

Foundation Newsletter

... because education is a shared experience

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Our Mission

We are citizens in partnership with Independent School District 279 to support and enhance the district's dedication to learning for all.

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Students say THANK YOU to Reading is Fundamental Supporters

Students participating in the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program express their appreciation for the books received. We cannot include all of the thank you notes, but please know your support of the RIF program is making a difference in the lives and families of the 14,200 students participating in the program. RIF is the nation's largest children and families literacy nonprofit.



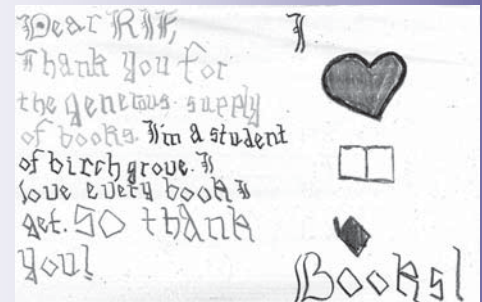
Thank You
For The Books!
We Love Them!!!

ISD 279-ECFE
6-12 Month Baby Class

Support Children's Literacy at Macy's

For the fifth year, Reading is Fundamental (RIF) and Macy's have teamed up to Book A Brighter Future™ and help increase awareness and support for Children's literacy.

From June 30-July 31, 2010, give \$3 and receive a \$10 off (some exclusion and restrictions apply - see coupon for details) coupon for one purchase of \$50 or more. Macy's will donate 100% of every \$3 to RIF to help provide free books for kids. Because \$1 of every \$3 stays local, this is an opportunity to help the children in your community!



Help RIF spread the joy of reading to the children who need it most! visit your local Macy's store or go to www.RIF.org/brighterfuture to learn how you can get involved and help Book A Brighter Future.



Visit www.RIF.org/brighterfuture

12th Annual An Investment in Youth Event



District 279 Foundation Trustee Karen Jaeger presenting award to Kaylee Fickle, Elm Creek Elementary Student

The District 279 Foundation held it's 12th annual *An Investment in Youth* event on Sunday May 2 at Park Center Senior High School. The highlight of the evening was the awards ceremony where 64 individuals were honored. Two individuals were selected from each educational site in Independent District 279 and several community service organizations selected individuals from their membership to honor. Listed below are the individuals and the category they were honored in:

Significant Investment in Organizational Leadership; ISD 279 – Osseo Area Schools, Susan Hintz, Superintendent

Significant Investment in Developing their Own Talents – Exhibiting unique expressions of creativity or talent; Rice Lake Elementary School, Jack Cassidy, Student

Significant Investment in Their Own Learning – Demonstrating perseverance, love of learning or pursuit of knowledge by study or experience; Fernbrook Elementary School, Lauren Bright, Student; Osseo Junior High School, Alandra Cox, Student; Brooklyn Junior High School, Richard Erling, Educator; Osseo Secondary Transition Center, Destiny Jenkins, Student; Osseo

Secondary Transition Center, Cory Lorah, Student; Early Childhood Family Education, Jackie Mosqueda-Jones, Educator; Palmer Lake Elementary School, Makaila Myers, Student; Woodland Elementary School, Nha Nguyen, Student; Weaver Lake Elementary School, Alexandra Orta, Student; Osseo Junior High School, Laura Otterness, Student; Adult Basic Education, Komassa Reed, Student; Rush Creek Elementary School, Allie Rudin, Student; Park Brook Elementary School, Emmanuel Toweh, Student; Garden City Elementary School, Pachia Xiong, Student; Adult Basic Education, Neng Yang, Student

Significant Investment in Modeling for Youth – Demonstrating through words and actions an example for young people; Fair Oaks Elementary School, Elsa Athiley, Student; Rotary Club of Maple Grove, David Barr, Community Volunteer; Park Brook Elementary School, Kelly Buzzell, Education Support Professional; Maple Grove Junior High School, Mario Calabria, Student; Basswood Elementary School, Officer Mark Carroll, Dare Officer; Crest View Elementary School, Randolph Cooper, Student Learning Advocate; Elm Creek Elementary School, Kaylee Fickle, Student; Osseo Senior High School, Emily Ford, Student; Maple Grove Senior High School, Veronica Jones, Educator; Zanewood Elementary School, Vera Kindruk, Student; Basswood Elementary School, Olivia Lavin, Student; Oak View Elementary School, Christine Ludi, Student; Park Center Senior High School, Patty Sorensen, Educator; Osseo Area Learning Center, Leah VanHale-Gervais, Student



Hahn Chang Maple Grove Senior High



Duron Fennell Cedar Island Elementary School

Significant Investment in Overcoming Adversity – Displaying the will and courage to overcome major challenges; Birch Grove Elementary School, Marlon Benjamin, Student; Crest View Elementary School, Dazzon Easterling, Student; Cedar Island Elementary School, Duron Fennell, Student

Significant Investment in The Betterment of Education – Showing commitment to education by giving of time, talents or resources; Early Childhood Special Education, Deryn Christensen, Secretary; Zanewood Elementary School, Susan Croteau, Education Support Professional; Birch Grove Elementary School, Keisha Davis, Educator; Education Service Center, Robert Davis, Custodian; Palmer Lake Elementary School, Nancy Finnvik, Volunteer; Osseo Area Learning Center, Krista Frechette, Educator; Osseo Area Retired Educators, Ann Harnden, Retired Educator;



Legacy Circle

The District 279 Foundation’s logo is the image of a never-ending circle of community, locked in a dance. It serves as a reminder of what we can do when we work together for our children. The “Legacy Circle” has been created as a tribute to the many individuals and businesses that have provided significant financial support over time.

