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President's Message

Our community is coming to life with renewed fall activities as we welcome everyone back to the 2013-2014 year. This is a busy time for students, parents and residents throughout our community. The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation is ramping up for another impactful year of activity. Support to the Foundation comes in many different forms and we are fortunate to have a growing network of volunteers and donors supporting our mission throughout the year. The result is continued growth of the endowment that directly increases grant fulfillment opportunities. The Foundation sincerely appreciates all types of donations, which are essential to continue our mission: To enrich the educational experience of our students by funding excellence in teaching and learning that requires financial support beyond the district.

This past year was rewarding and challenging. Our grants, awards, scholarships and program/project support totaled \$380,000. This funding continues to be vital to support our greatest community asset—The East Grand Rapids School District. Our district continues to face unprecedented challenges due to state funding changes. We want to continue to support programs that help “weather the storm” through EGRNow!, while vigilantly monitoring the long-term endowment, which is our core business. The EGRForever endowment campaign, with a goal of raising \$1 million by the spring of 2014, will continue to enhance education on a long-term basis. Together EGRNow! and EGRForever! will provide both short-term and long-term support to our students, which is critical during this dynamic changing period.

On behalf of the entire board...thank you for your support.
Dean Witting, President

Kabookie Week Reinforces “be nice.”

By Sarah Birkbeck, '14 - East Vision high school newspaper writer

Kabookie Week began as a way to remember one of the nicest guys to walk the halls at East Grand Rapids High School, Jimmy Gerken. His message has become a key part of our school. This year Bruce Towne was awarded for keeping Kabookie's legacy alive. Students might not remember Kabookie, but this year they saw a glimpse of his kindness when we launched Kabookie Week with Mr. Bruce Day and an assembly that showed what being nice really means.

“The combination of having student council members and the ‘be nice.’ group work together created a feeling of student leadership and enthusiasm,” Assistant Principal Craig Weigel said. Following several speeches, two unexpected guests arrived. The Alumni Committee from Greenville Public Schools gave Bruce Towne their Outstanding Alumni Award.

“It was one of the top three highlights of my life,” Bruce later said. Staff, students, and faculty went out of their way to bring the spirit of Bruce and Kabookie into the school throughout the week. “Kabookie Week is about kindness. Just simply smiling shows someone that you care,” math teacher Erik Lundeen said. The week ended with Blue and Gold spirit day, to celebrate East tradition and honor one of East Grand Rapid's biggest fans, The Great Kabookie, Jimmy Gerken.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 3, 2013 – School begins for all students

November 1, 2013 – Fall grant deadline

March 1, 2014 – Spring grant deadline

March 22, 2014 – HURRAH! 2014

May 1, 2014 – Nominations due for teacher awards and student scholarships

June 11, 2014
(note: Wednesday) – Gerken Open golf outing



Bruce Towne



Grants, Awards, Scholarships and Program/Project Support Awarded

GRANTS AWARDED – SPRING 2013

21st Century Classrooms

Pilot for state-of-the-art learning environment

World Language Conversation Lab

Headphones to enhance foreign language program

Quiz Bowl

Start-up funds for team

Drum Line Equipment

6 snare drums, 3 tenor drums, carrying harnesses and cases

1 SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard

Purchased in collaboration with Breton Elementary and PTO

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2 iPads with Splashtop app

To be integrated with interactive whiteboards

12 Chromebooks

Enhancement to the Learning Commons

32 Chromebooks with cart

Service Project - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

“be nice.” Implementation Support

Anti-bullying campaign for schools in collaboration with the Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan

