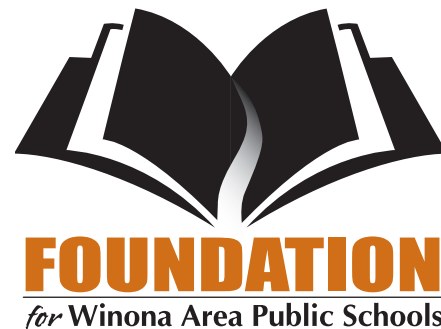


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How many years is a "Sesquicentennial"?

Welcome to WAPS' Sesquicentennial year! That's right....it's the **150th anniversary** of the Winona Area Public Schools and the Foundation is helping to celebrate this historical milestone. There will be special events each month including celebrations at WSHS Homecoming (Sept. 27- Oct. 1), American Education Week (Nov. 15-19) and a special spring **Sesquicentennial Celebration Gala: "Proud Past, Bright Future"** to be held at Signatures/Visions Event Center in Winona on **Saturday, March 19, 2011**. This event is sponsored by the Foundation, the district and the WEA with all proceeds going to benefit the Foundation's mission to enhance the education of students in our schools. **Please save the date** and look for more information coming soon!

The 2009-2010 school year was a busy one for the Foundation with **another record number of grants being awarded**. We are so grateful to our donors for making this possible. Examples of the 40+ grants include funding for summer reading programs, WSHS Physics Field Trip, Robotics Courses, WMS Environmental Education Field Trip, Japan Student Trip, Young Writers Conference, National Issues Forum for WSHS students, Quarry Hill Paleontology Field Trip and Artists-in-Residence. For a complete list, please see page 2.

Another milestone for this year has been the development of an **electronic Alumni Database which enables e-mail communication with our WAPS alumni**. The first Alumni Email blast was sent this spring to over 6,400 alumni with another scheduled to be sent out this fall. We would love to be able to include you in these communiqués. Please **email me (see below) with your contact information** so that your address can be added!

2010-2011 should be an exciting year as we celebrate our district's Sesquicentennial and participate in the monthly events that revisit Winona's education past while looking ahead to its future. On behalf of our board of directors, I would like to extend our **deepest gratitude for your generosity and support**. Your help has made possible all of the special programs, projects, field trips and speakers listed inside this newsletter—and much, much more. Please know that your **continued assistance is valued more than ever to help meet the increased needs of our schools after experiencing significant budget cuts**. I sincerely thank each of you and hope that you will contact me if you have any questions or ideas for the Foundation.

Sincerely,
Susan Eddy,
Executive Director
507.494.1004



Save the Date

Please make plans to join us at the **Sesquicentennial Celebration** on **Saturday, March 19, 2011** for an afternoon showcase at WSHS followed by the **Sesquicentennial Gala** that evening at Visions Event Center with all proceeds benefiting the Foundation.

Inquiries and contributions may be directed to the Foundation at
1570 Homer Road, Winona, MN 55987
www.foundationwaps.org Contact: susan.eddy@winona.k12.mn.us

Grants Made During 2009-2010 School Year

Over the past year, the following grants have been made which enhanced over 5,000 individual student experiences!

WSHS Trigonometry Field Trip	WSHS Senior Seminar	WSHS Orchestra NY Trip	WMS PE Agility Program
WSHS Circuit Training Equipment	Madison Elementary Garden Club	Rollingstone Elementary SMART Program Equipment	Madison Elementary Spanish Club
Jefferson Elementary National Eagle Center Field Trip	W-K After School Art Program	Jefferson Elementary 4th Grade Field Trips	WSHS Band Trip
Madison Elementary Summer Reading Program	WALC Spring Field Trip	Madison Elementary Family Education Nights	WMS 5th Grade Salute to Veterans
WSHS Destination Imagination Global Finals	WMS Eagle Bluff Overnight	WMS/WSHS Misato, Japan Student Trip	WMS Senior Citizen Pen Pals Program
Goodview Elementary Artist in Residence Program	WMS Lego Robotics Grant	WSHS Evening of Theatre	WSHS 9-12 Choir Concert
WSHS After the Prom Party	Jefferson Elementary Geomotion-Learnercize & Brain Gym Programs	WALC Celebrate What's Right with the World Photography Project	WMS 8th Grade Band Festival
WSHS Valley Fair/ Physics Field Trip	W-K & Central Elementary Schools' Earth Balloon	Madison Elementary Orff Metallophones	WMS 7th Grade Guthrie Trip
WMS Quarry Hill Paleontology Trip	WSHS Egypt Trip	Community Ed Moms Supporting Moms Program	WSHS/Learning Club-National Issues Forum
WMS Student Log Books	Goodview Elementary Audio Great Books		Community Ed/ECFE Pedometers
	WSHS FIRST Robotic Program		
	Young Authors' Conference		