On February 13, 2010, the District 279 Foundation Trustees welcomed the first group of donors to the Legacy Circle. Their generosity has directly supported and enhanced the educational opportunities for our community’s children.

Scholar Level

Donations of \$10,000 to \$24,999

- American Family Insurance
- Anonymous
- City Country Agency
- Community Living
- General Mills
- Henry & Karen Jaeger
- M&I Marshall & Ilsley Bank
- Jim & Shelley Miller
- Osseo Brooklyn Bus Company
- The Prudential Foundation
- Scott & Barb Regan
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Xcel Energy

Mentor Level

Donations of \$25,000 to \$49,999

- ATS&R Planners, Architects, Engineer
- Fairview Health Services
- Roger & Elizabeth Gilmore
- Knutson Flynn & Deans, PA
- Lake Region Hockey Association
- Maple Grove Lions
- Park Nicollet Foundation

Lifelong Learner

Donations of \$100,000 and over

- ISD 279 Osseo Area Schools Employees
- Osseo Independent Order of Odd Fellows #206

Investor in Youth

Donations of \$50,000 to \$99,999

- Russ & Kathy Funk
- The Luther Automotive Brooklyn Boulevard of Dealerships
 - Luther Buick Pontiac GMC
 - Toyota City & Scion
 - Luther Brookdale Mazda Mitsubishi
 - Luther Brookdale Chrysler Jeep Dodge
 - Luther Brookdale Chevrolet
- Premier Banks
- Reading is Fundamental



Pictured left to right are: Mimi Bigley, Chris Guarmera, Russ & Kathy Funk and Don Kreye, District 279 Foundation President



Front row Eldon Tessman, I.O.O.F #206 and representing all ISD 279 Employees Tom Pellegrino. Back row District 279 Foundation Director Michael Looby and President Don Kreye.



Pictured left to right front row; is Paul Snyder, Roger & Ibby Gilmore, & Don Kreye; back row is; Michelle Kenney, Jim Hughes, & Mia Hoagberg



Pictured left to right are: Jim Miller, Henry & Karen Jaeger, Paul Freer, Prudential and Don Kreye, District 279 Foundation President



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S.A.V.E.

The District 279 Foundation, in partnership with a grant from Fairview Health Services, provided funding to educate all junior high students about depression and suicide prevention.

Suicide Awareness Voices of Education. SAVE's mission is to prevent suicide through public awareness and education. Kevin Welsh, a local health consultant spoke with our young people about depression and suicide. One student was given the words to discuss his depression for the very first time.

Depression can be situational, which is triggered by a stress such as a loss of a loved one, a major life change or an accident or it can be "Major Depression" which is a medical illness caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain that needs to be treated just like any other medical illness. Many people do not receive treatment because of the stigma associated with depression or any mental illness. Depression not only causes misery, but also can lead to drug and alcohol abuse and suicide.

Welsh tell students they could reduce their risk of depression with habits that keep their brains healthy, such as regular exercise, proper nutrition and adequate sleep. He also described the systems of depression and suicide and urged the students to seek help if they feel depressed or think a friend or family member might be depressed. He urged them to talk with any adult whom they trust, such as a teacher, counselor, parent, priest or minister or doctor.

In addition to financial support of this program, Fairview Health Services offered mental health professionals to be present during parent teacher conferences to answer any questions the adults may have.

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Fair Oaks Elementary School, Deb Knoblauch, Education Support Professional; Fernbrook Elementary School, Kevin Kropp, Volunteer; Cedar Island Elementary School, Sara Krueger, Parent Volunteer; Oak View Elementary School, Debra Madden-Petersen, Educator; North View Junior High School, Chad Manders, Educator; Woodland Elementary School, Cory Mehnert, Volunteer Coordinator; Early Childhood Family Education, Jill Nathe, Parent Volunteer; Edinbrook Elementary School, Brady Ogega, Student; Osseo Senior High School, Brad Rosch, Educator; Rice Lake Elementary School, Kathy Shish, Library Media Specialist; Rush Creek Elementary School, Patricia Studer, Parent Volunteer; Elm Creek Elementary School, Linda Stull, Education Support Professional; Edinbrook Elementary School, Jeff Taylor, Volunteer; Weaver Lake Elementary School, Veronica Tews, Parent Volunteer; Maple Grove Junior High School, Kendra Wright, Student

Significant Investment in Helping the Community – Exhibiting involvement and dedication toward the community and its members; Early Childhood Special Education, Karen Campbell, Parent and Student; Maple Grove Senior High School, Hahn Chang, Student; Brooklyn Junior High School, Angel Daley, Student; Park Center Senior High School, Anthonia Eboreime, Student; Lions - Maple Grove, Brian Kuhnley, Community Volunteer; North View Junior High School, Lacy Myrman, Student; Education Service Center, John Nelson, School Board Member; Garden City Elementary School, Kimberly Winkelman, Superstar Parent