



Save the Date!

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June 22, 2015

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13th Annual LEF Golf Outing

Tee off for Excellence

Monday, June 22, 2015 at Harbor Shores Golf Club



It is finally Spring!
That means it's time to sign-up for the 13th Annual Lakeshore Excellence Foundation golf outing, the Lakeshore Scramble. The event will be held on Monday, June 22, 2015 at the Harbor Shores Golf Club in Benton Harbor.

The outing will be a scramble format with a shotgun start beginning at 9:00 A.M. Registration will begin at 8:00 A.M. The event will cost \$250 per person and will include 18 holes of golf, a cart, range balls, and a lunch buffet.

There will be challenging events, raffle prizes, and awards for the winners. We will offer something for everyone. Please gather a group of friends and form a team. Join us to have fun and help support LEF while benefiting the students of Lakeshore Public Schools.

Registration, payment, and details at: LEFonline.org

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Please support us by playing, sponsoring a hole, or making a donation. We have many opportunities for businesses to sponsor our event. For more information about how you can be a sponsor please contact Golf Chairman Bill Scaletta at 269.429.1638 or at williamscaletta@sbcglobal.net.

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is our long-term strategy to funding the LEF mission of learning for generations to come. Annually the LEF Board evaluates the health of the Fund, makes contributions based on giving and project needs, and has reinvested the earned interest every year. If you are interested in learning more about the Endowment Fund, please contact J.C. Anderson at 269.921.2513 or email at andersonjcna@gmail.com



Chairman's Commentary



J.C. Anderson
LEF Chairman

If this publication reaches you before Thursday, April 9, 2015 you may still have time to purchase tickets for an amazing presentation at the LMC Mendel Mainstage. Call Sandy at 269-429-1254.

O'NEILL PROGRAM

We hope that each of you have already purchased tickets to take advantage of a FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY to attend a premier event at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 9, 2015. The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation has brought Robert O'Neill, one of the most highly decorated Navy SEALs, to the Mendel Center.

Robert O'Neill has taken part in over 400 combat missions ... two of which have been made into movies. He was on the Osama bin Laden mission in May 2011, which is captured in the film *Zero Dark Thirty*. In 2009, he was also part of the mission to regain control of the cargo ship that had been hijacked by Somali pirates. This event was recounted in the movie *Captain Phillips*.

I think we all remember exactly where we were on September 11, 2001, when we learned of the planes being diverted into the *World Trade Center Twin Towers* in New York City, the *Pentagon* in Washington, D.C., and the crash in Pennsylvania. We were experiencing the first ever, large scale terrorist attack in the United States. We feared for our families and what was next.

I think that we can also remember our relief upon hearing about the successful mission resulting in the elimination of the mastermind of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Let's Do It!

In December 2014, LEF discussed the idea of a major fundraiser for Lakeshore Public Schools with Robert O'Neill. The Foundation supports Lakeshore Public Schools by acquiring and distributing resources for projects and programs outside of the school's budget. We explained the method of public school funding in Michigan, the state of Michigan's economy, and the resulting positioning of Lakeshore Public Schools within Michigan's financial distributions. 92% of Michigan's public school systems receive more revenue per student than Lakeshore Public Schools.

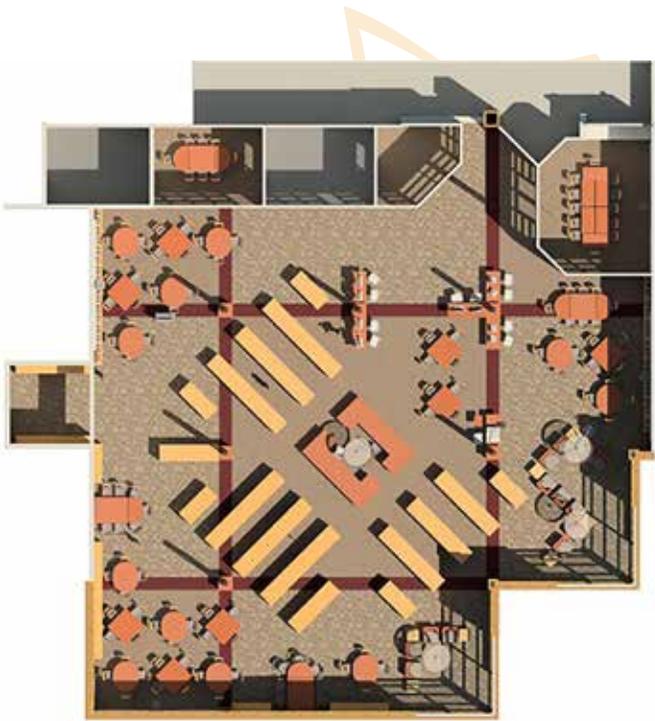
O'Neill stated, "I'm a very strong supporter of education and fundraising to assist with that education. Let's do it!"