Annual Haake Poetry Prizes

Awarded at WSHS & WMS

The Foundation is proud to sponsor the Annual Haake Poetry Prizes which were presented last spring to four WSHS students & five WMS students. These winners were blindly selected by an esteemed judges' panel including: Ken McCullough - award-winning poet, professor, and Winona's current Poet Laureate; Carol Borzyskowski - poetry publisher, Fine Arts Commission member and senior librarian, and Chris Livingston - owner of the Book Shelf and vice president of the Midwest Booksellers' Association.



WSHS Winners: (L-R) Michelle Subart, Savannah Weinstock, Dot Armstrong, Bryn Sannerud



WMS Winners: (L-R) Natalie Degallier, Libby Crigler, Jillian Hanesworth, Madison Tulloh, Connor Miene

The First Place \$100 Prize Award Winners are:

Dot Armstrong, WSHS: "The Adventures of a Piece of Paper"

Dot Armstrong, WSHS: "Sonnet #26"

Natalie Degallier, WMS: "Soccer Fame"

Connor Miene, WMS: "The Truth of the Ocean"

The Second Place \$50 Prize Award Winners are:

Savannah Weinstock, WMS: "Sugar"

Bryn Sannerud, WSHS: "You said you were going to become an astronaut..."

Michelle Subart, WSHS: "I promised myself..."

Jillian Hanesworth, WMS: "Skating"

Madison Tulloh, WMS: "Waiting"

Libby Crigler, WMS: "A Sight at Night"



Haake Judges: (L-R) Ken McCullough, Carol Borzyskowski, Chris Livingston

The Foundation would like to thank Dr. Paul Haake, originator & benefactor of this competition along with WSHS teacher Laura Armstrong and the WAPS Language Arts teachers, our esteemed panel of judges as well as the nearly 100 student contestants for their support and participation.

The Foundation for WAPS'

2009-10 Dare to Dream Award Winners



The Foundation had such exemplary entries for its annual \$5,000 "Dare to Dream" award contest this year, that not one, but two winners were selected! The purpose of the grant is to foster and promote creativity and innovation within the district, and this year's winners are **Eric Paulsen of Winona Middle School** and **Mary Cappel of Jefferson Elementary**.

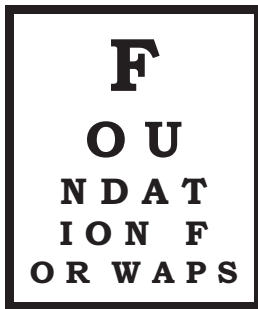
Eric Paulsen's \$4,300 award will fund an expansion of the Lego Mindstorm NXT Robotics platform at WMS which will enable entire classes to use robots to explore multiple topics within the curriculum. Examples include using robots for active measurement as well as to explore geometry, programming and the laws of motion/physics. In addition to use in the classroom, the robotics and computer equipment purchased with this grant will also be used for after-school activities and a Student Robotics Club.



Mary Cappel's \$3,000 award will benefit all Jefferson Elementary students with a program that incorporates physical activity into classrooms and academics to help students become more successful learners. Mary has based her program on several large scale research studies which show how active bodies create active brains with improved thinking skills. The grant will provide teacher training and "Energizer" flip booklets that offer each classroom an easy guide for age appropriate activities that reinforce academic learning. Also, "Geomotion-Learnercise" materials will be purchased that students move on to spell, do math problems and learn physical skills.

