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To the uneducated, an A is just three sticks. – A.A. Milne

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Yes, it is that time of year again for the Hiawatha Education Foundation to send out our yearly Newsletter. As hard as it may seem to believe, a year has flown by and we are well into marching through 2018. I may sound like a broken record but on behalf of the Hiawatha Education Foundation, but I want to thank everyone for their continued support and contributions. The support from the Hiawatha community and friends continues to be unwavering and it is obvious of the faith you have in the Foundation to help offer the students of Hiawatha opportunities in education that they otherwise wouldn't have. The Foundation Golf outing was a great success once again this past year and we look forward to even greater participation in this year's outing. The teachers of Hiawatha continue to increase their use of this Foundation which makes the effort put in and the monies donated just that more rewarding. To give out 13 grants this past Fall made it the fourth year in a row that our level of participation has continued to grow.

I have thought a lot this past year about how the increase in technology has changed our lives. It is somewhat like the "Force" in Star Wars, both the "light side" and the "dark side." I am sure you are now scratching your heads trying to figure out where I am going with this, but hear me out. The obvious is improvements in health, communication, the items we use in our homes, the cars we drive, GPS, internet, the list goes on and on. But there is the "dark side" to that technology also. Is the instantaneous availability of information always a good thing? My case in point, today's children have so many ways to be distracted and sidetracked from what really matters in life. The people teaching our children today have to compete with Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Kik, and a host of other things to try and keep kids focused on the task at hand -- which is education, the curiosity to learn. I often think about my two great uncles who both lived well into their 90s, both died in the mid-1970s. Neither experienced television until they were over 70 years old, but yet they experienced the transition from horses to putting a man on the moon. They watched a rapid change in technology, yet I can remember them often sitting on the porch at night watching the sun set and making the comment, "there is nothing on that TV anyway." My point here is teachers today have an astronomical job of trying to keep kids focused on learning with the "dark side" of technology that they must compete against. When my uncles grew up I am sure teachers had to compete in some form to keep them focused, but in no way was it like today. For that matter, when I went to school in the 1970s, teachers did not have the same level of competition they do today. Don't get me wrong, I am all for advancements that improve our lives, but I watch today's society walk around like Zombies addicted to their electronic device -- the cell phone. I cannot even imagine how hard it is for teachers to try and keep kids focused day after day to try and make them think for themselves and want to learn. I worry about how the "dark side" of technology is ruining so many young minds by stealing those precious years of learning and thinking for oneself.

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I truly believe that makes the mission of this Foundation all that more important, to give those teachers the tools (and I will use the Star Wars analogy the light saber) to fight back and keep kids focused and interested in learning. I believe this Foundation can be that tool in assisting teachers in receiving what they need for the ever-daunting task of teaching children and keeping them focused. If we can help kids from slipping to that "dark side" we have all accomplished something worth all the time, effort and monies put forth by the Hiawatha Education Foundation. As always, thank you so much for your continued support and please 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) and the grants awarded as a result of these generous contributions.

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

Leah and Malcolm Anderberg  
Barry and Kris Aves  
Marv and Wanda Bernhardt  
Danny and Sheryl Briggs  
Dr. Ken Brooks  
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(in memory of Judy Bruch and Velma Kemnitz)  
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(in memory of Roy, Clara, Don, Harold, and Cliff Parisot)

## CONTRIBUTIONS THIS PAST YEAR (continued)

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 Ross Youngberg

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!

### ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

For information about the Kirkland-Hiawatha All-School Open House, please refer to Kirkland-Hiawatha All-School Open House page on Facebook. Also, please see school and church newsletters, you may also contact Ralph and Sarah Ziegler – the chairs of this event at skz712@yahoo.com), and the Kirkland-Hiawatha All-School Open House 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 **Hiawatha Education Foundation** to verify we have your correct address. Contact us by mail at **Hiawatha Education Foundation**, PO Box 83, Kirkland, IL 60146 or email us at [HiawathaEducationFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:HiawathaEducationFoundation@gmail.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.**

