

# Education Foundation News

## Foundation approves more than \$19,000 in fall grants

The District 57 Education Foundation funded grants totaling more than \$19,000 to several applicants this month. Teachers applied for the grants in the areas of curriculum, technology and wellness. Approved grants include: collections of books for all four schools that will be used for the district-wide Traits of Quality Writing program, a baritone saxophone for the Lincoln music program, scanning and editing equipment for the Extended Support Program, a Lego League robot set for Lincoln, and a new stage curtain for the Westbrook gym/multi-purpose room. The Foundation also approved \$500 in discretionary funds for each school.

"We were pleased that we could fund so many important items that will truly make a difference for District 57 students," says Tom Lowe, Foundation chairman. "We thank everyone who has supported the Foundation over the past year. They made it possible for us to respond so positively to the teachers' requests."

## Save the date: Casino Night March 8!

Last year's record-breaking Casino Night fundraiser was such a success that the Foundation has decided to do it again. And, believe it or not, it's not too early to start making plans. You can begin by marking your calendar ... this year's event will be held Saturday, March 8, at Meridian Banquets in Rolling Meadows.

Participants once again will be treated to Vegas-style casino games, an open bar, martini bar, gourmet dinner, late-night buffet, dessert bar, silent and live auctions, and live entertainment. And this year's event promises to build on the excitement of last year, with the culmination of the Decade of Giving Campaign. The Foundation will announce at Casino Night if it has met the campaign goal of raising a total of \$500,000 in time for the 10-year anniversary.

So plan to be part of the excitement! The next Foundation newsletter will have more Casino Night details, including information about this year's exciting raffle.

## New Lincoln fitness center to be dedicated Nov. 1

The Lincoln fitness center will be dedicated at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, prior to the evening School Board meeting. District 57 families are invited to see the space and hear about its state-of-the-art features.

The fitness center was renovated over the summer through a grant from the Education Foundation. The grant request came from the physical education department, which was looking to improve the outdated fitness center for PE students and athletic teams.

Stop by the dedication and see this great example of how the Foundation and its supporters enhance the educational experience of the students in our community!

## Golf outing raises \$17,000

**The Education Foundation's annual golf outing and barbecue, held Sept. 15 at the Mt. Prospect Golf Course, raised \$17,000 for the students of District 57!**

The Foundation thanks all of the participants, as well as the volunteers who made the event a success. A special thank you goes out to the generous businesses and families that sponsored the outing. The Foundation also thanks Dr. Bruce Brown for running his annual – and always popular – Putting Challenge, John Inserra and Mark Poulos for the golf outing's first Bagger tournament, Carol Inserra for coordinating the silent auction, and event photographer Patti Sotos ([www.sotos-photos.com](http://www.sotos-photos.com)). Many of her pictures from the day's festivities will be posted on the Foundation Web site: [www.dist57.org/education-foundation](http://www.dist57.org/education-foundation).

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