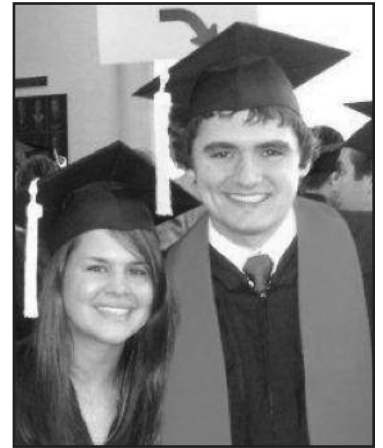
Check Our

Vision Breakfast



The Foundation thanks all the former directors and special friends of our organization who joined our current board for a "Check our Vision" breakfast on February 12, 2010 at 7:30 am at Perkins' meeting room in Winona. The purpose was to review the Foundation's current status and help review and enhance its vision for the future. Many excellent ideas were discussed that could increase the Foundation's presence and impact within our community, our alumni and our WAPS family. In fact, many of these ideas have already been reviewed and set in motion. Heartfelt thanks to each of you for the excellent dialogue and suggestions. Please know that

any ideas for the Foundation from you, our supporters, are greatly appreciated and welcomed and can be sent via email at support@foundationwaps.org or phone at 507.494.1004.



HELP US GO GREEN!

In order to save time, money and trees, the Foundation is asking for your help to be able to send out this newsletter electronically.

THANK YOU to those who have done so already.

We hope to be able to go paper-less in 2011!

Please send your e-mail address to:
support@foundationwaps.org We sincerely thank you.

WAPS Employee Payroll/Donor Participation

The following WAPS employees support the Foundation through the district's payroll deduction plan or special donations. Thank you, WAPS teachers and staff!

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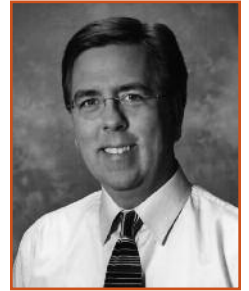
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Foundation Board Member Luke Merchlewitz Finalist for National Teacher of Excellence

Luke Merchlewitz, a Foundation board member and 25-year teaching veteran, was recently chosen as a **top-ten finalist for the National Education Association's Award for Teacher Excellence**. Luke is well known in Winona for his exceptional teaching skills and community involvement having taught at Washington-Kosciusko Elementary for 20 years and served in leadership positions for innumerable community organizations and boards.

His talent and commitment to our students was also recognized in 2009 when he received the **Winona Teacher of the Year** award. This same year he was named a **finalist for the Minnesota Teacher of the Year Award**.

Luke is an exemplary educator, community leader and a valuable board member for the Foundation. In fact, Luke is the chair for our Sesquicentennial Gala on March 19, 2011. We hope you will come and visit with Luke and the board at the Gala to celebrate the 150th anniversary of public education in Winona.



CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB!

Did you know that the Foundation is on Facebook? We hope you'll check our site on **Facebook.com/foundationWAPS** and see the latest updates.

As always, complete information on the Foundation, its mission, board, grants and alumni connections can be found on **our website at: www.foundationwaps.org**. Also, a **link for on-line donations** is available 24/7 for gifts in honor or memory of a special person, program or event.

WSHS Teacher Wins 2009 "Dancing with the Winona Stars" Proceeds Benefit Foundation



Pictured with Tim Gleason and Susan Eddy (center) are Gotta Dance Competition members (L-R): Kaitlyn Ebbinger, Kelsi Thompson, Tawni Kramer and Maggie Messmann.

Tim Gleason, WSHS teacher, band instructor and basketball/track coach, took **first place** in **Winona's First Annual "Dancing with the Stars"** charity fund-raiser in September 2009. The competition, sponsored by Gotta Dance Studio, featured 12 local celebrities who were judged 50% on technique and 50% based on \$1.00 votes collected throughout the community. Proceeds went to the charity of the star's choosing along with a portion going to support the Gotta Dance Competition Team. Tim's first place prize winnings were donated to the Foundation's WSHS Band Fund.



