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*"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."*

-- Clay P. Bedford

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for taking a moment of time out of your busy day to pick up this newsletter and read through it. This is the **Hiawatha Education Foundation's** method to keep you informed of our activities and also what we are doing with the funds you donate to us. It is also important for me to thank everyone on behalf of the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** and the Board of Directors for your continued support of this **Foundation**. In 2016, many of you donated monies, time, and golfed in our annual golf outing or donated items or time to it. The support you continue to give to the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** is nothing short of amazing. I am humbled and grateful by your continued support and dedication of the mission and goals of the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** and everyone associated with Kirkland should feel the same way.

This past fall we were able to select 13 grants to sponsor for over \$13,000; 13 grants to provide experiences to the students of Hiawatha that they would not have been able to have without you and your support of the **Hiawatha Education Foundation**. Over one third of the teachers are taking advantage of the granting process and some grants had more than one teacher involved. One word can describe that, "Fantastic"! I may sound like a broken record but you are the ones responsible for this, the **Foundation** is just the conduit to deliver your support.

This year I would like to relate my own observations on learning and challenging youth to learn. Case in point, my son is now 2-1/2 years old and I am amazed at what a sponge he is to wanting to learn all he can. He loves to count, do his ABC's, puzzles, colors, shapes, and now the new task is spelling words. What maybe amazes me the most is he does not want any help, he wants to be challenged. Yes, if he gets stuck he looks for help but more often than not you get the "I can do it Daddy." But I don't relate this to brag and most of the credit for this goes to my wife, Michelle, who works with him every day. My point is how much he craves to learn and ask questions. He wants to count, recite the ABC's, spell words, and he gets excited about being successful in accomplishing those tasks. It shows me how young minds want to be challenged and want to learn. His young mind is like a black hole just sucking in every bit of learning you can throw at him. Researchers at UCLA state that by age four children's brains are twice as active as an adult's brain and that is why it is so important to throw a banquet/feast of information and knowledge to them now; it will help program their brains to handle the flood of data that will be thrown at them later in life. It is our job to provide them with the opportunities so they have those chances to push themselves to learn more, to be better!

And that, folks, is why I write this every year. I am trying to do my part to help the education of our next generations of youth. I want to know that I have done everything within my power to try and make a difference, to help youth have every opportunity that can be afforded them to not only learn all they can but to have that drive and crave to continue to learn all they can their entire life. I am eternally grateful for the education I received at Hiawatha and that is why I am involved in this **Foundation** -- to give back. There is my challenge to you, to give back, to help youth with those mind-expanding experiences in education. Again, thank you for your support and please continue to consider the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** in your charitable giving.



Jeffrey M. Anderberg, Chairperson

### FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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.

You may also access information about the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** at the school's website at <http://www.hiawatha426.org> and click on the *For Parents*, choose *Organizations*, and then select **Hiawatha Education Foundation**.

### ARE YOUR 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.

**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.

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). The grants awarded are a result of your generous contributions.

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

Leah and Malcolm Anderberg  
Barry and Kris Aves  
Ron and Julie Bay  
Norma Benson  
Marv and Wanda Bernhardt  
Bob Boardman Trust  
Dr. Ken and Martha Brooks  
Darlene Bruder  
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Kent and Connie Carlson  
(in memory of Warren & Berniece)  
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Class of "66"  
Betty Clausen (in memory of Harlan Nicoson)  
Dennis Colbert, Jr.  
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(in memory of Wayne and Jane)

## CONTRIBUTIONS THIS PAST YEAR (continued)

Joanne and Peter Pratt  
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 Carol and Arlington Williams  
 Jim and Julia Woodward  
 Ross Youngberg  
 And last, but hardly least, Anonymous  
 (to honor Pam Plote-Clark)

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!



*Mrs. Christensen was delighted to see her students on task for a successful mission to learn about careers and opportunities in the STEM fields. She said: "I like bringing my students to the Challenger Learning Center because they have jobs and are in control of the mission. We did activities in our classroom that got us ready for the mission. Coming here exposes the students to STEM jobs that they can have in the future." Ms. Christensen's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class rendezvoused with a new long period comet that they named after themselves, Comet Christensen-21! The mission was a complete success as students performed hands-on science experiments and team building activities in order to conclude their mission successfully. Students had the opportunity to participate on one of eight teams including Communication, Data, Navigation, Medical, Remote, Life Support, Isolation and Probe. They moved through both the Spacecraft and Mission Control as they attempted to launch their probe through the tail of the comet. They had to work as a team in order for their mission to be successful. The entire class said the experience was challenging and fun; a once in a life opportunity!*

