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Foundation approves fall grants totaling nearly \$11,000

The District 57 Education Foundation funded grants totaling nearly \$11,000 last month, benefiting students at Westbrook, Fairview, Lions Park and Lincoln.

Teachers applied for the grants in the areas of curriculum, technology and wellness. Approved grants include:

Westbrook: Two Magic Touch Screens for occupational therapy.

Fairview: flip cameras and headphones, Royal Reading Writing Center and 6 sets of 12 scooters for physical education.

Lions Park: CD novels for fourth and fifth grades, a reading library for first grade and Bose SoundDock Digital Speakers.

Lincoln: Math manipulative materials for special education students, two visual presenters with overhead digital cameras and a presentation stand and media speakers for the existing visual presenter.

Thank you, Bosch Tools!

Bosch is a Foundation Partner for the 2008/2009 school year.

This means a donation of at least \$5,000 for the students of District 57!

Let good times roll at '09 spring event

Popular fund-raiser takes place March 7, will feature a casino/game room

You might have snow and Santa on the brain, but, believe it or not, it's not too early to start making plans for the Foundation's spring fund-raiser.

This event that attracts hundreds of supporters each year is back by popular demand! With a new theme of "Let the Good Times Roll," the event takes place on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at Meridian Banquets in Rolling Meadows.

The evening will include some favorite activities from previous Casino Nights, as well as a few new surprises. There will be a sit-down dinner, cocktails, dessert bar, dancing, live entertainment, martini bar, a casino and game room, live and silent auctions, and the raffle of a Smart Car. Event tickets are \$90 each.

This year's live auction will have an impressive lineup, including a stay at a Michigan City vacation home, a clambake

dinner at Shaw's Crab House and a passing tournament where 14 lucky kids will get to play football with the Prospect Knights.

Whether you're a regular at this event or have never attended, this is the year you don't want to miss! So start making plans now – get a babysitter, maybe give the tickets as holiday gifts, and get some friends together for your table, or we'll assign you to one. Either way, you're sure to have a great time, while helping improve your child's education.

Buy raffle tickets online

Purchase Smart Car raffle tickets at 57edfoundation.org. They're \$20 each, 6 for \$100. Purchase prior to Feb. 11 and be entered in a drawing for \$1,000. Complete rules are online.

2008 was a great year for the Foundation, District 57 and Mt. Prospect -- Thanks for being part of it!

As we prepare to bid farewell to 2008, we look back on an exciting and successful year, not only for the Foundation but for our school community and the community we call home.

The Foundation exceeded the goal of the Decade of Giving campaign, raising more than \$500,000 by the time of our 10-year anniversary last spring. This would not have been possible without the support and hard work of District 57 families. The Foundation also distributed thousands of dollars in grants and placed Smart Boards in many classrooms – which is only the beginning!

In addition, Fairview was designated a No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon School,

one of only 320 schools nationwide to receive this honor. A few months later, BusinessWeek named Mt. Prospect the best, most affordable place to raise kids.

The Foundation's work to enhance the education of area students played a role in our school and community receiving these impressive honors. Anyone who has supported the Foundation by attending an event, donating, volunteering or spreading the word should feel especially proud!

We look forward to working with you, the committed families that make District 57 shine, to continue to bring the Foundation's exciting goals to life throughout 2009. Happy holidays!