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Last Chance to Register!

Martinis & Memories Event



Be the lucky person to win this Louis Vuitton handbag at a one-of-a-kind, elegant evening in support of ZEF. This **Thursday, February 8 from 6:00-10:00pm**, Kristie Smith will host a VIP Girls' Night Out & Design Tour at her fabulous new

Duke Energy Foundation Grant Brings Literacy Projects to ZCS Elementary Schools



ZEF is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$6,996 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation. This grant will fund a new literacy project in all ZCS elementary schools during the Spring and Fall semesters of 2018.

home in Lost Run Farm. Martinis, mixology drinks, and appetizers will be provided. Boutique items from StyleSense by Gianna, Matilda Jane, Beads by Anna, Essential Oils Apothecary, Color Street by Circle City Tips, LulaRoe by Amy McIntyre & Green Apple Active Lifestyle Boutique will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds donated to ZEF.

Register [online](#) today!



ZCS Board Donation

ZEF is grateful to the Zionsville Community Schools (ZCS) Board of Trustees for its leadership. We are also in awe of their decision to donate their Board salaries to ZEF again this year. To have support from every board member is remarkable, and it shows their belief in and commitment to innovation and excellence in our schools.

A heartfelt thanks to Jane Burgess, Shari Richey, Jim Longest, Debbie Ungar, and Joe Stein.



Literacy is strengthened through early reading intervention and family involvement. This project will encourage families to read together and give students a chance to explore reading as a shared experience and a way to build relationships.

Each elementary school will host a Family Book Club night at their school. In partnership with students from the Butler University College of Education and ZCS educators, students and their families will engage in a book club type discussion. Look for more information from your elementary school in 2018!



ZEF Grantee Update: *Bringing Theater to the Classroom*

Class of 2018 Rings

As graduation season approaches faster than many would like, don't forget to give your graduate a gift that lasts forever. Robert Goodman Jewelers on Zionsville's Main Street has generously offered to donate \$20 from the sale of every class ring to ZEF. Order yours today and support innovative education!



ZEF Grantee Update:

ZWEST Innovation Lab

A ZEF Classroom Grant funded the Innovation Lab at Zionsville West Middle School. Experience this lab and the effect it has on students by watching this [video](#) created by ZCS.



Zionsville Middle School teacher and 2017 Fall Classroom Grant recipient, Cristina Soboleski, is bringing Shakespeare to life for ZMS 8th graders. Through the grant, Mrs. Soboleski created a student-designed set complete with a balcony and rotating background for her students' study of *Romeo and Juliet*. The background was painted by the ZMS 8th grade art students with the cityscape of Verona on one side and the inside of the Capulet mansion on the other.

Mrs. Soboleski said it best in her grant application, "This grant will allow our students to experience Shakespeare as it was intended - as a play. [It] promotes excellence by engaging students in a kinesthetic manner in order to build a strong foundation in reading Shakespeare that promotes student creativity and deeper understanding of a complex text."

Your donations to ZEF make classroom experiences like this possible. Thank you!



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