

LEF Kicks Off Technology Campaign

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation recently held an informational fundraiser dinner to announce the kick-off of their Technology Campaign. The event gave the community an opportunity to see 21st Century Classroom technology in action through demonstrations and hands on activities. A “classroom” was created utilizing the same equipment that is currently being used in 14 of the district’s classrooms.

LEF Chairman, Jim Tomczyk, and Fund Development Vice Chairman, Doug Bonawitz, announced the details of the Foundation’s year-long campaign to raise funds to purchase new technology for use in Lakeshore Public Schools classrooms. The LEF wants to help give Lakeshore students the opportunity to enhance and enrich their educational experiences through updated technology equipment. The Foundation realized that the state of school budgets today does not leave room for the purchase of such equipment. Their goal is to equip at least 50 more classrooms in the coming year. There will be more community opportunities to see the 21st Century Technology classrooms in action.

You can now donate to this campaign online at www.l-e-f.org



Lakeshore Innovation Grants – Awards for 2009-10

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation (LEF) Innovation Grant Committee selected eight applicants to be awarded a Lakeshore Innovation Grant. The grants are awarded annually to teachers and staff of the Lakeshore Public Schools for innovative projects that supplement the curriculum. The Foundation has awarded a total of \$104,986.28 for 114 grants since its inception in 1998.

LAKESHORE INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Do you have an innovative idea that you believe will enhance, enrich, or supplement the learning opportunities for Lakeshore students, staff, and/or community? Please consider applying for a Lakeshore Innovation Grant for financial support that will help make your idea become a reality! **This year’s Innovation Grant deadline is May 3rd, 2010.** The following are the guidelines:

- The Innovation Grant is typically a request with a completion cost of up to \$2500
- The proposal is to be completed within the school calendar year which it is granted
- The proposal should be creative, innovative, and supportive of the LEF mission statement, as well as an idea that the district will endorse, but cannot fund within its current fiscal budget
- Please think ‘INNOVATION’ when considering your application idea
- The grant proposal should offer a quality education experience/opportunity for Lakeshore students, staff, and/or community
- Grant applications are accepted from Lakeshore staff, parents, teachers, and community members

The Innovation Grant Application, along with information regarding application instructions, is available online at l-e-f.org

Nike’s Reuse-A-Shoe Recycling Drive

Do you have old, worn out athletic shoes taking up space in your closet? Well, the Lakeshore High School Assets Advisory Committee has just the solution, and they would like to help you put those old shoes to good use. The AAC is holding their 3rd Annual shoe collection drive beginning April 14. The Assets Advisory Committee is funded through the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.

This recycling effort is part of *Nike’s Let Me Play* program, which is a global campaign to help provide the ability for children to unleash their potential through sport. Nike started their *Reuse-A-Shoe* recycling program in 1990. To date, Nike has collected over 22,760,000 pair of athletic shoes. They recycle the old shoes into what they call, “Nike Grind,” using every part of each shoe. This recycled material is then used to create playground surfaces, basketball courts, running tracks, and other athletic surfaces for children all over the world. Nike has created 300 sport

and playground surfaces. Last year, Nike was able to build five basketball courts in New Orleans as part of their “Rebuilding New Orleans Two Feet at a Time” campaign. If you are interested in learning more about NIKE’S Reuse-A-Shoe program, visit their website at <http://www.nikereuseashoe.com>

It takes approximately 2500 pair of shoes to create one playground surface or one basketball court. It takes 75,000 pair to create a running track or soccer pitch. The Lakeshore AAC would love to be able to collect enough shoes to create at least one athletic surface. Over the last two years, some 1,000+ shoes have been collected by the Lakeshore AAC.

You may drop off your old athletic shoes at ANY Lakeshore School between April 14 and May 14. There will be collection boxes in the lobby of every school.