Portable Scanner

2 Broadcast Video Cameras

Used daily for morning broadcasts

1 iPad with Splashtop app

To be integrated with interactive whiteboard

Odyssey of the Mind

Support for state competition

Non-Consumable Art Supplies

TOTAL GRANTS – SPRING 2013

JIMMY GERKEN FUND SUPPORT

Remington Field Renovation

Barwis Athletic Training

Cox Boxes for Crew Boats

TOTAL JIMMY GERKEN FUND SUPPORT

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Teacher Awards

Student Scholarships

Teacher Scholarships

TOTAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Requestor/School

Jenny Fee/High School

Steve Brinks, Lisseth Hoksbergen,

Julie TeWinkle/Middle School

Brian VanderBee/High School

Bill Bier, Mark Wells/High School

Marti Chardon/Breton

Rachel Ries/Breton

Laura Woolford/Middle School

Ben Hammer, Mike Dykstra/High School

Carole McDonald, Trish Reid/Breton,

Lakeside, Wealthy

Cheryl Radecki/Breton

Steve Brinks/Middle School

Bill Behrendt/Middle School

Kevin Vance/Middle School

Dale Streeter/Middle School

Michael Arthur/High School

Anthony Morey/Wealthy

Jena Centa, Peri denDulk/Breton,

Lakeside, Wealthy

Amount

\$4,236

\$1,800

\$1,114

\$7,968

\$2,250

\$2,237

\$2,727

\$1,000

\$3,348

\$8,957

\$500

\$500

\$267

\$340

\$454

\$500

\$362

\$38,560

\$2,000

\$2,500

\$1,000

\$5,500

\$3,500

\$3,750

\$2,102

\$9,352



Grants, Awards, Scholarships and Program/Project Support Awarded, continued from page 2

Grants

PROGRAM/PROJECT SUPPORT

EGRNow! Spring 2013 Campaign

Yearbook Support

Day of Caring Support

Healthy High Support

Odyssey of the Mind Support

Drama and Music Program Support

TOTAL PROGRAM/PROJECT SUPPORT

Requestor/School

Amount

All Buildings	\$270,855
High School	\$265
Middle School	\$500
High School	\$500
Wealthy	\$200
All Buildings	\$600
	\$272,920

TOTAL GRANTS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROGRAM/PROJECT SUPPORT

\$326,332



Anonymous Donation Made in Honor of Diversity Efforts in the District

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation was the recipient of an anonymous donation to honor and recognize the support that the Foundation has given to the district's Champions for Diversity Committee. The donation was given for the sole purpose of purchasing a Paul Collins painting, titled "We the Children," to be displayed at East Grand Rapids Middle School. This painting serves as a reminder of our diverse population and efforts that have taken place regarding diversity awareness.

The painting was presented by artist Paul Collins to the student body during the Martin Luther King Day celebration at East Grand Rapids Middle School. Mr. Collins addressed the student body with the motivation behind the piece of art as a symbol of the work that has been done regarding diversity. He charged the students with the challenge to continue their efforts. Mr. Collins celebrated diversity with the students, reminding them to "only judge one by character, not by clothing, color, or status."





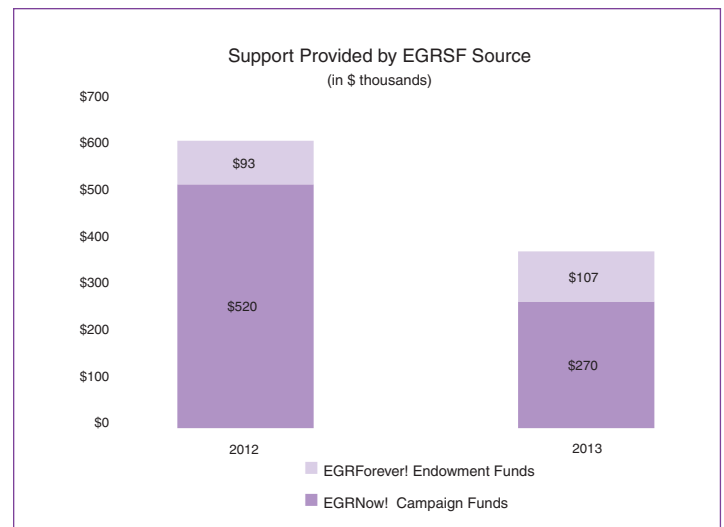
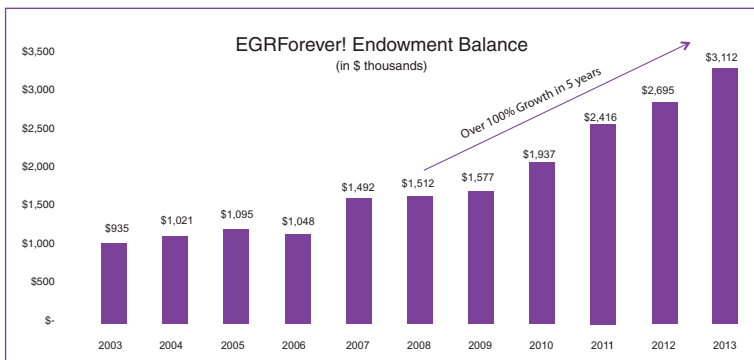
Treasurer's Report

