

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

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GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation welcomed the new kindergarten classes to Lakeshore, presenting them with a children's classic book- *Kindergarten ABC*, written by Jacqueline Rogers. The presentation to the children was made possible through an anonymous donor, making this the third year of giving books to incoming kindergarten children. The books were given to Roosevelt, Stewart, and Hollywood Elementary Schools on the first day of school.

Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones to Enrichment is a Lakeshore Excellence Foundation (LEF) program created to provide financial assistance to Lakeshore students who want to REACH HIGHER and participate in programs for which they show a passion.

Awards are given out twice a year with new deadlines of November 1st and April 1st of each school year.

Applications are available at each Lakeshore school building or online at www.l-e-f.org. LEF is currently accepting applications for the November 1, 2008 deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Terri Armstrong at 428-1717.

6th Annual Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Golf Outing

It was a perfect summer day for the 6th Annual Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Golf Outing. The event, held each year in August, took place this year at Berrien Hills Golf Club in Benton Harbor.

There were 23 teams competing for top prizes. First place Men's Team honors went to Chad Deja, Todd Subka, Scott Schiming, and Paul Grams. First place women's team went to Ann Miller, Joy Bancroft, Melissa Kennedy, and Kris Weber.

This year's golf outing was made possible with the help of many corporate sponsors along with community sponsors as well. The golf outing was successful with proceeds totaling \$19,000. These funds will go a long way towards enhancing the education of our Lakeshore students and enriching our staff and community. The LEF would like to thank everyone who contributed to this major fundraiser. Your support enables us to continue to Reach Higher!

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for sponsoring golf shirts for everyone this year

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for donating golf balls for every golfer

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The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation would like to thank retired Chairman Dave Brockway and retired Vice Chair of Marketing Ann Miller for their many years of dedicated service on the Board as Trustees. We wish you both much success in the future.

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation would like to welcome incoming Chairman Jim Tomczyk and incoming Trustee Tom Mikel to the Board.



Jim Tomczyk and his wife Nancy moved to the Lakeshore area in 1995 from Grand Rapids, MI. Jim and Nancy have three children: Jennifer, a junior at WMU, David, a freshman at UM, and Evan, a junior at Lakeshore High School.

Jim was most recently active as Vice Chair for the Cornerstone Alliance, former Chairman for the United Way of Southwest Michigan, and he has been an active Board Member for several organizations such as Curious Kids Museum, Child and Family Services of Southwest Michigan, as well as Long-Term Acute Care Hospital, LHRS.



Tom Mikel was born in Illinois, and he married his wife Denee in 1990. They have two children, David, a freshman at Lakeshore High School, and McKenzie, an 8th grader at Lakeshore Middle School.

Tom is a self-employed agent for *State Farm Insurance Companies* and is an active member of the *Lions Club*. He keeps involved in the community with youth activities such as Junior Achievement and also coaches both soccer and basketball teams. Tom also manages hockey teams and is past-president of the Local Youth Hockey Association.



Lakeshore Presents

Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

To help celebrate their 10-year anniversary of involvement in the Lakeshore community, the *Lakeshore Excellence Foundation* is partnering with the *High School Performing Arts* staff to bring Disney's classic fairy tale, *Beauty and the Beast*, to our community on March 26, 27, and 28, 2009. You won't want to miss this very special presentation showcasing the outstanding talent in Lakeshore.

The cast and crew will be made up of students throughout the Lakeshore District, elementary through high school. Adult community members are invited to get involved in a variety of production tasks, including programs, make-up, ushering and more. Contact Adam Wurst, Director, at 428-1402 ext. 2102, for information on volunteering. To enhance the learning experience, Lakeshore is inviting four professionals who have a reputation for performing excellence and a passion for the arts to spend time with cast members in Master Class or Artist-in-Residence settings. Artists for the first two master classes have been confirmed: Randy Duncan, three-time recipient of Chicago's prestigious *Ruth Page Award for Outstanding Choreographer of the Year*, and Brian Siewert, *Emmy Award*-winning composer and recipient of the 2008 Lakeshore High School Distinguished Alumni award. Many special events and activities will happen between auditions and Opening Night, including a magical, musical, and memorable "Be Our Guest" fundraising dinner in February. Be sure to check www.lakeshorechoirs.com often for all the exciting details on what's happening!

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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