



Foundation Focus

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157-C Annual Fundraising Auction March 11

Please join us at our annual fundraising auction on Friday, March 11. It will again be held at the beautiful Prestwick Country Club in Frankfort.

We're proud of our tradition of funding growth in the classroom. With your help, to date the Foundation has contributed over \$2,000,000 to our schools.

We again ask for your support of this annual fundraiser. We couldn't continue our efforts on behalf of the students without the continued generosity of our community. We need your help to make this year another huge success.

What to expect at the fundraising auction? A fun night of raffles, silent auctions, live auctions and a chance to spend time with 157-C staff, teachers, friends and other parents.

You will again have the opportunity to place bids on silent auction baskets using your phone.



For more information about the annual fundraiser or the Foundation, please visit www.ef157c.org. We look forward to a great turnout on March 11th, and hope to see you there!



SAVE THE DATE!

**21st Annual
Fundraising Auction
Friday, March 11, 2016
Prestwick Country Club
Frankfort, IL**

7:00 PM - Midnight

\$60.00 per person in advance

\$65.00 at the door

"Give Grant Grow"



From the Foundation President

EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD

**President - Gretchen Dust
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Often we are asked what is the meaning behind "Give, Grant, Grow?" It is giving our funds through grants within District 157-C to grow our children through educational resources that will take them from the classroom and beyond. Setting them outside of the box and apart from the rest.

The 157-C Education Foundation Board is comprised of strong individuals

that devote their time to not only being a tremendous fundraising group but also becoming educated and information gatherers gaining insight to what our teachers and administrators are striving for in their teaching space.

Once again our Annual Fundraising Auction is upon us, one of our biggest fundraising events of the year. We are proud to announce it is our 21st year and it will be held locally at Prestwick Country Club on March 11th. This is where we need the support of our community and beyond. By raising funds for unique and well-written grants we can continue to take an active role in the educational futures of our children of Grand Prairie, Chelsea and Hickory Creek.

Throw on your jeans, grab your phone and get ready for a night of e-bidding on incredible items, raffles of all kinds, music to dance the night away and surprises from our auctioneer...this year should not be missed. Don't forget the sweet and savory nibbles catered in-house by Prestwick's own chef. We put the FUN in fundraising.

We could not do this without the support and unflagging efforts of our board, teachers, administration, community members and businesses alike.

After weathering the early storms, we had a sun-filled Golf Outing and the recent addition of Hot Lunches has been nothing short of a success. This year in conjunction with Triple R Day-care and Kumon New Lenox, we granted back over \$73,000.

By listening to the needs of the teachers and as an ever evolving organization, this year we are adding another grant process in the Spring to focus on STEM based grants that will be put in place for the upcoming school year.

Get involved with the 157-C Education Foundation, make a donation online or with a board member and purchase your tickets now. Find us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/educationfoundation157c and online, www.ef157c.org.

It is going to be a pleasure to enjoy an evening with you all, see you on March 11th.

Warmly,
Gretchen L. Dust
President

Special thanks to our generous Sponsors and “Friends of the Foundation.”

To learn more about becoming a corporate sponsor or a “Friend of the Foundation,” please call 815-469-5922 or contact Foundation President Gretchen Dust, gdust14@comcast.net

FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDS 2015 - 2016

District, \$2,936

School supplies for District 157-C students in need

Grand Prairie Elementary School, \$22,714

IXL Learning Website License that focuses on reading and math

Fluency Timers to time students for math problems and reading fluency

Books for Literature Circle with Teacher Guides

Tag Pens/Books

Stand Up Desks for the Classroom

Animals in the Classroom, housing and food for the live animals in the Enrichment Learning Center

HearBuilder Online Subscriptions, an important part of Response to Intervention (RTI) in English Language Arts

Raz-Kids License to provide an Interactive Reading Tool to practice reading fluency and comprehension

Illinois Monarch Book Award Books 2017

Boardmaker Plus Teaching Tool that allows teachers to add animation, sound and video to their lessons that will be used for students with special needs

Chelsea Intermediate School, \$15,294

FastMath Next Generation License

Bluestem Award Books

Relax & Read, an area rug and comfortable chairs as a new reading area in the library

Junior Balloonist for fifth grade

SMART Board & Visual Monitor for Special Education

IXL Math Membership for third graders

Hickory Creek Middle School, \$32,787

SMART Board for Special Education

Education City Website for language arts, math, science, computing and math

Music Software and Hardware Upgrade to be used in the music classes

Author at School where students will meet an author of a popular book

Rebecca Caudill Books and Award Party

Leveled Library books to help bring children in the special education program to their grade level in reading

Digital cameras to be used in technology classes

Newsela School License to increase reading comprehension and tracking of student progress

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED, \$73,731

WELCOME!

For the past 21 years, the Foundation has been fortunate to have so many business and community members join us at the annual fundraising auction. If you are new to the district or simply have not had an opportunity to attend this event for the children, we extend a warm welcome to you to join us this year!



Chelsea students are enjoying the new “Relax & Read” library reading area funded by a grant from the District 157-C Education Foundation through a donation by Triple R Child Care.

With your help, this year the Education Foundation awarded 25 grants totaling over \$73,000 to enhance the education of the students at all schools. Thank you for your support!

District 157-C Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maura J. Zinni, stated, “We are so fortunate to have a dedicated group of parents who have one goal in mind – it is to help our teachers fund learning resources that bring innovation into our classrooms. I am certain these grants will continue to inspire our teachers and serve as a catalyst for engaging and creative instruction for our students.”

The Foundation is comprised of a group of volunteers who help obtain funds to be granted to the teachers to enhance education. Grant money is provided through funds received from the Foundation’s annual fundraising auction, corporate sponsors, private donations and other fundraisers.

Additional information about the Foundation may be found at www.ef157c.org or by calling the District Administration Office at (815) 469-5922.

“Give Grant Grow”

