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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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## EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Holiday greetings from the Foundation! It is that time of the year when we celebrate our past and look forward to the future – a time for sharing memories and making plans for the new year!

During this holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress and prosperity possible! During 2016, the Foundation introduced new programs, grew existing programs, and increased community awareness and participation at our events. Our Bids 4 Kids event was a huge success with our proceeds increasing by almost \$10,000 over 2015 – all benefitting our Reading & Math Intervention Programs! Last May, the Foundation awarded over \$250,000 in ACHIEVE and community funded scholarships. Our EKC and ACE programs are now providing care for over 1,100 elementary and middle school students in the district. This fall, our annual T.E.A.M. Campaign saw record donations from EPS staff, benefiting all programs that the Foundation provides. And finally, the Elkhorn Alumni Program officially launched, and we are proud to say our database holds the names of over 9,100 EPS graduates!

Elkhorn is truly a community dedicated to making a difference in student achievement through excellence in education and civic involvement. Your support as a community member and business has made our school district one of which to be proud; thank you for helping the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation continue the legacy that is Elkhorn! We hope that you will partner with us in our future endeavors. Best wishes for the holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Grateful,

Stacey L. Falk  
Executive Director

## T.E.A.M. CAMPAIGN



The 2016-2017 T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Adds More) Staff Campaign was kicked off on August 11th at opening day for all EPS district staff. Stacey Falk gave an overview about the campaign and spoke about how staff donations help fund



*The Foundation table ready to take T.E.A.M. Donation cards on August 11th at the EPS Staff Opening Ceremonies.*

programs such as 'Kids in Need', 'Teacher Tuition Reimbursement' & 'Classroom Grants'. All staff who donated that day were entered into a drawing to win

one of 3 Yeti 30oz Rambler Mugs and gift cards.

All T.E.A.M. Campaign donors could participate in a jeans day on September 8th, and also received a small gift from the Foundation. Any staff member that donated \$50 or more received a bonus gift. Each year schools compete to have the highest average donation per staff member to win quarterly food and snack treats from the Foundation. Some schools got creative this year, with one school's staff donating their Bunco night winnings, and

*Ramsey Dolesh, ESHS Business Teacher, with his thank you gift from the Foundation. All donors who gave \$50 or more received this bonus gift.*

another school offering a casual dress day for anyone who donated an additional \$5 to the campaign.

The Elkhorn Public Schools staff truly put together a T.E.A.M. effort raising a record breaking total of \$38,000 in donations from 644 donors! Congratulations to Elkhorn High School,



Elkhorn Middle School and Sagewood Elementary School, who won treats for the second year in a row.

Thank you EPS Staff for 'Getting on the Bus' with the Foundation. We are truly humbled by your kindness and could not be prouder of your compassion and commitment to your students!



*Foundation color changing cups filled with mints were given to all T.E.A.M. Campaign donors.*



## T.E.A.M. CAMPAIGN

### SCHOOL WINNER TREATS

The top 3 schools with the highest average donations were Sagewood Elementary, Elkhorn Middle School, and Elkhorn High School! The staff at these schools received their first quarterly treat from the Foundation at the end of October- a hot lunch catered by Sam & Louie's.



*Sagewood staff member Nancy Murdock enjoying Sam & Louie's lunch.*



## PROGRAM REMINDERS

# EKC REGISTRATION

## 2017 SUMMER 2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR

### CURRENT FAMILIES PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS OUR PROCEDURE HAS CHANGED!!!!

**FEBRUARY 27TH 8AM to 7PM Current families only**

**FEBRUARY 28TH 8AM to 7PM Current families only**

**MARCH 1ST 8AM to 7PM Current families only**

**MARCH 2ND 8AM to 4PM Current families only  
4PM\* to 7PM NEW FAMILIES &  
CURRENT FAMILIES**

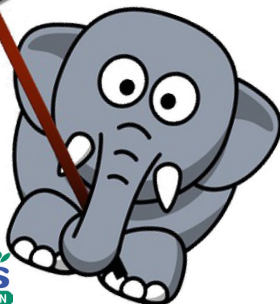
**\*We will hand out numbers to new families standing in line starting at 4 PM. If you are a current family and arrive after 4 PM on Thursday you will also be provided a number. Registrations will be processed in order received.**

**MARCH 3RD 8AM to 4PM ALL FAMILIES**

### LOCATION FOR REGISTRATION:

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**NEW FAMILIES:** If you need a registration packet please email [awhorlow@epsne.org](mailto:awhorlow@epsne.org) with your mailing address. A registration packet\*\* will be mailed to you the second week of February.

