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"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."

- Margaret Mead

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Yes, another year has come to an end and we move on to another year -- 2015. On behalf of the Hiawatha Education Foundation and its board of directors I want to thank you for your continued generous support. I know I may sound like a broken record but so many of you have continued to donate to this worthy cause. Whether the support is monetary, time, golfing in our outing, or some donation to the golf outing, your rock solid support has made this Foundation successful. It is something everyone associated with Kirkland can be proud of.

This fall we received grant applications and are pleased to announce that we are sponsoring 13 of those grants to be used this school year. That puts us close to 30% participation by the teachers of Hiawatha. I couldn't be happier. This percentage has doubled over the past 3 years. Not only has our participation rate increased, so has the amount that we fund. These grants, I am sure, will provide a very enlightening and rewarding educational experience for the children of the Hiawatha School District.

This past year was the most exciting and rewarding year of my life. My wife and I welcomed the birth of our son this past summer. I must say that with his birth I understand and see things from another perspective, a perspective that I have heard over the years from so many of my friends. It is hard to put into words, but those of you with children understand what I am talking about. I have been amazed watching his progress as he continues to grow and learn new skills. How quickly he changes! Realizing the things he can do this week which you did not think were even possible the week before is mind boggling. I so look forward to each day watching with amazement as he grows and learns. Each day is a new life experience and I look forward to feeding his appetite to learn. I can only imagine how a teacher feels when her students grasp a new concept.

That too can be said with this Foundation with feeding our youth's appetite to learn. Children grow so quickly and, like a sponge, absorb so much learning and information in such a short period of time. I believe we all continue to learn every day until we pass from this earth, but nothing at all like we did when we were young students. That is the mission of this Foundation, to feed that appetite for knowledge, to provide learning experiences that help youth grow and learn. This Foundation is a conduit to assist in giving students the extra attention and experiences that they so need and would not receive through the regular education funding.

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So, again I ask you to continue to help this Foundation so we may continue to fund grants for the children of the Hiawatha School District. I hope we have your confidence that we are doing a good job with this Foundation and feel we are making a difference. No different then my joy watching and participating with the new experiences with my son, I want you to feel you are doing the same for the students of the Hiawatha School District. Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are pleased to announce our newest member to the Board, Mrs. Debbie Rehn. Mrs. Rehn has recently retired from Hiawatha Schools after teaching for many years and is a most welcome addition to the Board. She will be replacing Dr. Ken Brooks, who has served this Board admirably for many years. We wish him the best and look forward to working with Mrs. Rehn.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 And last, but hardly least, Anonymous

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!



A potter demonstrating his craft during Fine Arts Week.

"I wanted to send you a heart-felt thank you for approving the grant I wrote for the Chromebook for the Counseling Department at Hiawatha. In addition to incorporating technology into sessions, and creating lesson plans digitally that can be brought into the classroom, the Chromebook has aided me in being incredibly efficient in ways I did not foresee to begin with. For example, I am now able to go into junior high study halls and pull up grades for students that are struggling and discuss plans of action with them, utilizing time that would have otherwise been spent walking to and from my office. I will keep you posted on different things I do with the Chromebook in the classrooms, but wanted to send something right away to let you know what a wonderful opportunity you have granted Hiawatha students by providing me with this. With Sincerest Gratitude, Elizabeth Hoerchler"

Grants awarded this past year

Name of Grant	Area
<i>Challenger Learning Center Trip</i> Field trip – Field trip to Woodstock, IL to explore solar system & simulate a space mission	Fifth Grade
<i>State History Fair; Library Books</i> Defray history fair costs and increase the history library.	Sixth through Twelfth Grade
<i>Burpee Museum</i> Field trip – "Fossils & Dinosaurs" and "Windows to Wilderness".	Second Grade
<i>Discovery Center Speaker Program</i> Hands-on experiments promoting critical thinking.	First through Fifth Grades
<i>Graphing Calculators</i> Visualize complicated equations and scenarios.	High School Students
<i>iPad Minis</i> Multiple curricular applications for all ability levels. With headphone splitters to be used with daily work by multiple students at one time.	Fourth Grade
<i>Tower Gardens</i> Aeroponic systems - the process of growing plants in an air or mist environment without the use of soil	All Grades
<i>Teacher Learning Center</i> Mobile cart for use with learning stations.	Second Grade
<i>Fine Arts Week</i> Visiting Artists share their craft and talent throughout the week of May 2015.	All Grades
<i>Music Department Trip to Florida</i> Performing for and being acknowledged by others who are unaware of Hiawatha or Kirkland, IL.	Music Students
<i>Google Chromebook</i> Enhance the Social Emotional Learning	Pre-K through Eighth Grade
<i>Counseling Conference</i> To align our Counseling dept with the most current & best practices for students and staff.	All Grades

A visit to the Burpee Museum



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Our fifteenth annual golf outing was a wonderful success. We were hosted, for our second year, by Prairie View Golf Course in Byron. Despite a little rain (not enough to dampen our spirits!), we had a great day and will continue to hold our golf outing at Prairie View Golf

Course again in 2015. We had 91 golfers this past year and everyone had a great time. 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 would like to extend a special thank you to all the sponsors. Hole sponsors were: Alpine Bank/Kirkland Branch; Aves Family Farms; Debbie Rehn – Citizen of the Year; Dial Machine; Kirkland Historical Society; Kirkland Lions Club; Kirkland Quick Stop; Kirkland United Methodist Churches; Lane's Farms Trucking and Hogs; Dean Miller Country Financial; Debbie Rehn – Citizen of the Year; Rural Mailbox Relocation – Earl Maynard; and Shape Master Tool. Table Sponsors include: John Begun; Marv and Wanda Bernhardt; Bruch Financial Advisors; Brett Bunger; Central Grain; R. J. Daniels Fuel and Tire; Greater Kirkland Area Chamber of Commerce; Kirkland Mini-Storage – Ed and Helen Davis; Dr. Barb Runne; Jack and Sharon Schreier; Jim and Peggy Stuntz; Jamie Ulmark – American Family Insurance; and Dr. Sarah Willey – Hiawatha Schools Superintendent. 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, Lyle Lee, 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 2015

Plans are under way for the **Sixteenth** Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, June 26, 2015 at the Prairie View Golf Course in Byron.

Pre-registration forms for **Golf Outing 2015** 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.

10th ANNIVERSARY ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Kirkland-Hiawatha All-School Open House 2015 will be held Saturday, July 4, 1:00-5:00 p.m. in connection with the 67th Kirkland Lions Club 4th of July Celebration (July 2-4). We are excited to announce this is the **10th anniversary** event of the Open House. The annual Open House -- for graduates and past attendees, former and current teachers and staff, and spouses -- will be held in the Hiawatha Elementary Learning Resource Center (LRC), Kirkland IL. For the past two years the LRC location has worked very well for great visiting with old friends and acquaintances -- along with looking at many year books, scrapbooks, displays, photos, and a table honoring those who died since last July. Committee Chair, Nova Quigley (nova4school@comcast.net) and Carole Buhl ask you to please pass the word and to encourage your family, friends, classmates, and others to come from every direction so that **this 10th anniversary can be a grand celebration** of friendships and school memories and an appreciation of how Kirkland or Hiawatha schools have helped make us who we are. Please contact us to get involved in helping this year or in the future.

Information will be in the school and church newsletters, Nova's emails, and Kirkland-Hiawatha Facebook. **Make this the year that you come for sure -- the 10th anniversary year.**

There will be information at the school website (<http://www.hiawatha426.org>) 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. 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.**