The LEF has brought us the opportunity to hear from a Navy SEAL who has done much in his seventeen (17) years of service to secure and continue to ensure the freedoms that we enjoy in the United States.

The LEF announced that it will embark on a three-year, \$600,000 project to update all Lakeshore Public Schools' (LPS) library/media centers. The reinvention of the LPS libraries/media centers will be accomplished completely through private donations via the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. The O'Neill program fundraiser serves as one of the creative ways the LEF is enriching the community while generating funds for Lakeshore Public Schools.

Thank you for your continuous support of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation's mission.

If you have any questions and/or comments regarding LEF, I would enjoy discussing them with you. I can be reached at (269) 921-2513 or anderjcna@gmail.com. Sincerely,
J.C. Anderson



21st Century Learning Centers Timeline and Architectural Concepts



In June 2014, LEF announced a \$600,000 school library transformation project. The five Lakeshore Public School Library/Media Centers will be reinvented into *21st Century Learning Centers*.

LEF worked with School Administration and the Board of Education to ensure that this project is a critical and necessary element for the enhanced education of Lakeshore students.

Three major components of the project:

1. Redefining available space
2. Purchasing of updated technologies for access, production, and presentation
3. Furniture that provides flexible options within defined spaces

For additional details and to contribute to the 21st Century Learning Centers project, please visit our website at LEFonline.org.



21st Century Learning Centers Timeline & Investment

ACTION	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (3)
Design & Specs	November 2014	November 2014	January 2016
Bid Date	February 2015	February 2015	November 2016
Bid Awards	March 2015	March 2015	December 2016
Construction	Summer 2015	Summer 2016	Summer 2017
In-Use	September 2015	September 2016	September 2017
Investment	\$240,000	\$126,000	\$234,000
\$600,000 Investment			

21st Century Learning Centers will bring the libraries/media centers in each of the five Lakeshore Public Schools into the 21st century to prepare our students for college and their future careers where collaboration will be a key to success.

Mission

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21st Century Learning Centers CONTRIBUTION FORM

Check here if this is an anonymous contribution.



Name of Contributor(s): _____

Address/City/State: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Work): _____

Phone (Cell): _____ Email: _____

Are you a Lakeshore graduate? YES NO

If YES, what year did you graduate? _____

Will your employer match this contribution?

YES NO

My contribution amount: \$ _____

Optional:

My gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Address/City/State: _____

Please make checks payable to Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.

Send form and contribution to:

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

5771 Cleveland Avenue, Stevensville, MI 49127

LEF is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization.

Your contributions to LEF are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.



Assets Advisory Committee

Students Taking Action

The Assets Advisory Committee (AAC) is an active high school group that is ready to help when needed.

In December, the AAC reached out to eight local families with the *Adopt-A-Family* holiday program. Between the AAC's generosity, and some wonderful anonymous donors, the group was able to make the holidays more enjoyable for these local families. The outpouring of help was overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

In March, the AAC ran a *Food Drive* to help local food pantries. They held a raffle in conjunction with the food drive as an incentive to bring in more items. In April, they will be doing a fundraiser to raise funds and gather items for the *Humane Society*. In May, the AAC will again go to the beach for their *Annual Lincoln Township Beach Park Clean-up*. Their goal is to make the beach and park a clean environment for families to enjoy. The AAC is working hard to make a difference in our schools and our community. They are sponsored by the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.

Little Free Library

Wonderful Wednesdays at Spring Lake

Nearly a quarter of the students at Hollywood Elementary live at the *Spring Lake* mobile home community. Due to work schedules and transportation challenges, many families there find it difficult to get their children to the public library.

What if the children at *Spring Lake* had books easily available to them?

Thanks to a grant from the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, staff members of Hollywood created a **Little Free Library** at Spring Lake's community center. The *Little Free Library* concept is a movement in the United States and worldwide, which offers free books to the members of a local community. Shelves and books were purchased with LEF funds, and with additional help from the Lincoln Township Library.

In order to increase participation, the *Wonderful Wednesdays* program was created in November of 2014. Fifty to sixty students participate in *Wonderful Wednesdays* each week; they may choose a book to take home, enjoy a snack, and read with a volunteer.



We are looking for additional sources of books and volunteers to help this program continue. If you are interested in helping, please contact Hollywood Elementary School.

The Battle is Upon Us!