**\*\*Completed registration packets will only be accepted at the Foundation office on the dates above.**



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**M**ark your Calendar: Bids 4 Kids will be held on April 6, 2017. This year our ladies night out event will be held at Noah's Event Venue! All proceeds benefit the Foundation's Before & After School Math & Reading Intervention Program. Join us for a fun evening of silent auction bidding! We are grateful for any and all donations. For donation or sponsorship information, please contact Stacey Selk at [sselk1@epsne.org](mailto:sselk1@epsne.org)



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Last May the Foundation awarded over \$250,000 in scholarships to Elkhorn students! Now is the time to start thinking about scholarship opportunities offered by the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation!

On December 1st, the Foundation launched a new customized scholarship software program by WizeHive! EPS seniors can apply for Elkhorn Community Funded Scholarships online saving time by eliminating redundant tasks and paper applications! Scholarship applications are due **February 1, 2017**.

The Foundation's ACHIEVE Scholarship applications are available on the Foundation's website. Eligibility is primarily based on AP classes and community service. ACHIEVE Scholarship applications are due to the High School Counseling Center by **April 12, 2017**.

Visit the Foundation's website at [www.elkhornfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/scholarships) for more information about our scholarship programs!

## SPECIAL ED THANKSGIVING FEAST @ SPRING RIDGE



## ELKHORN ALUMNI PROGRAM

The Elkhorn Alumni Program, along with the Stormin' Antlers Swim & Dive Team, held a tailgate prior to the 2016 Elkhorn/Elkhorn South Football game. Hy-Vee catered the meal and Eileen's cookies were provided for dessert. The Elkhorn Alumni Program raffled off a 'Friday Night Lights' package. Michelle (Bond) Leonard, EHS 09', was the winner of the package.



*A Friday Night Lights Package was raffled off and desserts were provided by the Elkhorn Alumni Program.*



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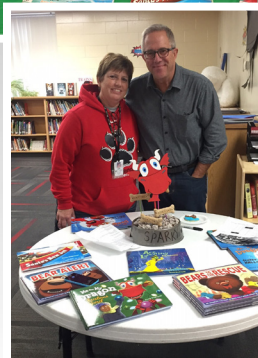
## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: AUTHOR VISITS

Each year the Foundation funds author visits for all of the Elkhorn elementary schools. Last November, the Foundation staff was invited to meet author/illustrator David Biedrzycki during his visit at Westridge Elementary School. David's presentation to the students was animated and captured the students' undivided attention. He spoke about how he became an author/illustrator, how he comes up with story ideas, and gave everyone a sneak peak at his new book, "The Groundhog's Runaway Shadow"!

*A sampling of David Biedrzycki's books*



*David Biedrzycki and Pam Twist with her author centerpiece creations.*



## 22ND ANNUAL HALL OF FAME RECEPTION



Over 250 guests attended the 22nd Annual Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Hall of Fame Reception at Elkhorn South High School on October 23rd. A total of 10 educators, support staff members, volunteers, alumni, and community boosters were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Mayor Jean Stothert led the Pledge of Allegiance for the guests. The event featured Elkhorn South High School's Brass ensemble playing tunes during the reception, and Elkhorn High School musical cast members of *Guys*

& *Dolls* shared their talents and provided a sneak peek of their November production. An appetizer buffet and desserts were enjoyed by guests. The autumn theme set the tone with

large white pumpkins filled with fall flowers adorning the tables, along with pictures



### ESHS Brass Ensemble

Stacey Falk, Executive Director of the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation.

During the Awards Ceremony, the Foundation inducted 10 members into its Hall of Fame.

Presentation Systems were recognized as the Community Booster of the Year. CCS has worked closely with the Elkhorn Public School District providing the latest in classroom technology to



2016 Hall of Fame Award Recipients (l-r): George Roshone, Julie Jones, Liz Fogle, Cindy Hulsebus, Theresa Johnson, Julie Feldman, Jessica Ethridge, Dr. Mike Feilmeier, Jan Brink, Julie Pullen and Ed Pullen.

of Elkhorn students enjoying many Classroom Grants in action! "This event is a highlight of our year; it's a time to celebrate the accomplishments and honor some outstanding individuals who have positively represented and impacted the Elkhorn community," said

The Carl L. White Outstanding Educator of the Year, presented to an administrator or teacher who has been with the district more than 5 years, was awarded to Jan Brink. Jan has spent 16 years teaching special education in the Elkhorn Public School district, with the last 3 years at West Bay Elementary School. Ed & Julie Pullen of CCS

provide teachers and students the best possible learning environment. Former Educator of the Year was awarded to Julie Jones who taught for 28 years in the district at Skyline and Hillrise Elementary Schools. Dr. Mike Feilmeier, Elkhorn High School Class of 1997, was recognized as the Alumnus of



EHS Musical Cast Members of *Guys & Dolls*: Dominic Giandinoto & Haydn Muir.

the Year for his dedicated effort to see that no one lives needlessly in darkness.

