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Executive Message

Promoting student achievement and the unity of our community...key words within our Foundation Mission, representing what we stand for and what we care deeply about. How we connect with students, Elkhorn Public Schools staff and families in the Elkhorn community is critical to our success at the Foundation. With our community’s support, this past year we provided additional instruction for over 375 students in our Math & Reading Intervention Programs, funded 101 Classroom Grant “wishes,” awarded 233 Scholarships to graduating seniors, and provided care for over 1,100 students in our Before and After Childcare Program.

Everything we do is driven by our mission - a commitment to partner with Elkhorn Public Schools and Elkhorn families. We are constantly looking to build Foundation awareness and take that next big step to further our mission! I encourage you to check out our Foundation website, featuring one of our newest programs, the creation of a formalized Elkhorn Alumni Program! We also invite you to join us on September 21st for a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction on the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation offices and Alumni Center. Additionally, Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation and the Elkhorn Soccer Club will be hosting a 5K Run & Saturday Stroll on October 21st at the EHS Football Stadium. This will be a cross country race to benefit Special Education Programs in the community. In the months ahead we look forward to many BIG STEPS at the Foundation, and I look forward to taking that next big step with you!

With Gratitude,

Stacey L. Falk
Executive Director
Class of 1977

The EHS class of 1977 gathered over the weekend of June 2nd to celebrate their 40 year reunion!

Class of 1986

Brian Thompson and Dave Trouba, both EHS Class of 1986 grads, met up in Budapest with their wives and enjoyed -- if you can believe it -- Omaha ribeyes. Brian currently does missionary work in Hungary, and Dave works for the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Antlers always!

Class of 2012

The first graduating class of Elkhorn South High School gathered for their 5 year reunion the weekend of July 15th. Alumni enjoyed a tour and dinner at the school and an evening out at Addy’s afterwards.

Send us your stories!

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Elkhorn High & South High School Alumni Pages
The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation hosted its 5th Annual Bids 4 Kids Ladies Night Out on April 6th at Noah’s Event Venue. With over 200 guests in attendance, the community event raised more than $33,000 to help fund the Foundation’s Math and Reading Intervention programs at all 10 elementary schools in the Elkhorn Public School District.

The event featured a silent auction and raffle prizes. Complimentary appetizers were provided by Hy-Vee at 180th & Pacific and Sam & Louie’s. Desserts were provided by Gigi’s Cupcakes and Popperista Gourmet Popcorn. Over 200 local businesses and community partners donated auction items, food and raffle prizes and helped sponsor the event. Each school in the district donated school experiences and sports camps for students and their families. Raffle prizes included decorative door hangers, 18” Nothing Bundt Cakes, and a chance to win a Hy-Vee 90 second Fill Your Cart shopping experience at the local 156th & Maple Hy-Vee location (see page 5). Guests also had the option of purchasing a bottle of wine from the wine pull, or picking a gift card from a gift card tree.

The Foundation again utilized a mobile bidding platform through Qtego Auctions to ensure that all patrons had the best silent auction experience. Qtego’s software allowed community members to bid on their favorite silent auction items from their mobile device, both at the event and remotely. With over 350 participants registering their phones for the event, bidders were able to participate from the comforts of their couch or on the bleachers at a game! The “Fill the Heart” experience was again a great success. Guests at the event could make a one-time donation to the Foundation and in a 15 minute period during the evening, the Foundation raised over $2,300 from generous guests!

“We are delighted at the success of this year’s Bids 4 Kids event!” said Executive Director Stacey Falk. “We had a record year, and it can all be attributed back to the generosity of our donors, volunteer support, attendees and auction participants. The proceeds are directly going back into our elementary schools to help those students in our Math & Reading Intervention Program. It is truly amazing to see the outpouring of support we have for our EPS students and educational programs. Thank you to everyone who was a part of our annual ladies event!”
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EVENTS

The top raffle prize at this year’s event was a Hy-Vee 90 second Fill Your Cart shopping experience, sponsored by Access Bank! Raffle tickets could only be purchased at the event. The winner of this year’s raffle was Lindsay Scott. On May 10th, Lindsay ran through the aisles at the 156th & Maple location and snatched up $505 in groceries!

Stacey L. Falk (Executive Director EPSF), Laurie Cradick (Access Bank), Jim Ewoldt (Hy-Vee Store Director), Lindsay Scott, Josh Long (Hy-Vee Store Manager) and Stacey Selk (Marketing & Events Manager EPSF).

Thank You Sponsors!

Tracy Winterstein, Omaha Float Spa owner, and friends enjoy a girls night out.