Through the continued support of residents, alumni, and community members, the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation was once again able to make an impactful difference in the lives of East Grand Rapids students. In fiscal 2013, the Foundation provided over \$107,000 from its endowment fund to further the mission of enhancing the quality of education in East Grand Rapids Public Schools. This is in addition to over \$270,000 that was raised through the efforts of the EGRNow! campaign, which helped fund programs within the school's operating budget. Over the past two fiscal years, the Foundation has provided over \$200,000 from its endowment and over \$790,000 in funds raised through EGRNow!, totaling nearly \$1 million to fund additional needs within the five schools that make up our district. What an amazing feat! This level of support and strong sense of community exemplifies the tradition of excellence for which East Grand Rapids is known.

The endowment has grown to over \$3.1 million as of June 30, 2013, resulting in over 100% growth in the balance over the past 5 years. This will allow us to have an even greater impact in the future. As a Foundation, we continue to strive to balance the needs of today's students with building the endowment fund to support the needs of the students of tomorrow. This is a core part of our mission and is fundamental in the Foundation's management.

Thank you for your continued support of the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation.

Brad Freiburger, Treasurer



Thanks to your generosity and the Foundation's stewardship, the endowment continues to grow, while supporting educational excellence.



East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation MISSION STATEMENT & HISTORY

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation enriches the educational experience of our students by funding excellence in teaching and learning that requires financial support beyond the district.

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation was established in 1983 as a private, non-profit organization to maintain and enhance the quality of education within the East Grand Rapids Public Schools and is solely dependent on tax-deductible donations from the community. As an endowed foundation, contributions are added to the principal and spending each year is limited to the amount earned on that principal. As of June 30, 2013, the Foundation has a current endowment of \$3.1 million and has awarded over \$1,180,000 in grants, awards and scholarships since 1983.

The Foundation is governed by a 19-member volunteer Board of Directors. Membership is drawn from the community-at-large and two East Grand Rapids High School students. The East Grand Rapids Public Schools Superintendent and a representative from the East Grand Rapids School Board serve as ex-officio members. The Foundation is staffed by a part-time Executive Director, Accountant, Alumni Relations Coordinator and Office Assistant with offices located at the East Grand Rapids Public Schools James E. Morse Building of Administration.



EGRNow! 2013 Campaign - Community Rallies To Fund Critical School Programs

The EGRNow! 2013 campaign was a tremendous success! Through the gifts of 715 donors, we raised more than \$270,000 which will help fund the following programs: elementary Spanish, elementary art, high school guidance, K-12 intervention specialist, and elementary social work.

The funds raised during the 2013 EGRNow! campaign played a critical role in preserving these important programs. These funds, in combination with additional dollars from the state and some use of fund equity, allowed the district to maintain some programs that allow EGRPS to provide a well-rounded education for our students. These programs will continue to enrich and enhance the education of our children while maintaining the level of excellence in education that our community desires.

