



Loudoun Education Foundation



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NEWS

LCPS United Way Fall Giving Campaign

The United Way is encouraging its supporters to "Give Where You Live." The National Capitol Area fall giving campaign is underway, and you can support



Loudoun County Public Schools through October 24th. If you would like to give to the Loudoun Education Foundation, please select Option "D" on the printed form (donate to the non-profit of your choice) and use LEF's United Way ID number **8491**. Or, [give online](#)! Thank you for your support.

Golf Classic Raises \$70K for Foundation Programs

Thanks to the support of the Northern Virginia business community, the LEF Annual Golf Classic raised \$70,000 to support our efforts to improve the quality of Loudoun County Public Schools. Over 70 players competed at 1757 Golf Club on September 22nd. The winning team representing Diversified Educational Systems took home first place. LCPS Superintendent Eric Williams gave the keynote address at dinner, saying LEF's grant program and recognition events for students and teachers celebrate and enhance what is best about LCPS schools.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 17
Fall Teacher Grant Application Deadline
[Download the one-page application online.](#)

Saturday, December 7
Excellence in Education Banquet
 Corporate sponsors needed!
[Contact Dawn Meyer for details.](#)

WHO WE ARE



The Loudoun Education Foundation--a 501(c)3--raises funds to create exceptional learning opportunities for Loudoun's public school students. Channeling our community's resources to students and teachers, Foundation projects capture the joy and love of teaching while increasing student engagement and the



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Multicultural Grants Awarded

The Foundation will support three multicultural grants totaling over \$3,000 this school year thanks to the generosity of **Loudoun Interfaith Bridges.**

Seneca Ridge MS and Sterling MS received support for a project focused on the bicultural experience that features a lesson from Cuban American author Meg Medina, whose work for children and young adults focuses on how cultures intersect. Potowmack ES will use grant funds to purchase biographies of multicultural figures for a "Browsing Biographies" reading program. Sully ES's "Power of Everyone" program will band together the ELL community to build a garden. We wish these schools success in implementing these impactful programs.



Author Meg Medina to visit Seneca Ridge MS and Sterling MS

PROGRAMS

Call for Teacher Grant Applications

Teachers, time is running out to submit an application for an LEF Teacher Classroom Grant. Hand in your application before close of business on October 17th to be considered for an award up to \$500. The Foundation is looking to support creative classroom projects that fulfill our mission to excite children's curiosity and enhance the quality of Loudoun County public

ownership of learning.

YOU MAKE LOUDOUN COUNTY THE BEST



Please consider making a donation to LEF online!

Since the 1991-1992 school year, the Loudoun Education Foundation has given over a million dollars to support the teachers and students of Loudoun County Public Schools. The Foundation seeks private funding and resources to strengthen the quality of the Loudoun County Public School system beyond what public funds can accomplish.

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schools.

Middle School Mentoring Focuses on Self-Esteem

Middle school students at Riverbend MS, Sterling MS and Seneca Ridge MS will participate in a mentoring program funded by LEF through a grant from the **O'Shaughnessy-Hurst Memorial Foundation**. The program, now in its second year, helps foster better decision-making skills and encourages responsible actions. Educators and students work on building self-esteem and making good choices at school and outside of the classroom.