Scott Moore graciously donates his time to emcee this annual event.

Carla Rohwer, Spring Ridge teacher, shares how the Math & Reading Intervention Programs have greatly benefited her students.

EPSF Marketing & Events Manager Stacey Selk, Executive Director Stacey L. Falk and EKC Program Director Amy Whorlow.

Toni Nichols, Kathy Burney and Jenny Oligmueller take a break from bidding on items.

Over 300 items were available to bid on!

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On Monday, June 12, 2017, over 155 golfers, volunteers & sponsors joined the fun at Shadow Ridge Country Club for Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation’s 18th annual Golf Fore Grants Tournament! This year the Golf Fore Grants event raised over $34,000 to benefit its Classroom Grants Program. 111 wishes have been granted for the coming school year, including adapted archery equipment for students with disabilities, anti-bullying rallies, middle school play productions, smart projectors and more! The support from this tournament directly impacts more than 8,500 students in all of the 16 schools in the Elkhorn Public School District. “We are so thankful for our sponsors, golfers and volunteers!” stated Stacey L. Falk, Executive Director of the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation. She continued, “The funds raised will help the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation grant 111 wishes for pre-school through High School classrooms! We are committed to our Elkhorn Public Schools’ students and teachers. We could not possibly grant these wishes without the involvement and generosity of all who joined us today, along with many other business sponsors and volunteers.”

The Foundation offered a morning 9-hole round which included a light breakfast and lunch. Unfortunately, weather limited the morning golfers to only get a few holes in. A four person 18-hole afternoon scramble began with lunch, followed by a noon shotgun start, and ended with a rib-eye dinner buffet. Chad Soupir, Elkhorn Valley View Middle School Principal, was a guest speaker who shared his school’s experience with the Foundation’s Classroom Grant Program and thanked the golf participants for their ongoing support of the Foundation. Elkhorn High School cheerleaders, Elkhorn Kids Campus employees, Foundation Board members, Christian Brothers Automotive, AXA Advisors, Woodhouse Auto Group, Sam & Louie’s Pizza and volunteers from Sodexo teamed up to help with games all along the course – including opportunities to win a new Alfa Romeo, free pizza for a year, a putting green contest and much more.

The grand finale was the awards presentation announcing flag pin prizes consisting of Yeti 30 oz Rambler Mugs and Multi-function BBQ Tool Sets. Awards were also presented for the poker...
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contest, putting contest, and raffle prizes. Steve Baker, Dave Raymond, Josh Raymond and Tim Hughes were crowned “2017 Golf Fore Grants” Tournament Champions.

The DLR Group foursome consisted of Mike Tomjack, Curtis Johnson, Ryan Lindquist and Rick Dougherty.

Tournament champions were (l-r): Tim Hughes, Steve Baker, Dave Raymond and Josh Raymond.

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On Course Fun

Hole Sponsors

Dinner Benefactors

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EHS Cheerleaders
Sam & Louie’s - Pizza for a Year
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Woodhouse - Hole in One

Poker Sponsors

Nebraska Orthopaedic PT

Beverage Cart Sponsors

On Course Fun

3d Self Storage
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Popperista
The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation hosted more than 300 guests at each of the annual Scholarship Recognition Breakfasts held on April 26th and April 27th at Elkhorn High School and Elkhorn South High School. These breakfasts honor students for their academic, athletic and personal achievements. The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation administers scholarships on behalf of Elkhorn families, organizations and businesses. This year, EPSF administered 113 individual awards, totaling more than $137,000 benefiting both EHS and ESHS graduates!

