

The Endowment

A Zionsville Education Foundation Newsletter

Fall 2008

Promoting Academic Excellence



ZEF Grants Promote Educational Excellence

The Zionsville Education Foundation (ZEF) supports our community's outstanding educational staff by providing grant funding for innovative educational experiences.

ZEF provides two types of grants. The classroom grant cycle provides funding for academic excellence and innovation; community and school partnerships; and leveraging external grants. During the most recent grant cycle, ZEF awarded Zionsville teachers more than \$47,000. Grants are provided during both a spring and fall cycle. The application process is not cumbersome and all of the needed information can be found on the ZEF website at http://zionsvilleeducationfoundation.org/grants_zefgrants.shtml.

After applications are received, a committee comprised of ZEF Board members, community members and educators gives careful review to each proposal. The grant committee makes its recommendations to the ZEF Board. Based on the funding that is available for that grant cycle, the ZEF Board then approves as many of the recommended grants as possible. The level of funds raised during each year directly impacts the number and size of the grants that are awarded.

The other grants that ZEF awards are Imagine/Professional Development grants. Three (3) grants of approximately \$3000 each were awarded (see sidebar.). The purpose of these grants is to promote professional growth and renewal opportunities for experienced educators. Any current Zionsville educator or administrator with a minimum of three years experience may apply. Groups of two or more staff members may also collaborate and apply together. Information about past winners can also be found on the ZEF website at http://zionsvilleeducationfoundation.org/grants_imagine.shtml.

A list of last spring's grant recipients can be found here: http://zionsvilleeducationfoundation.org/grants_spring2008.shtml.

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THANKS

Thank you to WITHAM HEALTH SERVICES for being a \$5,000 sponsor for OKTOBERFEST 2008.

Thank you to RAIL TRAIL GARDENS for their \$5,000 sponsorship of OKTOBERFEST. Fresh fall decorations were beautiful!

Congratulations 2008 Imagine Grant Winners!

Sean Conner, Derek Grimm,
Chris Kern, Mitzi Macaluso,
Chase Mears, Monica Plantan
*"ZMS Educators Go Above and
Beyond"*

Libby Rease, ZWMS
"Perils of a Pop Bottle"

Amanda Vanderbur, ZCHS
*"Getting Psyched About
Psychology"*



Union Elementary teachers
Kathy Roy & Jamie Smith celebrate
news of receiving a ZEF grant.

SAVE THE DATE!
"IN STYLE"
LUNCHEON
THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 26, 2009
BOONE MEADOW

Thank You

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Raffle Chairperson Tera Nutter led a crew of dynamic ticket sellers including: Cindy Hall, Ellie Clapp, Susan Berry, Michelle Walters, Amy Montgomery, Lynne Munley, Joyce Horton, Patrick & Jennifer Cross, Laura Dunshee, Karlee Moore, Francis Pokrifcek, Jane Burgess and Shannon Ross.



Pictured above, the Oktoberfest committee included: Executive Director Lynn Kissel, Melinda Heim (Board representative), Kathy Blackburn, Tera Nutter, Molly Hanlon, Stacy Alldredge, Elizabeth Hopper (co-chair), Amie Cramer, Sylvia Duplantier, Beth Ann Kaltenmark, Audie Schraeder (co-chair), Jenny Tucker and Louise Bergman. Committee members not pictures are Kara Swinford, Meg King and Susan Hyten.

OKTOBERFEST 2008

Nearly 400 guests gathered at the Robert Irsay Pavilion in Carmel to celebrate the 7th annual Zionsville Education Foundation Oktoberfest. Zionsville school administrators, teachers, parents and supporters all came together to celebrate our community's success and renew their commitment to continuing to promote academic excellence. Guests enjoyed a traditional German dinner, dancing, a silent auction and the Fun'd Zone where they could win great prizes by excelling at carnival games.

The event raised nearly \$25,000 to fund ZEF's efforts to provide grants for innovative classroom experiences for teachers and students.

One of the highlights of the evening was the selection of the winning ticket for the \$10,000 scholarship. Superintendent Dr. Scott Robison announced that this year's winner was Emily Wleklinski of Zionsville.

Thank you to everyone who supported ZEF by attending this year's Oktoberfest or purchasing a raffle ticket.



Above Left: Principals **Tim East** and **Sean Conner** compete in the Fun'd Zone.

Below Left: ZEF Board member **Jim Schillaci** and friends gather for a great cause.

Above: **Claude Burgess** takes a swing for ZEF