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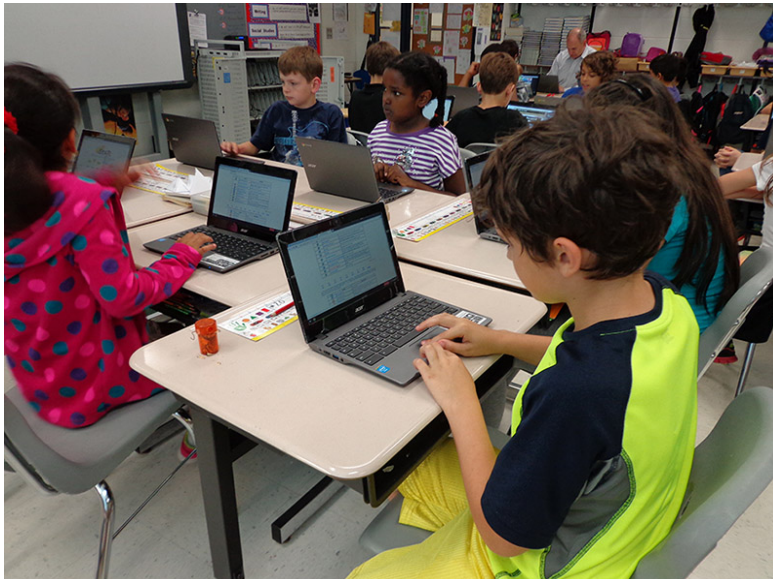
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Elementary Principals put McKee Grants to Use



Countryside ES students use Chromebooks

The late Loudoun County resident Hugh McKee bestowed \$168,000 to the Foundation in March 2014. With these funds, the Foundation awarded each of the the county's 55 public elementary schools a \$3,000 grant to be used at their discretion. We followed up with a few of the principals to what projects the grants are funding. Here's what they had to say:

- [Richard Rudnick, Countryside ES](#): "We bought the charging cart for the Chromebooks. The students love using the Chromebooks daily!"
- [Janet Platenberg, Steuart Wellar ES](#): "We bought two carts of Chromebooks for students, wireless keyboards for teachers (so they can operate the Promethean Board from anywhere in the room), and will be investing the rest in leveled books and novels. Thank you!!!"

FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT



Chris Souther

LEF Vice President

Interesting Facts:

"I have been in Zero Gravity, founded an adolescent mentoring program at my school, and this month I performed my first wedding ceremony in Virginia Beach."

Q: How long have you been with the Foundation?

A: I started with the LEF in the Fall of 2011 after I ran as a School Board Candidate.

Q: What motivates you?

A: The way this foundation helps students and teachers was a big motivator for me. As an LCPS Teacher, I am always looking for ways to increase

- Mike Pelligrino, Evergreen Mill ES: "We're putting it towards our future outdoor classroom."
- Dave Michener, Hillsboro ES: "Hillsboro and Lincoln plan to use this grant money for paying for field trips for our students. We appreciate this donation!"

BACKPACK COALITION UPDATE

Backpack Coalition Going Strong

Donations Sought to Help Program Grow

The Loudoun Backpack Coalition Program is finishing up week five of the 2014-2015 school year, and so far the organization is providing food for nearly 300 students. Two LCPS schools, Guilford ES (180 students) and Sugarland ES (165 students), are participating in the "Feeding America" program through Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

The Coalition is helping fill the gap between donated food items and the number of children in need for 10 schools to ensure participating students have food for the weekend and breaks. Many students rely on school meals for breakfast and lunch. It is difficult during weekends and extended breaks for families to provide adequate nutrition for each person in the home.



LCPS Backpack Coalition's goal is to fund 100 percent of the families who need our support. The nonprofit organization *100WomenStrong* has committed to match each dollar donated to LEF to support children not currently covered, up to \$100,000. The Backpack Coalition hopes to reach \$200,000 to help hungry children and enhance their ability to learn.

To make a 2014 tax-deductible donation, donate on our website or mail your check to:

LEF (Backpack Coalition Program)
 Attention: Dawn Meyer
 21000 Education Court
 Ashburn, VA 20148

To learn more, read the Loudoun Backpack Coalition Program brochure [here](#) and ["Like" us on Facebook](#).

the resources in the classroom and the Foundation has certainly helped in that area. Also, we sent our three children through the LCPS system and I wanted to stay involved after they left for college.

Q: What is your favorite LEF program or event?

A: For the last three years I have been the LEF Golf Classic Chairperson and that has been very rewarding and fun. We have raised over \$250K in that time along with roasting outgoing superintendent Dr. Hatrick and introducing Dr. Williams.

Sincerely,

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