We know how important our school system is to the East Grand Rapids community, our students and our alumni. Especially in these times of uncertain education funding, community support is crucial in maintaining the quality of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Fully educating and developing our students is critical to the high quality of our schools, as well as maintaining EGR property values.



Many students participated in the EGRNow! campaign.

Creating a Stimulating Learning Environment

By Hannah Dear, '13 – East Vision high school newspaper writer

From rocking chairs in the Learning Commons and exercise balls in the math classes to the new state-of-the-art furniture, the high school is working to improve the student learning environment. The new furniture from Steelcase has made desk and chair upgrades in classrooms, which should improve students' abilities to concentrate.

Although the furniture has so far proved to be an improvement in classrooms, one may question how East is able to afford such equipment after the numerous budget cuts made over the past year.

“The furniture is the result of a joint research project between Steelcase, EGRHS, and the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation,” principal Jenny Fee said. “Funding for the project came from a donation from Steelcase and a grant from the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation.”

“The purpose of the project is to determine how classroom environments, including furniture and technology,

impact student engagement,” Fee said. “If we can increase student engagement, then the research indicates that student achievement will also increase.”





Excellence in Teaching Awards and James and Georgia Nicholas Award

Every August at the annual back to school all-staff meeting of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools, the winners of the Excellence in Teaching and the James and Georgia Nicholas awards are announced. The Foundation has awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award since 1987 and it was established to recognize and encourage superior professional effort to improve instruction and to cultivate the continuation of educational excellence in our schools. The James and Georgia Nicholas Award, previously called the Vi-Chem Award, was established in 1991 by the Nicholas/Slott family to recognize superior teaching in the areas of science, mathematics and technology. Recently the family has given a gift to endow this award.



*Holly Lampen, Cheryl Radecki,
Tim Saunders*

The 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award recipient for the secondary level was **Holly Lampen**. Holly is an art teacher at the Middle School. **Cheryl Radecki** received the 2012 Elementary Excellence in Teaching Award. Cheryl is a fourth grade teacher at Breton Downs Elementary. **Tim Saunders**, a third grade teacher at Wealthy Elementary, was selected as the recipient of the 21st James and Georgia Nicholas Award for excellence in teaching of technology. Congratulations to all three for the much deserved recognition!

We look forward to announcing our 2013 award winners at the opening staff meeting in August.

Scholarships Awarded

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation funds scholarships for students and teachers each year to support endeavors in continued education. This year the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation awarded five student scholarships and two teacher scholarships.

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a high school senior who shows commitment to education and community and has strong aspirations and goals for the future. This year's recipient, **Cormac Bevins**, will be attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI in the fall of 2013.

The Ridenour Scholarship is a student scholarship that funds \$750 for post-secondary educational costs. This scholarship is awarded to a student who exemplifies the character traits for which Chip B. Ridenour Jr. is most remembered: caring, nurturing, and regard for the dignity of an individual. The recipient of this year's Ridenour Scholarship was **Jeff Smith**. Jeff will be attending the Hope College in Holland, MI in the fall of 2013.

The third student scholarship awarded this spring was the Reid VanGelderens Scholarship. This scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship for post-secondary education given to a high school student who has displayed moral character, integrity, and academic excellence all while facing personal or family adversity. Our winner this year, **Thomas Komor**, will attend Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI in the fall of 2013.

This year we also awarded two additional scholarships through the Perrigo Math and Science Education Grant. These \$500 scholarships were awarded to **Will Griffin** and **Jennifer Wenger**. In the fall of 2013 Will will be attending Tulane University in New Orleans, LA and Jennifer will be attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI.

The last group of scholarships awarded are teacher scholarships that are funded by the William O. VandenBerg Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are given annually to one or more EGR staff to be used for a class, seminar or workshop that will directly enhance the quality of teaching in that person's current academic area. Thanks to the generosity of the VandenBerg family, we were able to fund scholarships totaling \$2,100 to two teachers. This year's recipients were **Bridget Rieth** for teaching of writing in the common core and **Amanda Werner** for professional development at the American Speech and Language-Hearing Association national convention.

