

THE HO-HO-KUS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

As the school year begins, we thought it would be a good time to highlight some important information about The Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation.

Our Mission

The Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable tax-exempt organization managed by an Independent Board of Trustees comprised of volunteer school parents and members of the school administration. Twice a year, the trustees evaluate grant requests, which are sponsored by a teacher or group of teachers in support of school-wide initiatives. The Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation has awarded over \$1 million in grants since its creation in 1992. Grants are allocated to programs and technologies, which are deemed to enhance the educational experience of all students across all grade levels and learning abilities. To date, these grants have included the purchase of the following: Smartboards for every grade, Career Technology Lab, TV Studio, Lego Robotics, StarLab, Shakespeare program, a "Laptop Lab" and an "Outdoor Classroom" in the courtyard as well as many others that otherwise would not have been funded. Recently, the Foundation approved grants to purchase 50 iPads, a new Computer Lab, as well as updates to Classroom Computers. New grants have also added to the School Library Collection, as well as Mentor Texts for the 3rd and 4th Grade Reading & Writing Workshops.

As a small school community, we have faced unprecedented budget challenges. The Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation directly responded to those issues the past two years by financially supplementing the limited school funds in order to meet significant general and program needs for our school. These supplemental funds enabled the school to continue the Music Program's Jazz Band, The Art Club, and to purchase Desktop and Laptop Computers for student use throughout the school.

These grants reflect the kind of excellent programs that The HHK Education Foundation brings directly to our children. We host a few events during the school year, but we have one major fundraising event: **The Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation Annual Dinner Dance and Auction** that will be held on **Saturday, February 9, 2013, so please mark your calendars. The HHK Education Foundation's 2012 event raised over \$80,000 – and every dollar goes directly to our school to enhance our children's education.**

Matching Gifts

For those who work for Corporations or organizations that offer Matching Gifts programs, please consider the Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation when making your charitable contributions. Please contact Paul Zimny at kpzim@optonline.net, for more information.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Ho-Ho-Kus Education Foundation, please contact any member of our board of trustees. We are extremely proud of the work we do for our children and our school, and we thank you for your continued support and generosity. Have a terrific school year.

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