## GRANTS AWARDED THIS PAST YEAR

Name of Grant	Area
<b>Burpee Museum</b> Field Trip – "Fossils & Dinosaurs" and "First People: Native Americans".	Second Grade
<b>Challenger Learning Center Trip</b> Field Trip – "Rendezvous with a Comet".	Fifth Grade
<b>HP Stream Tablets &amp; Wireless Mice</b> For use especially in Reading and Math. The HP Streams will also help our first-grade students meet many core learning standards.	First Grade
<b>Medieval Times</b> Students get a hands-on experience of life in the Middle Ages. This will tie concepts in both history and English classes.	Sixth Grade
<b>Band/Choir Competition</b> Competition is in Sandusky, Ohio. Grant is to defray some of the costs	High School Band & Choir
<b>Guitars</b> Addition to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade music class curriculum	Fifth Grade
<b>Graphing Calculators</b> Enables deeper understanding of abstract concepts in math and science subjects	High School Math & Science
<b>Stools for Kidney Table</b> Seating for working with small groups of 4 <sup>th</sup> grade students in reading and math	Fourth Grade
<b>Laptop Computers &amp; Charging Stations</b> To help High School Art and English students in the creation of the Year Book	Eighth through Twelfth Art/Yearbook
<b>iPad Mini 2</b> For creating digital art, archiving art work and learning digital photography	Kindergarten through Seventh Grade
<b>Bluetooth Speaker</b> For playing brain-based music for stress reduction and better overall concentration in science and math classes	Sixth through Eighth Grade
<b>History Club</b> Defray costs to the annual History Fair in Springfield.	Sixth through Twelfth Grade
<b>TRX Suspension Equipment</b> For Physical Education classes to increase strength, balance, and flexibility.	Sixth through Twelfth Grade

## SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

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The weather was absolutely delightful as we hosted our seventeenth annual golf outing at Prairie View Golf Course. We got all the golfers off on schedule and everyone had a great day. The golf outing has become the main source of revenue for the **Hiawatha Education Foundation**, while providing fun and fellowship for all the participants.

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.; Blind Eye's Blue Note; Dial Machine; Kirkland Historical Society; Kirkland Lions Club; Kirkland Quick Stop; Debbie and Denny Rehn; and Shape Master Tool. Table sponsors include: Aves Farms (Barry Aves); Marv and Wanda Bernhardt; Bruch Financial Advisors (Sally Bruch); Central Grain; R.J. Daniels Fuel & Tire; Greater Kirkland Area Chamber of Commerce; Kirkland Mini Storage (Ed and Helen Davis); Jared Poynter and Family; Robert Pritchard (State Representative); Barbara J. Runne, DDS; Jack and Sharon Schreier; and Jim and Peggy Stuntz. We would also like to thank the many individuals and businesses who donated raffle/auction prizes. We continue to owe a big debt of gratitude to auctioneer, Lyle Lee, who has a very special rapport with the group. Last, but hardly least, we would like to thank all the golfers. With support like this, the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** can realize its goals and visions for providing resources to enhance and enrich the educational opportunities, programs, and activities for all students and staff of the Hiawatha Schools beyond regular funding avenues. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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

As many of you may know, we lost a very special woman and her son this past year. Virginia Vowles donated her berry pies to the auction portion of the golf outing from the start. Russ Vowles participated in the golf outing and auction for many years. They will be missed. This photo is of Virginia's last berry pie for this event.



## GOLF OUTING 2017

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Plans are under way for the **Eighteenth Annual Golf Outing** to be held on Friday, June 30, 2017 at the Prairie View Golf Course in Byron. This is a great opportunity for all of you to get together with former classmates to kick off the Kirkland Lions Club 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities with a round of golf.

Pre-registration forms for **Golf Outing 2017** may be obtained at the Alpine Bank - Kirkland Branch or **Hiawatha Education Foundation** at the school's website at <http://www.hiawatha426.org> and click on the *For Parents*, choose *Organizations*, and then select **Hiawatha Education Foundation**. 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.

## 12<sup>th</sup> ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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Kirkland-Hiawatha All-School Open House 2017 will be held Tuesday, July 4, 2017, 1:00-5:00 p.m., at the LRC (Library/Learning Resource Center) of Hiawatha Grade School, in connection with the Kirkland Lions Club July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, which is July 1-4, 2017. For information about the Kirkland-Hiawatha All-School Open House 2017, please see school and church newsletters, Nova's emails (you may also contact Ralph and Sarah Ziegler – the new chairs of this event at [skz712@yahoo.com](mailto:skz712@yahoo.com)), and the Kirkland-Hiawatha Facebook page. There will also be information at the school website (<http://www.hiawatha426.org>) and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July link at [www.villageofkirkland.com](http://www.villageofkirkland.com).

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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.**