Congratulations to all of our student and staff scholarship recipients!



*Cormac Bevins and
Jeff Smith*



Thomas Komor



*Jennifer Wenger and
Will Griffin*



HURRAH! 2013— Keep Calm and Hula On EGR Schools Foundation Annual Fundraiser

On March 9, 2013, the community came out to “keep calm and hula on” by attending **HURRAH! a Polynesian Celebration**, the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation community winter party. The event was held at the Goei Center in downtown Grand Rapids.

HURRAH!, the annual fundraiser for the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation, was an exceptional evening of tiki huts, delicious food, and camaraderie, with live music from the MoonRays. This year’s event featured tastings from local establishments and specialty food shops including: *Acorn Grille at Thousand Oaks Golf Club, Bar Divani, El Barrio Mexican Grill, Founders Brewing Co., The Green Well, Olive’s, Ramona’s Table, Rose’s on Reed’s Lake, TCBY, Arby’s, Schuil Coffee Company, Derby Station, Georgio’s Gourmet Pizza, Houlihan’s, and Monica’s Gourmet Cookies.*

HURRAH! 2013 was a huge success with almost 500 people in attendance. Thanks to your support of HURRAH! and the Schools Foundation, EGRSF will fund over \$112,000 in grants, awards, and scholarships as well as \$270,000 in program/project support for the 2013-2014 school year!

Please plan to join us next year on March 22 for HURRAH! 2014.

East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation and the EGR Team Boosters join together in support of the Jimmy Gerken Fund for the 2013 Gerken Open

EGR Team Boosters and the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation joined together again this year in support of the Jimmy Gerken Fund, which was established to remember Jimmy and ensure that East Grand Rapids athletics and co-curriculars—the activities Jimmy loved most—remain an integral part of our students’ education by providing enhancements that are not possible in the general school district budget. Support for this fund will allow our students to continue to experience personal excellence in athletics and co-curricular activities, just as Jimmy would have wanted.

The Gerken Open golf outing was held at Thousand Oaks Golf Club on June 10, 2013. The event was a beautiful day of golf followed by a sit-down dinner, silent and live auctions, and music from the MoonRays. Proceeds of over \$22,000 from the event supported the Jimmy Gerken Fund (75%) and the EGR Team Boosters current athletic department needs (25%). A special thanks goes out to all of our sponsors.

Thank you to all of you who supported the event and the Jimmy Gerken Fund. Please plan to join us again next year for the Gerken Open 2014 on Wednesday, June 11.



*We can do more with your help!
Grant demand far exceeds funds
available. Support an inspiration!
Make your tax-deductible contribution today!*



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East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation

“STARS”

Gifts to the Foundation were made to honor stars in our school community. Below is the list of gifts made during the Spring of 2013 recognizing a favorite teacher, staff member or school employee. Thank you to the many contributors and to the many outstanding staff members who make East Grand Rapids Public Schools a great place to learn!