AXA Advisors Scholarship: Grace Nelson
Barbara McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship: Maria Smal
Carl Riley Brodersen Memorial Baseball Scholarship: Joseph Roeker
Carl Riley Brodersen Memorial Football Scholarship: Adin Stiles
Carl Riley Brodersen Memorial Scholarship: Paige Renner
Carol S. Schlosser Memorial Scholarship: Reese Simons
Class of 61 - Echtencamp/Warren/Paasch-Wilkins Memorial Scholarship: Gregory Nelson
Dennis Curtis Scholarship: Katherine Aulner
Edward W. Ohm Memorial Scholarship: Connor Frank
Elkhorn Girls Softball Association Scholarship: Kaylen Anderson & Kaylee Schutte
Elkhorn High School Band Booster Scholarship: Samuel Christensen
Elkhorn Historical Society Scholarship: Grace Weisser
Elkhorn Kids Campus Employee Scholarship: Heather Bills
Elkhorn Kids Campus Former Student Scholarship: Kaylen Anderson
Elkhorn Lawn Care Entrepreneur Scholarship: Archer Kindopp
Elkhorn Lions Club - Arnold Mendel Scholarship: Joshua Melendy
Elkhorn Middle School (EMS) Booster Club Scholarship: Samuel Christensen
Elkhorn Valley View Middle School (EVVMS) Booster Scholarship: Reid Gates
Elkhorn Volunteer Rescue Scholarship: Anna Newby
Elkhorn Youth Sports Association Attack Basketball Scholarship: Sean Witcy
Elkhorn Youth Sports Association Elite Basketball Scholarship: Reese Simons
Fire Ridge Elementary PTO Scholarship: Sean Witcy
Gina Cyza Memorial Scholarship: Madison Young
Hillrise Elementary PTO Scholarship: Victoria Oestmann
Kayla Wilkins Memorial Scholarship: Haydn Muir
Lamski Family Young Women’s STEM Scholarship: Paige Renner
Legacy Eyecare Scholarship: Maya Frazier & Koushik Sanjeevi
Liz Dolph Memorial Scholarship: Madison Young
Manchester Elementary PTO Scholarship: Brady DePree & Maria Smal
Nate Pullen Memorial Scholarship: Haydn Muir & Tylan Murphy
Nathan Waggoner Memorial Scholarship: Paige Eicher
Nick Alffrey Memorial Scholarship: Alex Schiefelbein
pARTners Scholarship: Zachary Gilbert & Maria Smal
Don Petersen Family Scholarship: Cera Craven, Molly Janek, Haydn Muir, Anna Newby, Alexis Perry & Summer Schroedl
Judith Petersen Memorial Scholarship: Trey Sachs, Reese Simons, Holli Sperry, Abigail Sufficool, Maura Thurber & Grace Weisser
Real World Initiative Scholarship: Tiffany Pajar
Rick Christmas Memorial Scholarship: Andrew Jindra
Secondhand Support, Inc. Scholarship: Noah Moreano
Skylar Elizabeth Hunter Memorial Scholarship: Josie Kriger
Tom Roach Memorial Scholarship: Summer Schroedl
Victor Porter Memorial Scholarship: Weston Behlen
West Dodge Station Elementary PTO Scholarship: Andrew Harrahll
Western Douglas County Rotary Scholarship: Victoria Oestmann
Westridge Elementary PTO Scholarship: Samuel Christensen
William Patton Science Scholarship: Courtney Cameron
Wortman/Bacus Commitment to Excellence Scholarship: Trey Sachs & Adin Stiles
The Foundation would like to congratulate ESHS graduates Coleman Anderson and Lindley Daubert on being named the 2017 ESHS Outstanding Male and Female Students. Both the ESHS Outstanding Student Award and the EHS Noerrlinger-Kruger Award are principal selected awards and presented to the recipients at the graduation.

2018 Seniors: Scholarship applications available December 1st at elkhornfoundation.org
$126,000 Funded By Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation

In addition to the scholarships the Foundation administers on behalf of Elkhorn families, businesses and organizations, the Foundation funds the ACHIEVE Scholarship Program which recognizes students who have challenged themselves by taking four or more AP classes, were actively involved in their school, and volunteered in the community. This year, the Foundation awarded 120 ACHIEVE scholarships worth over $126,000. For more information on the ACHIEVE Scholarship Program, please visit www.elkhornfoundation.org.

ACHIEVE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

GOLD—$1,350
Kaylen Anderson
Anthony Benes
Courtney Cameron
Jacob Carmichael
Sam Christensen
Cera Craven
Connor Frank
Maya Frazier
Dominic Giandinato
Andrew Harrahill
Chandler Johnson
Dylan Miettinen
Noah Moreano
Grace Nelson
Koushik Sanjeevi
Maria Smal
Catherine Sobus
Grace Weisser

SILVER—$900
Weston Behlen
Heather Bills
Carly Brune
Emma Buddenhagen
Paige Eicher

GOLD—$1,350
Savanna Adams
Tyler Alberts
Coleman Anderson
Lauren Berrett
Tori Bianco
Savin Biria
Kadi Carleton
Hannah Donahue
Emma Gardner
Olivia Garlock
Jacob Gideon
Halse Guenther
Jessie Guo
Tanner Herchenbach
Ellie Hurst
Emily Johnson
Mary Kardell
Emma Lentsch
Michaela Lortz
Jacob McNeil
Macie Moore
Kate Ohlrich
Carly Ohnhausen
Jennae Patras
Aidan Posey
Keland Potthoff
Alexandria Richardson
Kayley Scott
Parvin Sharma
Nate Stieren
Allison Stormp
Taylor Ulrich
Annie Wang
Zachary Woosley