Lakeshore Middle School teachers encourage their students to enjoy the benefits of reading through a program called *Battle of the Books*.

Thanks to a generous continuing grant from the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, 7th grade students participate in an annual *Battle of the Books* competition.

During this quarter, students worked in teams to read a total of 15 books. Teams divided the task of reading the books within their groups. The groups then competed in a semi-final

quiz bowl, that took place in their Language Arts class, covering information in the books. The winning team from each class advanced to compete for the grand prize at the final battle.

Each year 7th grade students eagerly await the beginning of this reading battle. It is a wonderful opportunity to encourage pleasure reading and create lifelong readers!

Welcome New LEF Trustees



Bill Scaletta

Trustee

After graduating from Michigan State University, Bill Scaletta began a 39-year career in education. During those years, he was a teacher, counselor, coach, athletic director, assistant principal, and principal in Muskegon, Manchester, and Marcellus.

Bill Scaletta, Trustee

During that time, he completed his Masters in Education at Western Michigan University. In 1991 Bill became the principal of Lakeshore High School where he stayed until his retirement in 2011. He was President of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals in 2002-2003 and served on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Secondary School Principals from 2008-2012. He was also Board Liaison for the National Association of Student Councils in 2011-2012. Bill is a former treasurer of the Marcellus Community Foundation and currently a member of the Lakeshore Rotary. He and his wife, Linda, have three children (Dana Mikel, Jennifer and Derek) and three grandchildren.



Julia Pechtel

Trustee

Julia is a graduate of Lakeshore High School with a BA from Western Michigan University. Julia worked at Whirlpool Corporation for many years in the Information System area, then after a 10 year hiatus, returned three years ago and now works as a contractor

Julia Pechtel, Trustee

in the marketing area. She served on the Hollywood PTO Board in various roles and was garden coordinator for Hollywood Elementary for seven years. She also works as a substitute teacher at Lakeshore Public Schools. In addition to serving on the LEF Marketing Committee, she is currently the Treasurer on the Lakeshore Middle School PTO board and teaches religious classes at church. She and her husband, Mike, have 3 children attending Lakeshore in 6th, 9th and 12th grade.

LEF Grant Information

STEPPING STONES

Application Deadline:
April 15, 2015

QUESTIONS:

Lori Marciniak
Ph. (269) 208-2154
marciniak5@comcast.net
Application available at
LEFonline.org

- The Stepping Stones Grant provides financial assistance to Lakeshore students who pursue their interests, whether it is band, academics, language skills, athletics, etc.
- Stepping Stones has approved assistance for programs such as Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Chinese Language classes, Nike Golf Camp, Children's Music Workshop, and many more!
- Grades and family economics are NOT a factor in approving the application. This LEF funded program is open to ALL Lakeshore students, from kindergarten to high school seniors.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: May 1, 2015

QUESTIONS:

Sandy Welch
Ph. (269) 313-7401
sandywelch@truevine.net
Application available at
LEFonline.org

- This grant may be used for a Professional Development opportunity, i.e.: conference, seminar, continuing education college courses, etc. for LPS employees.
- The grant may only be used

FOUNDATION PROJECT

Application Deadline:
April 15, 2015

QUESTIONS:

Megan Green
Ph. (269) 429-3134
megan8665@gmail.com
Application available at
LEFonline.org

- The Project Grant is typically a request with a completion cost of more than \$2500.
- The proposal may take up to three years to fully implement.
- The proposal should be creative, innovative, and supportive of the LEF mission statement. It should be an idea that the district endorses, but cannot fund — this grant is an opportunity to think BIG!
- The proposal should impact a large constituency of Lakeshore students, staff, and/or community.

for the cost of registration and fees.

- Please note: meals, travel, and hotel expenses will not be covered by the grant.
- If a substitute teacher is needed to cover your class(es) in your absence, the cost of \$100/day must be included in the grant.
- The grant request amount may not exceed \$750.
- The Professional Development opportunity should be something that the Lakeshore School District would not be able to provide.

LAKESHORE INNOVATION

Application Deadline:
May 10, 2015

QUESTIONS:

Kim McAllister
Ph. (269) 408-1509
kdmcall@yahoo.com
Application available at
LEFonline.org

- The Innovation Grant is typically a request with a completion cost of up to \$2500.
- The proposal is to be completed within the following school year.
- The proposal should be creative, innovative, and supportive of the LEF mission statement. It should be an idea that the district endorses, but cannot fund within its current fiscal budget. Please think "INNOVATION" when considering your application idea.
- The grant proposal should offer a quality educational experience/ opportunity for Lakeshore students, staff, and/or community.



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