Jessica Ethridge (Spring Ridge Elementary) and Julie Feldman (West Bay Elementary) were honored as the Golden Apple Outstanding Educators of the Year. This award is granted to an outstanding administrator or teacher who has been with the Elkhorn Public Schools District for five years or less. The Partners in Education Mentors of the Year awards were presented to Liz Fogle and Cindy Hulsebus who have made notable differences in the education and life experiences of Elkhorn students at West Bay and Fire Ridge Elementary Schools. George Roshone was awarded the Support Staff Member of the Year for his dedicated effort as Head Custodian at Fire Ridge Elementary School. Theresa Johnson was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for her significant and positive contributions to Elkhorn students.

On behalf of the Foundation, Stacey Falk awarded a check to the Elkhorn Public Schools District for over \$119,000 for classroom grants. Each school will receive a customized version of this check showing the amount awarded to that school and a listing of the businesses, families, and fundraisers that donated to the Grant A Wish campaign.



*National Honor Society Volunteers  
Jennae Patras and Reese Simons.*



*Elkhorn Public Schools representatives accepting the Classroom Grant check for \$119,000 at the Hall of Fame Reception. Each school will also display a check highlighting the amount received and thanking their donors. Pictured above are Mark Kalvoda (Elkhorn South High School), Laurinda Petersen (Spring Ridge Elementary), Deb Garrison (Elkhorn Middle School), Jan Peterson (Sagewood Elementary), Amy Christ (Manchester Elementary), Deborah Knutson (Fire Ridge Elementary), Deb Madden (Hillrise Elementary), Jen Coltvet (West Bay Elementary), Troy Sidders (Arbor View Elementary), and Dan Radicia (Elkhorn High School).*

## THANK YOU SPONSORS!

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**Westridge PTO**



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### SAVE THE DATE

SCHOLARSHIPS ONLINE	DEC 1ST
SCHOLARSHIPS DUE	FEB 1ST
EKC REGISTRATION	FEB 27TH
BIDS 4 KIDS	APRIL 6TH



Winter 2016

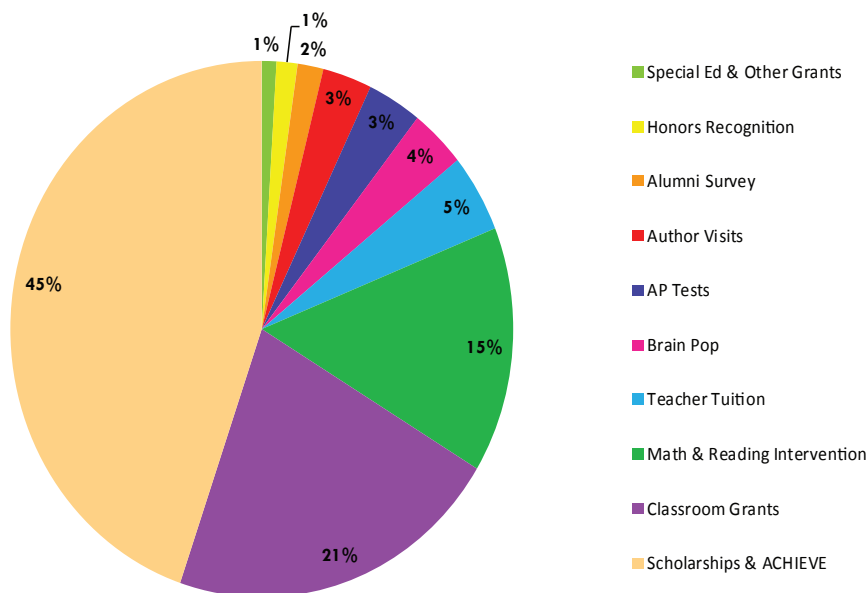
## MAKING A DIFFERENCE: FOUNDATION PROGRAM OUTREACH

The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation is a non-profit organization providing enrichment opportunities for more than 8,000 students in the Elkhorn Public School District.

New science equipment, school plays, reading programs and competitions, technology, scholarships, additional instruction time before and after school, robotics, research tools, tablets, and more are possible with help from individuals and businesses who believe in and invest in Elkhorn's youth.

**Please consider a year-end tax-deductible donation to the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation to help further our mission in 2017 and beyond!**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**With your support in the 2015 – 2016 school year, the Foundation invested over \$565,000 in programs to help students, teachers and schools.**



Winter 2016