## GRANTS AWARDED THIS PAST YEAR

Name of Grant	Area
<b><i>Life Skills Task Boxes</i></b> Provides students with activities to learn skills needed to be successful in everyday living.	Jr. High Special Education
<b><i>Brick Lab Kit</i></b> To inspire critical thinking, creativity and innovation in engaging lessons connected to engineering and technological literacy	Kindergarten through Fifth Grade
<b><i>Burpee Museum</i></b> Field Trip – “Fossils & Dinosaurs” and “First People: Native Americans”.	Second Grade
<b><i>Challenger Learning Center Trip</i></b> Field Trip – “Rendezvous with a Comet”- to plot a successful mission for a comet, launch a probe to collect data, and keep an astronaut safe.	Fifth Grade
<b><i>Elf at the Paramount</i></b> Students will recognize that others may experience situations differently from them and be able to identify feelings and perspectives of others in a experience-rich environment.	Second Grade
<b><i>Medieval Times</i></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><i>Break out Boxes</i></b> Reinforces teamwork and critical thinking skills.	Second Grade
<b><i>Standing Desks and Stability Ball Chairs</i></b> Provides the opportunity to use flexible seating in classroom to move when needed to help them to focus better and improve their learning.	Fourth Grade
<b><i>iPad Mini 4</i></b> For reading, math, and science employing a variety of ways to teach students	Fourth Grade
<b><i>Pottery Wheels</i></b> To allow students to explore their creativity with usable end results	Eighth through Twelfth Grade
<b><i>Physics Day at Great America</i></b> To experience physics and calculus in real time by collecting data and coming back to the classroom to analyze data	Physics and AP Calculus AB
<b><i>iPad</i></b> For creating digital art, archiving art work and learning digital photography	Kindergarten through Seventh Grade
<b><i>History Club</i></b> Defray costs to the annual History Fair in Springfield.	Sixth through Twelfth Grade

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## FROM LAST YEAR'S GRANTS

All our 1<sup>st</sup>-grade students have benefited from the HP Stream tablets. They have increased students' excitement, eagerness, and involvement in reading which in turns has helped increased their guided reading levels. This is part of our Daily 5 ELA block and part of Math rotations. It is great to see how careful each student is while handling the Streams and the wireless mice. They take great pride in being able to use the computer station in their classroom.



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The Hiawatha Education Foundation was generous enough to grant the purchase of new materials for the elementary music room. Music white boards and a beautiful music symbols carpet were purchased. With these materials, students have been practicing note and rhythm writing, creating poems to be accompanied on instruments, composing music projects, recognizing and identifying music symbols, and other movement activities on the carpet including races and scavenger hunts. A huge thank you goes to the Hiawatha Education Foundation for allowing these purchases to be made.

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THANK YOU again for awarding us a grant for our wireless audio media center. My students LOVE IT!!!

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On Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class took a trip back in time to see firsthand what a jousting tournament was like. There was no better way for our students to wrap up another school year along with numerous units of curriculum than by spending the day at Medieval Times. Students enjoyed learning about the use of falcons to help with hunting, the showmanship of horses, the Code of Chivalry and how it can be used today, and what the tournaments were like back in the Medieval Times. They also thoroughly enjoyed cheering on their knight, the Yellow Knight.



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## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

We had another successful golf outing and everyone had a great time. The weather was absolutely delightful as we hosted our eighteenth 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.; Dial Machine; Hiawatha Class of 1967; Kirkland Historical Society; Kirkland Lions Club; Lane Farms; Rehnbo Farms; and Shape Master Tool.

Table sponsors include: Aves Farms (Barry Aves); John Begun; Marv and Wanda Bernhardy; Bruch Financial Advisors (Sally Bruch); Dean Miller Country Financial; Central Commodities; R.J. Daniels Fuel & Tire; Greater Kirkland Area Chamber of Commerce; Linda Johnson; Ken's Kustom Clean Up; Kirkland Mini Storage (Ed and Helen Davis); Maplehurst Farms; Jared Poynter and Family; Random Act of Kindness for Caitlin; 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.

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## GOLF OUTING 2018

Plans are under way for the Nineteenth **Annual Golf Outing** to be held on Friday, June 29, 2018 at the Prairie View Golf Course in Byron.

Pre-registration forms for **Golf Outing 2018** may be obtained at the Alpine Bank - Kirkland Branch, or by contacting the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** at PO Box 83, Kirkland, IL 60146, or by emailing us at [HiawathaEducationFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:HiawathaEducationFoundation@gmail.com). Come join the fun and participate in the Hiawatha Education Foundation Golf Outing and get a great start to the Fourth of July Weekend and know you are also helping the students in the district.