Jan Aardema

Jim & Stephene Diepstra

Joanne Anderson

J.D. Lancaster

Jenny Bergstrom

Josie Braden

Porter Deliefde

Kristen Borak

Jim & Stephene Diepstra

Jackie Burdick

Callum Mellish

Caroline Cannon

Zach & Makenna Gulch

The Noah Moskal Family

Marti Chardon

3rd Grade Class

Cindy Cottrell

Porter Deliefde

Michelle Day

Benjamin Richards

Peri denDulk

The Noah Moskal Family

Charles DeWildt

Drew Theut

EGR High School Staff

Jacob Frazier

EGR Middle School Staff

Tabitha Frazier

Lisa Eldersveld

2nd Grade Class

Tim Farmer

The Mack Family

Amy Feyen

Grant White & Family

Larry Frazier

Ben Keil

Kelly Froehlich

John Brooks & Family

Jillian Fuller

Gabe Frazier

Nancy Gallavin

Jim & Carolyn Morse

Christy Gast

5th Grade Class

J.D. Lancaster

Nicole Gessner

J.D. Lancaster

The Lippert Family

Cinny Gould

Jaret, Kyra & Alex Allen

Jim & Stephene Diepstra

The Keil Family

The Williams Family

Kristin Griffith

5th Grade Class

Lisa Healey

The Theut Family

Linda Kehm

The Connor Family

Chris Kenward

Jim & Stephene Diepstra

The Frazier Family

The Lippert Family

Michelle Kirk

The Austin Family

Carter Barnes & Family

Tommy Cavanaugh

The Connor Family

Avery Lannon

The Lundskow Family

The Seethaler Family

Julie LaRocque

Josie Braden

Kristen Lecours

Billy Bernecker

Luke Frazier

John MacKenzie

Tristan Reuben

Amy Marlow

J.D. Lancaster

Becky Martin

Connor Lannon

Katie McIntosh

Josie Braden

Porter Deliefde

Kerry McKee

The Lewis Family

The Sweet Family

Sue McLain

Kindergarten Class

Lisa Menichino

Jan Aardema

Jim & Stephene Diepstra

Jennifer Metz

Makenna Gulch

Katie Millman

Avery Lannon

Scott Mitton

David Bernecker

The Connor Family

Bobby “Coach” Williams

& The Richardson Family

Whitney Mudge

4th Grade Class

Alison Peot

Zachary Gulch

Drew Keil

Mitchell White & Family

Stephanie Perl

3rd Grade Class

Allison Porter

Lucy Cavanaugh

The Connor Family

Mark Pullen

Jack Barnes & Family

The Connor Family

Matthew Putnam

J.D. Lancaster

The Noah Moskal Family

Cheryl Radecki

4th Grade Class

Kirk Reifinger

The Maison Family

Amanda Rettig

Grant White & Family

Bill Rich

The Connor Family

Christen Sarjeant

2nd Grade Class

Tim Saunders

4th Grade Class

Linda Sawade

1st Grade Class

Melissa Sayre

1st Grade Class

Owen Tesch

Shelly Schram

The Reahm Family

Jane Siegel

Kindergarten Class

Danielle Smith

The Theut Family

Peter Stuursma

The Mack Family

Karen Sullivan

George Bernecker

Winona Tinholt

4th Grade Class

“Mr. Bruce” Towne

Mikey Roth

Jeanne Uhl

1st Grade Class

Kevin Vance

Emily Roth

The Theut Family

Judy Voss

Kindergarten Class

Amanda Werner

Jim & Stephene Diepstra

Sarah Youngs

Michael Richards

Emily Jo Ziemba

Jim & Harriet Engbers

Kelli Gatecliff – Y5**Sue McLain – K****Vikki Boersma – 1st****Lori Dood – 2nd****Bridget Rieth – 3rd****Cheryl Radecki – 4th****Amanda Rettig/Amy Feyen – 5th**

Robbie Stuursma,

Class of 2020

Amy Stuursma – K**Melissa Sayre – 1st****Lisa Eldersveld – 2nd****Kristen Brown – 3rd****Joanne Anderson – 4th****Amanda Rettig/Amy Feyen – 5th**

Jake Myers, Class of 2020

STAR awards are a great way to recognize a teacher or mentor in your child's life. They can be given at any time during the year.



Recognize a Star in Your Child's Life

Recognize a favorite teacher, staff member or school employee by making a tax-deductible donation of \$20 or more to the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation STAR program. We will acknowledge your "star" in a special section of the next *Foundations* newsletter. In addition, we will provide you with a certificate to present to your honoree. What a wonderful way to thank those special stars in our lives!

***Staff, *Teacher *Appreciation & *Recognition *STAR**

Your Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Please print the name of the individual to be acknowledged as you wish it to appear.

Please print your name exactly as you wish it to appear.