SILVER—$900
Kirsten Bruce

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GOLD—$1,350
Sebastian Espinoza
Geena George
Zachary Gilbert
Grace Hanik
Molly Janecek
Madalyn Limley
Hayden Muir
Greg Nelson
Dana Nugent
Victoria Ostmann
Alyssa Pearson
Alexis Perry
Paige Renner
Trey Sachs
Hannah Seidl
Rielle Simons
Hollie Sperry
Mackenna Wilkie
Sean Witecy
Madison Young

SILVER—$900
Kirsten Bruce
Sebastian Espinoza
Geena George
Zachary Gilbert
Grace Hanik
Molly Janecek
Madalyn Limley
Hayden Muir
Greg Nelson
Dana Nugent
Victoria Ostmann
Alyssa Pearson
Alexis Perry
Paige Renner
Trey Sachs
Hannah Seidl
Rielle Simons
Hollie Sperry
Mackenna Wilkie
Sean Witecy
Madison Young

BRONZE—$500
BriAnna Gregson-Davis
Archer Kindopp
Conall Tabbert
Patricia Triana

BRONZE—$500
Molly Clevenger
Madison Connelly
Nicholas Cox
Emma Creamer
Parker Doughty
Olivia Downing
Julia Fratzke
Yusef Ghannam
Tyler Hays
Alex Heidenreich
Hunter Johnson
Elizabeth Kaffenberger
Bella Kirk
Raef Kubie
Dan Leise
Jacob Owens
Gabrielle Peterson
Alexis Rasmussen
Luke Reelfs
Vanessa Romo
Brooke Rosener
Kennedy Ruppert
Shelby Strah
Brad Stuthman
Olivia Taylor
Katherine Walls
Alexander Walter
Jillian Weidner
Jessica Witters

Elkhorn South
High School

BRONZE—$500
Connor Boyens
Lindsay Brown
Justin Ketchmark
Alyse Mancino
Jonathan Moats
James Osborn
Caitlyn Stutman
Olivia Vanderhaar
Sierra Zach

Elkhorn High School

Elkhorn South
High School
The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation is dedicated to increasing quality education through partnerships with local community foundations. Thank you to the Richard Brooke Foundation and the Criss Memorial Foundation for stepping up and providing funding for classrooms and students in Elkhorn Public Schools!

**Richard Brooke Foundation**

The Richard Brooke Foundation has funded 31 classroom grants since 2015! This summer the Richard Brooke Foundation donated $31,500 to the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation to purchase 11 SMART Projectors for Elkhorn Public Schools’ classrooms. Teachers and students at Hillrise Elementary, Spring Ridge Elementary, Westridge Elementary, Elkhorn High School and Elkhorn South High School will return to school with new technology in their classrooms which will facilitate hands-on interactive learning.

**Criss Memorial Foundation**

The Criss Memorial Foundation helped the Elkhorn Young Adult Transition Program with a generous grant that funded raised garden beds and a covered patio swing. Both of these items will bring inclusivity to those in walkers and wheelchairs, allowing them to fully participate in the Young Adult Program activities.

**Summer School Achievements**

This summer, the Foundation had the privilege of providing a bounce house rental and Kona Ice for all 274 students that attended summer school. According to Sarah Addink, summer school instructor, “the goal in providing excitement about Summer School and incentives was to increase consistent attendance at Summer School and through your help we achieved the goal. We had the highest number of students with perfect attendance as compared to past years.”
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SAVE THE DATE
ESPF GROUNDBREAKING        SEPT 21ST
5K RUN                                     OCT 21ST
HALL OF FAME RECEPTION     OCT 22ND

FREE TO ATTEND. RSVP REQUIRED.
We hope you will join us for the 23rd Annual Hall of Fame Reception, where we will honor community members, groups, and/or businesses that have made significant and positive contributions to Elkhorn students, schools or the Elkhorn community. This year we will induct 9 new outstanding educators, mentors, volunteers and alumni into our Hall of Fame.

October 22nd
Elkhorn South High School
2-4PM
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A CROSS COUNTRY RACE TO BENEFIT SPECIAL EDUCATION
FOR ELKHORN YOUTH
A partnership aiding Elkhorn Soccer Club TOPSoccer Program and Classroom Grants for Special Education in Elkhorn Public Schools
Sat. Oct 21, 2017
Elkhorn High School Football Stadium
Registration: 7:00 AM
Start Time: 8:00 AM
Pre-registration
Deadline: Oct 7
$30 Fee w/T-shirt
Day Of event:
$40 Fee
More info at
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