
Excellence Express

Brought to you by the Lawrence Township Education Foundation

BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION 2008

WATCH FOR LTEF-FUNDED PROGRAMS!



Since 1992, the Lawrence Township Education Foundation (LTEF) has funded over 350 programs in Lawrence schools!

Has your child been touched by one of those programs?

YES!

Did you know that LTEF paid for the assembly, resident artist, class project, technology, or books?

Probably Not!

Recently funded LTEF programs will be part of this school year for all Lawrence students. We will try to get the word out to you when your child has had the chance to participate or is using materials that we funded.

In the meantime, watch for these LTEF-funded projects:

- *DNA labs for freshman LHS students
 - *Guided reading leveled readers for 4th graders
 - *CPR and AED training for all LMS 8th graders
 - *Fast Math software for math drills at Slackwood
 - *New music keyboards in all elementary schools
 - *Six Traits of Writing: unified writing program for grades 2-8
- and more—-

Plans for 2008-2009

The party is over! Our 15th anniversary celebration was fun and raised over \$90,000 — but now it is time to move on! The education foundation starts the year with new leadership. The new president **Jen Wengler** and vice president **Pepper Evans** are looking forward to carrying on the LTEF tradition of excellence.

- ◆ LTEF plans to **contribute over \$150,000** to Lawrence Township Public Schools
- ◆ **Gala proceeds** are being targeted to special projects. Close to \$30,000 has already been allocated for
 - Training in math instruction for classroom teachers in grades K-5 (*Partner: Merrill Lynch*)
 - Upgrade of high school biology labs (*Partner: Bristol Myers Squibb*)
 - Student leadership training (*Partner: PNC Bank*)

The education foundation is working with the district to determine the best uses for the remaining gala profit.

- ◆ The education foundation will be **expanding its board and its volunteer base** in the coming year. If you are interested in devoting time to ensuring that our schools have the resources they need, call 219-0340 or email info@ltefnj.org.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION MISSION *“Funding Excellence in Education”*

Lawrence Township Education Foundation fosters educational excellence, creativity, and achievement in Lawrence Township’s Public Schools by:

- ❶ generating private and corporate support
- ❷ supporting projects and programs
- ❸ encouraging the contribution of volunteer time



Featured LTEF Business Supporters

The education foundation's 15th anniversary gala, held in April of 2008, provided an opportunity for local businesses, corporations, area organizations, and institutions to express their support for LTEF and its mission. We are grateful for the generous support of:

Leading Support ~ \$10,000+

ETS
Bristol Myers Squibb
Merrill Lynch

Major Support ~ \$5,000+

Mercadien Group
Quaker Bridge Mall
Stark & Stark
The Lawrenceville School
The Savino Group
Verizon

Important Support ~ \$1,000+

Borden Perlman Insurance
First Choice Bank
G. R. Murray Insurance
Pepper Hamilton
PNC Bank
Rider University

We are grateful to ALL of the businesses that helped to make our anniversary gala a success by making donations!



LTEF Goes Hollywood

LAWRENCE TWP. EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Lawrence Township Education Foundation celebrated fifteen years of funding excellence in Lawrence Township Public Schools on April 12, 2008, at the Chauncey Center at ETS.

Two hundred guests enjoyed the Hollywood-themed event in support of educational excellence, creativity, and achievement. Attendees included corporate supporters (see list above), local politicians, school staff, current and former LTEF trustees, and community members.

The local ed foundation took the opportunity to honor two of the organization's founding trustees—**Dan Haggerty and Conrad Druker**. Dan was one of driving forces in the formation of the non-profit and served as its first president. Conrad also served LTEF from its inception, both as treasurer and as the second president.

Kirk LeCompte, an LTEF trustee, and his wife Cathy served as event chairs, spearheading the effort to create a memorable event. Guests sipped cocktails in a recreated "Rick's Cafe," dined at the LTEF version of the "Brown Derby," and danced in the Starlight Lounge to the music of Kindred Spirit.

The event was generously underwritten by ETS and enjoyed deep corporate support. Profits from sponsorships, ticket sales, program ads, and auction purchases totaled over \$90, 000 which will be used to fund excellence, creativity, and achievement in Lawrence's public schools.

The Lawrence Township Education Foundation thanks everyone who helped to make this event an exciting affair and a successful fundraiser!

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LTEF SUPPORTS SCIENCE EDUCATION

Since 1992 LTEF has contributed over \$190,000 to ensure that science education in Lawrence Township is first-rate. LTEF has supported the program by providing equipment, materials, technology, teacher training, assemblies, and field trips that strengthen the science curriculum in our schools.

Linking Science & Literature (2004 - 2006)

LTEF purchased 4,800 leveled non-fiction books to accompany hands-on science kits used in grades 1-6.

Explore Learning Gizmos (2007)

These interactive online simulations drive conceptual understanding of math and science in grades 7 through 12.

Support for Science Olympiad Team (2005 - 2008)

Grants have provided resources that these LHS scientists need to compete in this prestigious programs.

The World Above Us

Starlab - Planetarium Visit (LIS - 2006)

To Infinity & Beyond - Astronomy Program (2007)

Virtual Indoor Planetarium (LIS/LMS 2008)



The World Inside Us

Biophase - Biology Lab Upgrade (LHS - 2008)

Virtual Dissection Software (LHS - 2008)

Little Dragon's Digestive System (K-2 - 2008)



The World Around Us

Our Watershed (LMS - 2003)

Outdoor Science Centers (K- 3)

Networked Weather Stations (LIS & LMS)

Dig It! - Science in the Garden (LES - 2005)

Wonders of Weather Assembly (2008)

Green Scene at Ben Franklin (2008)

Flush - Water Quality Study (LMS - 2008)

Environmental Speakers (LIS - 1996 - 2003)



Join the 180 CLUB Today!

What is the 180 CLUB?

A special opportunity to support Lawrence schools

How can I join?

Make a contribution of \$1 for each of the 180 days that your child will spend in school this year

How does that help?

Your contribution will fund innovative classroom programs and foster creativity and achievement

How do I benefit?

As a member of the 180 CLUB,

- you will receive special bulletins about LTEF grant programs in action
- you may send two APPLE cards this year in recognition of special teachers
- you may attend a special reception this fall for 180 CLUB members

Use the form on the back of the newsletter to make your tax-deductible 180 CLUB contribution today!

"A DOLLAR A DAY GOES A LONG WAY!"

Send an APPLE to a Teacher

Recognize the efforts of great teachers by making a donation to LTEF in their honor.

LTEF will send the teacher a specially inscribed apple and card that express your gratitude for the teacher's efforts and your commitment to Lawrence schools.

Your donation will **A**pplaud the **P**henomenal **P**erformance of **L**awrence **E**ducators (APPLE) and support all Lawrence teachers by providing resources through LTEF grants.

Time for an APPLE!

NOW

To reward a teacher for welcoming your child in a special way

REPORT CARD TIME

To thank a teacher for efforts that impact your child's learning

HOLIDAY TIME

APPLE from the class - \$25.00+

ANYTIME

Because " a good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others."



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Upon the subject of education, not presuming to dictate any plan or system respecting it, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in.

-- Abraham Lincoln



I would like to support public education in Lawrence Township by:

- Joining the 180 CLUB \$180
- Becoming a Friend of the Foundation by making a contribution of \$ _____
(other than \$180)
- Recognizing a teacher with an APPLE for \$ _____

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

APPLE to: _____ APPLE from: _____

Apple Message: _____

Send your tax-deductible donation to LTEF, PO BOX 6531, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

