It not only provides income for the **Hiawatha Education Foundation**, but all involved have a great day of fellowship and fun.

The **Hiawatha Education Foundation** would like to extend a special thank you to all the sponsors. Hole sponsors were: Alpine Bank/Kirkland Branch; Aves Family Farms; Blake Oil Co.; Russell Harms; Doug Isham for Agrigold Seeds; Kirkland Historical Society; Kirkland Quick Stop; Lane's Farms Trucking and Hogs; Lawson Bags by Carl Calkins; LDR Cleaning and Restoration by Len and Donna Roach; and Shape Master Tool. Table Sponsors include: Aves Family Farms; John Begun; Marv and Wanda Bernhardt; Bruch Financial Advisors; Central Grain Company; Dial Machine; Dean Miller for Country Companies; Kirkland Chamber of Commerce; Kirkland Mini Storage by Ed and Helen Davis; Kirkland United Methodist Church; Carole and Jim Murphy; Jared Poynter and Family; Jack and Sharon Schrier; Jim and Peggy Stuntz; and Yakey Farms. We would also like to thank the many individuals and businesses who donated raffle/auction prizes. Also, we owe a big debt of gratitude to auctioneer, Todd Wills, who did a great job for us this year. And last, but not least, we would like to thank all the golfers. With support like this, the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** can realize its goals and visions -- to provide resources which will enhance and enrich the educational opportunities, programs and activities for all students and staff of the Hiawatha Schools beyond regular funding revenues. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Please support all these businesses who have so generously supported the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** and their endeavors.

GOLF OUTING 2013

Plans are under way for the **Fourteenth** Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, June 28, 2013 at the Prairie View Golf Course in Byron.

Pre-registration forms for **Golf Outing 2013** may be obtained at the Alpine Bank - Kirkland Branch or by contacting the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** at PO Box 83, Kirkland, IL 60146. Come participate in the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** and get a great start to the Fourth of July Weekend and know you are also helping the students in the district.

ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Kirkland-Hiawatha All-School Open House 2013 will be held Wednesday, July 4 (**ONE DAY ONLY again with SHORTER HOURS and a NEW LOCATION**), 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the new **Elementary Learning Resource Center**, Kirkland IL. The 8th Open House continues in connection with Kirkland Lions Club 4th of July Celebration which is Wednesday, July 3rd – Saturday, July 6th. Look for us on the Lions 4th of July schedules. Graduates, former attendees, and faculty/staff: be one of many returnees or first timers! Take this opportunity to come and visit with classmates and friends and do some remembering as you look at yearbooks, scrapbooks and other displays. Nova Quigley and Carole Buhl encourage you to spend some time at this 8th annual event after the Parade and Pork Chop dinner. If you are there, other people will want to be also! Please spread the word -- in your conversations, email, and social networking. See more information in school newsletters and emails.

There will also be information at the school website (<http://teacherweb.com/IL/HiawathaSchools/DistrictHomePage/SDHP1.stm>) and also the 4th of July link at www.villageofkirkland.com.

Alumni are encouraged to contact the school to verify they have your correct address. Contact the school by phone at (815) 522-6676 or by mail at Hiawatha School District 426, PO Box 428, Kirkland, IL 60146. You may also send your current address information to apolzin87@yahoo.com. Please include the following: your name (including maiden name, if applicable), the name of your spouse (if applicable), the year you graduated, your address (city, state, zip), your phone number (including area code), and your e-mail address (if you have one). Please encourage all your classmates to do the same.