



WEST SIOUX

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Educational Foundation News

A newsletter for alumni and friends of the West Sioux Educational Foundation

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

The Chatsworth, Hawarden, and Ireton communities and rural area are far from metropolitan, and yet their populations have the drive and commitment that would rival many larger areas. A prime example of that determination and drive stands like a bright star. It is the West Sioux Educational Foundation!

The WSEF was organized in 1988 with the lofty goal of creating a million dollar endowment to that would produce supplemental revenues to benefit the West Sioux Community School District. Many people thought this was unattainable, and many more just didn't give it any thought at all, or considered it "just another organization." These past 22 years have proven to all those with original doubts or apathy that this is an energetic, stable organization that is now approaching the half way to the million dollar goal. The endowment at this time is approximately \$411,000. Less than \$100,000 short of reaching the ONE HALF MILLION mark! Many of the school districts in Iowa do not even have an educational foundation and even many of the large school districts cannot brag of being close to this figure. We commend the foundation originators for their vision and foresight. BELIEVE IT TO ACHIEVE IT!

Because our Foundation excels in so many areas, it is up to all involved, alumni, residents, students, faculty and friends to continue the commitment and help push the endowment over the half way mark and on to the finish line! Thousands of students in our future are depending on us.

The WSEF donor tree stands proudly in the west commons at the middle school/high school. Approximately one hundred fifty apples have been placed on the tree with the names of donors who have exceeded the \$500 mark in their donations. Interested in knowing who has their name on an apple? Check it out on our new web page at www.wsef.org, or stop by the school and check out all the apples. If you are approaching the next level, now is the time to make another gift to the Foundation to move up to the next level, and polish up your apple. The Foundation will be sponsoring the All School Reunion 2012. We want the Giving Tree to be full of apples by then, so why not make it a goal to get your name on an apple or move to another level.

If you haven't taken a moment to check out the West Sioux Educational Foundation's new web page, there are some exciting new additions. Many more items will be added in the coming months, particularly more pictures reaching back into the Foundation's history. If you have suggestions for the new web page, let us know. After all, it's your page.

Social networking is the going thing these days and we want to be a part of it. The Foundation has established a Facebook page. If you're not sure what that is, ask your kids. It's a great place to interact with other alumni, share stories, give compliments and just generally keep in touch with each other. Hawarden resident and computer guru Jaimie Strong will

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**HELP GROW THE
ENDOWMENT!
NEARING THE
HALF MILLION
DOLLAR MARK**

**CHECK OUT THE
WSEF DONOR
TREE IN THE
WEST COMMONS
OF MS/HS**

**WSEF NOW ON
FACEBOOK**

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be monitoring the Foundation Facebook page. Check it out, and sign up as a friend! We think you're going to like it.

The Foundation recently awarded \$2012.82 the 2009-2010 Ed & Erlene Kading Mini Grants. Total requested, however, was \$5626.50. This year's award winners were:

- Cathy Noble -- \$500 to purchase non-fiction books for the middle/high school library;
- Gwendolyn Kellen, Preschool Teacher--\$513.82 for the purchase of math materials to assist students to recognize and identify numbers, sort, pattern as well as other math-related skills;
- Carrie Thonstad, Kindergarten--\$500 to purchase leveled reading books to supplement the recently adopted Rigby literacy program;
- Donna Gullikson, 7th and 8th grade--\$499 to replace two outdated (1981 & 1985) encyclopedias for her classroom.

To date we have awarded \$20,143 in the Kading Mini Awards.

This year the Mike Dorhout award went to Linda Hahn for \$500. The teacher may use this money for supplies for the classroom, or for continuing education.

Thanks to all your support through the years, the Foundation has been able to award over \$60,000 to staff and students in the past 22 years, definitely an accomplishment for the size of our district.

