

# ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



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Fall 2013



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## Mission

The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation promotes student achievement and the unity of our community and its public schools by encouraging, supporting and recognizing excellence in innovative education, quality school programs and civic involvement.

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## Welcome Back!

One of my new favorite quotes is, "A moment of gratitude makes a difference in your attitude." After working closely with the Elkhorn Public Schools for over a year, I've learned we have so much to be grateful for: our outstanding teachers, community volunteers, Foundation donors, event sponsors, caring administrators, and talented students! There are so many people working together to ensure that as our district grows at an unprecedented rate, the "excellence in education" we've come to expect from living in this district is upheld and surpassed.

So, thank you to our golfers, sponsors and families who support Golf Fore Grants and our Grant A Wish campaign; thank you to our teachers who so generously give to the Foundation; thank you to our Hall of Fame Award Winners for your contributions; and finally, thank you to the parents who trust us with their precious children in EKC/ACE which help make many of our programs possible!

At the Foundation, we definitely have an attitude of gratitude.

Thank You!

*Stacey L. Falk*

## 14th Annual Golf Fore Grants

One hundred and fifty golfers teed off in support of Elkhorn Public Schools students and teachers on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Shadow Ridge Country Club.

The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation's golf tournament raised \$27,000 to help fund classroom grants ranging from anti-bullying and life skills programs to chemistry equipment, SMART Boards and other technology enhancements. A total of 77 grants worth over \$134,000 has been awarded to the Elkhorn Public Schools this year. Stacey Falk states, "The generosity and support from this community is unparalleled. We are tremendously grateful to all our Golf Fore Grants sponsors and golfers. With their support, we are able to partner with Elkhorn schools through our Classroom Grants Program to enrich education and create additional opportunities for Elkhorn students."

The Golf Fore Grants **Dinner Benefactor** was D.A. Davidson & Company. **Lunch Benefactors** were AXA Advisors, Cox Communications, DLR Group, Papillion Sanitation, Pinnacle Bank, and US Bank. **Tournament Sponsors** included First National Capital Markets, Kevin & Stacey Falk Family, Radio Engineering Industries, AmeriPride Services Inc., Anderson Print Group, Morgan Pet Clinic, Tagge Rutherford's Monte Peterson and Scott Norvell, Corporate Creations, SEI, and the Lindsay Family Foundation. **Hole Sponsors** were Elkhorn Animal Hospital, Elkhorn Ridge Vision, GERST, Gigi's Cupcakes, Lutz, Mama's Pizza, New Image Flooring, Paul Wortman, DDS, Sam & Louie's, Scoop McCardle, Taher, TD Ameritrade, The Garland Company, TRANE, Union Bank & Trust, and Weber Orthodontics. Huber Cadillac provided our **Hole In One** opportunity to win a Cadillac ATS Coupe. Many additional community members donated items for a silent auction.



Golf Fore Grants Champions celebrating a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive win: Tim Hughes, Danny Szegda, Steve Baker & Dave Raymond.



# Elkhorn Public Schools Staff "Get on the Bus!"

Elkhorn Public Schools staff donated a record-breaking \$29,000 to the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation through its annual TEAM (Together Everyone Adds More) Campaign this fall.

Staff members who participate in the campaign have the option to direct their contributions to the Foundation's Classroom Grant Program, Teacher Tuition Reimbursement Program, or to where it is needed most. Donations from employees have nearly doubled in the last two years.

"Employees at each school throughout the district have truly embraced the mission of the Foundation and our 'Get on the Bus' theme. The support and generosity of all our staff truly reflects the community spirit here in Elkhorn and how much they care about the success of our students," expressed Stacey Falk.

"Our staff has continuously showed support for the Foundation, and this year was no exception," said Superintendent Steve Baker. "I'm proud to have such a generous and supportive group of people working in our schools."



Mr. Sidders from Westridge Elementary, Mr. Tomjack at Elkhorn Middle School, and Mr. Radicia of Elkhorn High School showing their support for the Foundation's "Get on the Bus" campaign.

"The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation does such a wonderful job supporting our teachers and students that giving to the TEAM campaign is an easy decision. We are honored to be part of the Elkhorn school district and we are blessed to have the support of such a great Foundation," stated Mike Tomjack, Elkhorn Middle School Principal.

Westridge Elementary, Elkhorn Middle School, and Elkhorn High School achieved the highest average donation goal and won treats from the Foundation each quarter. Christy Murcek from Manchester Elementary won a Husker ticket drawing. All participants in the Foundation's TEAM Campaign were treated to a casual day and popcorn snack.

## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Reception & Awards Ceremony

### 2013 Award Recipients

Carl L. White Educator of the Year  
Ann Holmes

Golden Apple Educator of the Year  
Kyle McCright

Former Educator of the Year  
Patricia Lotspeich

Support Staff Members of the Year  
Becky Vinchur & Valerie Haase

Partners in Education Mentor of the Year  
Ronnie Rothe

Community Booster of the Year  
DLR Group, Tod Ringenberg

Volunteers of the Year  
Patsy Schmidt & Maxine Lenhart

Sunday, October 13, 2013  
2 PM Reception & Awards  
Elkhorn South High School

**FREE TO ATTEND. RSVPs REQUIRED.**

Please make your reservation by  
September 27<sup>th</sup>. Seating is limited.

We are so appreciative of these individuals who have made a difference in our community. We hope you will join us at our Hall of Fame Reception to honor them!

Sponsorship opportunities and free reservations for this event are available online at [elkhornfoundation.org](http://elkhornfoundation.org) or by using the enclosed RSVP envelope. All donations are tax deductible contributions to the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation.



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# Save the Date

RSVPs Due for Hall of Fame Reception	September 27
Grant A Wish Donations for Classroom Grants Due	October 1
Hall of Fame Reception	October 13
Scholarship Applications Available Online	December 1



## Elkhorn Kids Campus

Our EKC and ACE Programs are off to a great start this year! We added two new schools - Sagewood Elementary and West Bay Elementary - to our Kids Campus family, which now includes more than 950 students. We can't thank you enough for allowing us to care for your children!

The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation takes pride in offering these top quality programs: both EKC, for elementary students, and ACE, for middle



EKC students from West Bay Elementary standing in their new gym in front of a mural of their mascot - a Bengal Tiger.



Sagewood Elementary EKC students gathered in front of a mural of their new mascot - a Timberwolf.

school students, are state-licensed and include training in childcare fundamentals and first aid. Meeting and exceeding these requirements helps ensure that we maintain the highest possible standards and reflects our commitment to you and your children.

We are always looking for ways to enrich our programs. Please email EKC/ACE Program Director, Amy Whorlow, at [awhorlow@epsne.org](mailto:awhorlow@epsne.org) or call 402.289.1727 anytime you have suggestions. We appreciate your feedback!