Amount enclosed _____

Please mail to: East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation
2915 Hall Street SE
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Seeking Nominations for the Excellence in Teaching Award and James and Georgia Nicholas Award

The **Excellence in Teaching Award** and **James and Georgia Nicholas Award** are ways for you to honor and thank that amazing teacher who has made a difference in your child's life.

Through the Excellence in Teaching Award, the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation awards \$1,000 each to two teachers, one at the Elementary level and one at the Secondary level. These awards recognize and encourage superior professional effort to improve instruction. The James and Georgia Nicholas Award recognizes excellence in teaching of science, mathematics, or technology. This is a \$1,500 award sponsored by the Nicholas/Slott family and given to one elementary or secondary teacher of the above subject areas. The awards are presented each year at the opening meeting for staff in August.

To nominate a teacher, please complete a nomination form available at www.egrsf.org. Submit the application online or download the nomination form and send it to the Foundation office at Woodcliff. **The deadline is May 1, 2014.**

Jimmy Gerken Award of Appreciation and Thanks – Spring 2013

Bill Bergstrom
2013 Tiger Baseball Team

Brian Clay
Mikey Roth

Matthew Putnam
The Aardema Family

Peter Stuursma
Mikey Roth
2013 Tiger Baseball Team



Recognize a coach who has made an impact in your child's life by making a tax-deductible donation of \$20 or more to the Jimmy Gerken Fund. We will recognize your honorary gift in the next *Foundations* newsletter as well as provide you with a certificate, and/or lapel pin to present to your honoree.

Jimmy Gerken Award of Appreciation and Thanks

Your Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Please print the name of the individual to be acknowledged as you wish it to appear:

Please print your name exactly as you wish it to appear:

Amount enclosed: \$20+ Printed award certificate for recipient
 \$100+ Printed award certificate and gold Jimmy Gerken lapel pin for recipient
 \$250+ Printed award certificate and gold Jimmy Gerken lapel pin for recipient and donor

Please mail to: The Jimmy Gerken Fund, 2915 Hall St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.



Reunion Recap

Class of 1963 Celebrates 50 Years

The **Class of '63** had a wonderful **50th reunion** celebration with many events including beach and cocktail parties, tours of Wealthy Elementary and the high school and dinner at Kent County Club.



Class of 1993 Celebrates 20 Years

The **Class of '93** celebrated 20 years on July 20-21. Many returned to walk the halls of the high school and remember great times at EGRHS with the opening of the time capsule. The group gathered Saturday evening at Rockwell/Republic and Sunday with a picnic on Reed's Lake catered by Yesterdog!



Class of 1957 Celebrates 55 Years

A wonderful time for the EGRHS **Class of '57** as they celebrated their **55th Reunion** in September 2012 at Yvonne Dodgson's home and farm and a dinner at Thousand Oaks Golf Club.



Upcoming Reunions

Mark your calendars for these upcoming reunions!

Class of 1948 – 65th Reunion is planned for September 13-15, 2013. The weekend plans include a Friday evening gathering, a tour of the Grand Rapids Art Museum, a Trolley Tour of Downtown GR and dinner on Saturday evening. Contact Maria Allen at mallen@egrps.org or (616) 235-3535 for more information

Class of 1953 will celebrate their **60th Reunion** September 20-22, 2013. The '53 alumni plan to gather Friday evening, tour the high school Saturday morning and conclude with a Saturday evening dinner. Contact Carolyn Heines at Carolyn@gryoga.com or John Rose at rosjoh35@comcast.net for additional information.

Class of 1973 - 40th Reunion will be the weekend of September 20-22, 2013. Activities include a high school tour and football game Friday evening, morning open house at Manhattan Park pavilion and an evening social event on Saturday. EGR alumni and friends of the Class of '73 are invited to the open house at Manhattan Park from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Please see their website egr73.com for more information or contact Mary Rivelli at mhrivelli@ameritech.net, Molly Murray at molly.murray@glfia.com, or Randy Ernst at randyernstgolf@gmail.com.