On April 13-14, the sixth grade students made their annual trip to Des Moines financed by the Foundation's Flora Steffen Grant. All expenses for students and chaperones were paid from this grant. This year they visited the Iowa Capital building and Living History Farms. A new addition was an overnight stay at the Des Moines Science Center. What an exciting trip for these students, and an educational "hands on" opportunity to not only view the Iowa Capital, but also to experience the many fun and educational activities at the Science Center. All thanks to your generous contributions to the Foundation.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to remind you of the many reasons to keep sending your contributions to the Foundation. What better way to honor a favorite teacher, friend or family member than to give a gift to the Foundation in their names. When you just can't think of the perfect gift, remember the Foundation. If you're in a position to make a large gift or to leave a charitable donation in your memory like the Kadings and Flora Steffen have done, let us know and we'll help you every step of the way. We also receive many contributions in memory of loved ones who have died. Flowers fade quickly, but a contribution to education lives on for generations. In any form, your gift will serve a double purpose—it honors the person recognized, and helps the students of West Sioux.

At the end of the first decade of the twenty-first century, the Foundation is nearing the \$500,000 mark and having a growing influence on the success of West Sioux Schools, thanks to you. You and all who pass through the West Sioux Schools have been significantly influenced by that experience, and now it's time to give back so future generations can also benefit by that influence.

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The West Sioux Educational Foundation Board is made up of volunteers who contribute their time and talents. Without their effort, the Foundation would not exist. From time to time, no matter how careful we try to be, we make mistakes in listing the gifts to the Foundation, and we sincerely apologize for those errors. We thank you for calling them to our attention and hope that you will continue to do so in the future.

If you want to visit with the Foundation about various options for planned giving, call (712)551-2979 or (712)278-2256 and talk to a member of the Foundation Board. We'll help you with the whole process.

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Michael McManaman • Dec. 16, 2009 • (H-58)
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Hubert Van Skike • March 5, 2010 • (I-39)
Earl Osterkamp • March 15, 2010 • (H-54)
Dennis McDonald • March 9, 2010 • (H-36)
Roxanne (Britzman) Larson • April 4, 2010 • (H-46)
Jeff Vlotho • April 6, 2010 • (WS-81)
Robert Wright * • April 15, 2010 • (H-38)
Shirley (Green) Goodmanson • April 26, 2010 • (I-40)
Mary (Hartman) Anderberg • April 29, 2010 • (H-30)

MISSING ALUMNI

Help us update our database. We currently have about 500 alumni we cannot locate. We realize that some may be deceased, others may be in nursing homes, but many of them have moved. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you

H-25 Clinton Thompson	H-36 Jeanne Brown Fitzpatrick	H-39 Bob Johnson
H-33 Helen Highsmith Turgeion	H-36 Patty Dawson Camp	H-39 Sally Sharp Fletcher
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H-34 Doris Northrup Templeman	H-37 Betty Dawson Gothier	H-40 Lois Patrick Bickett
H-34 Helen R Newman Steindl	H-37 Isabel Jones Foster	H-40 Laurence Sherman
H-34 Lois Trudeau St Pierre	H-37 Edward Spoorer	H-40 Maryon E Zylstra
H-35 Vesta Anderson Hannah	H-37 Margaret Schiefen Meyer	H-41 Erma Smith Ardahl
H-35 George Cox	H-37 Lorraine Homer Schumacher	H-41 Ray Donovan
H-35 Marjorie Forrester	H-38 Eileen M Anderson Taylor	H-41 Estel Newman
H-35 Tracy Hartsuiker	H-39 Lois Jean Gregg Sayre	H-41 Bob Schiefen
H-35 Iva Hendeerson Olson	H-39 Artis Stiglitz Wood	H-41 Gladys Fiekema Van Zanten
H -35 Eileen McFarland Hodge	H-39 Idel Hersher Hodgson	H-41 Art Wendel

If you know anything about any of the missing, complete the information and return it in the enclosed envelope or by email at jcain@acsnet.com.

Name: _____

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Yes- They would like to read the newsletter. If you have the name and address, please include below.

Name of Home: _____

Address: _____

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