The year 2011 marks an important milestone for Winona Area Public Schools. It is the 150th anniversary of the creation of the Winona Public School District and it offers a unique opportunity to recall the impact public schools have had on the Winona community and to help us plan for the future.

We invite all alumni and friends of the district to celebrate WAPS' proud past & bright future. Some of the upcoming festivities include:

WSHS Homecoming Week: September 26th – October 1st with activities including a Medallion Hunt, Thursday Pepfest, Friday Parade before the WSHS vs. Owatonna football game at 7 pm

American Education Week: Reception on November 16th at Signatures from 4-6 pm with guest speakers, Teacher of the Year Presentation, Community Award Presentations, and refreshments

Sesquicentennial Day of Celebration: Saturday March 19th, 2011

Sesquicentennial Showcase: from 1 – 4 pm at WSHS. Enjoy a heritage walk through the history of our schools followed by a Sesquicentennial Program at 2:30 in the Auditorium.

Sesquicentennial Gala: A Salute to Excellence in Education at Visions Event Center, 6 pm Social; 7 pm Meal; 8 pm short program, music, and dancing with proceeds benefiting the Foundation for WAPS.

We hope that you can participate in some or all of these events. Please call the office at 507.494.1004 for more information. Your involvement is greatly appreciated as it is through support from you, our alumni and friends, that our schools grow stronger.

Second Annual Drive-Thru

BBQ Fundraiser



Pictured (L-R) are: Tyler Tasca, Lizzie Roque, Ryan Residence, Winnie Jaworski, Olivia Eckoff, Andrea Jurkovic, Taylor Yess (chair) & Kim Donahue. *Not pictured:* Cameron Weiss.

The Foundation thanks the WSHS National Honor Society for the outstanding "Drive-thru BBQ" fundraiser that was held on May 20th in the front circle of the high school. The event was a great success with over \$500 raised for the Foundation to support educational enhancement activities and programs within our public schools.

The NHS Service Group responsible for coordinating the event included Taylor Yess - Chair, Olivia Eckoff, Lizzie Roque, Cameron Weess, Ryan Residence, Winnie Jaworski, Andrea Jurkovic, Tyler Tasca and Kim Donahue. They planned the event, generated publicity and sold tickets which culminated in serving over 250 meals during the two-hour event on the evening of May 20th.

Sincere thanks go to each of them as well as to Terry Bauer, Jaime Duffy, Steak Shop Catering and McDonalds of Winona for all their efforts and support. It made for a fun evening supporting a great cause.

The Lowell Nelson Society

On April 15, 1997, the Board of Directors of the Foundation established The Lowell Nelson Society in honor of former District 861 Superintendent Lowell Nelson. Membership in the Society is accorded to **those who help build the Foundation's endowment by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary in their wills, qualified pension plans (including IRAs, 401Ks, Keoghs, and the like), insurance policies, trusts, or other types of planned gifts.** Twenty-five Charter Members will be designated "Society Founders."

To date, Society Founders include:

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(*deceased)

The Directors of the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools have endorsed the LEAVE A LEGACY program. They urge all Winonans to name their favorite charities as beneficiaries in their wills, insurance policies, retirement plans, or other estate plans.

If you are taking those important first steps in planning your estate or are in the process of updating your will, the foundation is here to help you make a difference in the lives that follow.



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The mission of the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools is to enhance the quality of education for students in its schools by supporting educational programs or projects which have not been funded or are under-funded by local, state or federal sources. The Foundation is a non-profit organization which was established in 1991 as a supporting 501(c)3 organization and is legally separate from the school district.

Community & Alumni Support

Community and alumni support has been invaluable in so many projects that have benefited our students. These projects include the establishment of the Haake Poetry Prize and the Hopf Fitness Center as well as student field trips, conferences, speakers and academic competitions. There are many educational programs and student facilities in need of support and your help would be invaluable.

How You Can Help

Donations can be made **online, in person or by mail**, and are frequently made **in honor or memory of** a special person or event. For information on how you can help, please call the Foundation at 507.494.1004 or log on to:

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