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Message from the Executive Director

Thank you to all of you who supported the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation in 2012. With your support, we were able to make a lasting impact on education in the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Your support of our mission, enhancing teaching and learning, is vital to our success.

The Foundation funded \$94,000 in grants, awards and scholarships last school year. These funds from our endowment fund, EGRForever!, supported initiatives and enhancements in our classrooms. These enhancements are what set East Grand Rapids apart from other school districts.

Due to a shortfall in state funding, the Foundation kicked off the EGRNow! campaign. This campaign supports the immediate needs of the district. With tremendous support of the community, the Foundation raised \$520,000 for program support for our schools. These funds, in conjunction with cost-saving measures made by the district, allowed the district to preserve critical programming for our students.

This year we are looking forward to supporting our schools with EGRNow! and EGRForever!. Schools are our business in East Grand Rapids. It is up to us as a community to continue to support our schools and our community and preserve the tradition of East Grand Rapids.

Amy C. Stuursma, '89



The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation kicked off the 2012

EGRForever! Campaign this past fall. EGRForever! is a campaign that supports the Foundation's endowment, a source of funding in perpetuity for grants and awards that contribute to the quality of education in our district. The endowment has funded grant requests that support excellence in teaching and learning within our district for over 30 years. The goal of the EGRForever! Campaign is to grow the endowment, making it possible to fund \$200,000 in education enhancing grants annually.

A special thank you goes out to those current and past community members* near and far who have already made a commitment to excellence in education by supporting the EGRForever! Campaign. Please join those who have pledged to the campaign and help us reach our goal. Help us raise \$1 million for the EGRForever! 2012 Campaign and make a difference in our community.

*See donor listing on pages 5-6.

A special thank you to Betsy Bloom, Brenda Cronin, Susan Emrich, Doreen Lambert and Denise Myers for their volunteer hours in the Foundation office.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 1, 2013 –
Spring grant deadline

March 9, 2013 –
HURRAH! 2013

May 1, 2013 –
Nominations due for
teacher awards and
student scholarships

June 10, 2013 –
Gerken Open - Thousand
Oaks Golf Club

UPCOMING REUNIONS:

Class of 1953 - 60th reunion
September 20-21, 2013. Contact
John Rose at rosjoh35@comcast.net.

Class of 1963 - 50th reunion
July 25-27, 2013.
Contact John Sebastian at
josebastiann@sbcglobal.net.

Class of 1964 - 50th reunion
August 15-17, 2014.
Contact Lou Murray at
LouisMurray@chartermi.net.

Class of 1973 - 40th reunion
planned for late summer or early
fall. Contact Molly Murray at
molly.murray@glfia.com.

Class of 1983 - 30th reunion
needs committee. Contact Maria
Allen at mallen@egrps.org.

Class of 1993 - 20th reunion July
20, 2013. Contact Margo Toms at
margotoms@gmail.com.

Class of 1998 - 15th reunion
planned for this fall. Contact
Mickey Heynan at
mickey.heynan@gmail.com.

See our website www.egrfsf.org for
further details. We are looking for
reunion information about classes of
1943 and 2003. Contact Maria
Allen at the Foundation office at
616-235-3535 or mallen@egrps.org.



THE DONOR ROLL CALL

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation's Donor Roll Call recognizes those individuals, businesses and organizations that have supported the Foundation from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The Foundation's Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges all who have generously supported our mission through their gifts. We also thank individuals who have secured matching gifts from their employers, as well as the employers who have supported their employees' generosity through matching gifts.

This list reflects all outright gifts and does not include attendees at Foundation-sponsored events such as HURRAH!, golf outings, or the Community Service and Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner.

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-Voltaire

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12 iPads for 1st Grade Classrooms	Michelle Kirk, Karen Sullivan, Kirk Reifinger/Lakeside	\$5,038
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iPad Used as an Interactive Whiteboard Pilot for an alternative to interactive whiteboards	John MacKenzie/Middle School	\$747
1 SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard	Kristine DiVita/Middle School	\$2,500
4 SMART Board Interactive Whiteboards Purchased in collaboration with Breton Elementary and PTA	Cynthia Gould, Jodi Westgate, Alison Peot, Melissa Sayre/Breton	\$8,000
2 SMART Board Interactive Whiteboards Purchased in collaboration with Wealthy Elementary and PTA	Emily Bishop, Kristin Griffith, Sarah Youngs/Wealthy	\$4,500
21st Century Classrooms Pilot for state-of-the-art learning environment	Jenny Fee/High School	\$8,200
Earbuds for Online Students	Carolynne Allaben/High School	\$100
“be nice.” Student Training Sessions Anti-bullying campaign for schools in collaboration with the Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan	Craig Weigel/High School	\$500
2 iPads in Classroom with Apps Pilot for integrating iPad with interactive whiteboard	Scott Titus, Peter Faber/High School	\$913
PsychKit Goggles	Bill Strickland/High School	\$225
Living Science Skulls Visual enhancement to science curriculum	Cheryl Radecki/Breton	\$481
The Miracle Worker and Twelve Angry Men Guest presenter and novel study	Maureen Hart/Middle School	\$500
East Grand Rapids Mural Guest artist to help art students create mural for school	Holly Lampen/Middle School	\$400
Values Exchange Website Subscription Pilot to communicate on a controlled forum regarding issues presented around the world	Heather McKinney-Rewa/High School	\$500
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