Class of 1978 has plans underway for their **35th Reunion** on August 23, 2013 at Blythefield Country Club. More information may be found on their Facebook page **EGR Class of 1978** or by contacting Laura Young at laurayoung6@me.com

Class of 1983 - A reunion committee is needed to plan the **30th Reunion** (in the summer of 2014). Stay in touch with classmates on their Facebook page **EGR HS Class of '83**. Please contact Maria Allen at mallen@egrps.org if you are able to assist with the reunion planning.

Class of 1998 would like to celebrate their **15th Reunion** in the Fall of 2013. Please contact Mickey Heynen at mickey.heynen@gmail.com or Ann Waddell at annlwaddell@yahoo.com if you are able to help.

Class of 2003 - 10th Reunion is planned for November 30, 2013. More information can be found on their Facebook page **EGRHS Class of 2003 – 10 Year Reunion** or by contacting Morgan (Hartwig) Evans at morganevans2285@gmail.com.

Share...Update...Inquire

Please go to the Foundation website at www.egrps.org or contact Maria Allen at mallen@egrps.org or (616) 235-3535.



Alumni News

Ryan McInerney, '93 was named president of Visa Inc. in May 2013. Prior to Visa, Ryan held positions at JP Morgan Chase and McKinsey & Company. Ryan is married to Angela Sebastian, '93 and lives in New York.

Brian Foster, '98 completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Loyola Medical Center in Chicago. He then spent last year in Boston doing a fellowship in hand surgery sponsored by Harvard Medical School. Brian now resides in Rockford, Illinois where he is in private practice with Rockford Orthopedic Associates.

Ellen Foster '03 lives in Troy, NY where she attends graduate school at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She is enrolled in a combined Masters/Doctoral program in the Department of Science, Technology, and Society. As part of her graduate work, Ellen mentors seventh-graders in science classes for the Albany, NY public schools.

Peter Meijer '06 assisted with the Hurricane Sandy and Moore, Oklahoma rescue and recovery efforts as part of Team Rubicon, a nonprofit disaster response and humanitarian aid organization that organizes military veterans to respond to crisis. Peter served as a combat advisor to the Iraqi military in Bagdad for one year. Currently living in New York, Peter is a squad leader in the U.S. Army Reserves and a volunteer with the Student Veterans of America.

Please Respond to the Postcard for the 2014 Alumni Directory Project

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation has, once again, partnered with Harris Connect, LLC to publish an updated **East Grand Rapids High School Alumni Directory**.

Please help us complete this directory with the most current information about you and your fellow alumni by calling Harris Connect's toll-free number (1-866-359-6611) to quickly confirm your record. This fun and useful directory is a great tool to ensure you are able to keep in touch with one another, especially when planning for reunions.

Be sure to update your information by calling the toll-free number listed on the communications that you receive. If you have questions, please contact Maria Allen, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at mallen@egrps.org or (616) 235-3535. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

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1938

Robert M. Barrie

1939

Gregory L. Deliyanne

1942

Nancy Ellett Barrie

1943

Martha Louise Roderick Stolz

1944

E. Brooks Applegate

1946

Thomas Schopps

1947

Thomas E. Lynch

1948

Joseph D. Boland

John P. Doelman III

David LaClaire

1950

Richard Noel Wolf

1951

Bruce Dewitt Seeley

1953

Jacqueline Zinn

1954

George H. Douse

1958

Nancy Sharrow Rahilly

1960

William Metcalf

Sally Miller-Martin

Christine Webber

1969

Robert Nylen

1970

Nadine Medley

1976

Lew Edison

David Morrissey

Kip VanderHyde

1978

Ann Mary Hartney

1986

David Stallard Jr.

1984

Susan Hutchinson Galloup

1993

Judd Ahrens

2006

Matt Kutsche

EGRPS Former Personnel

Dorothy Dolan Bliss –

HS Phys. Ed.

William Chadwick –

Middle School

Mary Ann Conklin –

Music Teacher

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