



DISTRICT 128

FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

Libertyville High School - Vernon Hills High School

# Foundation Footnotes

[www.d128foundation.org](http://www.d128foundation.org)

January 2012

## Volunteers Needed for Second Annual Lace Up 4 Learning 5K



2011 Lace Up 4 Learning starting line (photo by M. Todoric)

Following the success of its first Lace Up 4 Learning 5K Run/Walk in 2011, the District 128 Foundation for Learning will host its 2nd Annual Lace Up 4 Learning on Memorial Day 2012. Whether you are a runner, walker, or want to be a part of the energy surrounding this exciting event, mark your calendar now for Monday, May 28.

More than 300 runners, walkers and volunteers participated in last year's race, and the Foundation hopes to increase that number this year. The event will include refreshments provided by local businesses, prizes, and a traveling trophy for the D128 school with the largest percentage of student participants. Vernon Hills High School captured the 2011 trophy. Proceeds from the race will be used to fund technology needs at Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools.

**WE NEED YOU!** Many hands (and feet!) are needed to make this event a success. If you are interested in helping plan the race and/or help on race day, contact Mary Todoric @ 847-247-4513.

## Foundation Celebrates 2011-12 Innovation Grant Winners

The District 128 Foundation for Learning Board of Trustees announced the 10 recipients of its 2011-2012 Innovation Grants at a special recognition ceremony and luncheon held in November at the District 128 Administration Center. This year's recipients received \$20,438 in funding for projects that will enhance and enrich student learning at Libertyville High School and Vernon Hills High School.

This year's grant recipients and their winning projects are:

**Craig Schmidt, Anne Malecki, Mary Kate Polzin, Dyan Naslund:** Writers' Week 2012 (\$2,000)

**Tingting Zhao, Nancy Tassler, Radhika Joshi:** iPads and Applications for Chinese I and Chinese II Honors (\$2,000)

**Mark Buesing, Mike Cook:** Doceri in the Classroom (\$1,914)

**Sherri Rukes:** APPS for Chemistry (\$1,200)

**Sherri Rukes:** Looking at Glass in a New Light (\$2,000)

**Sherri Rukes:** Extruding Bioplastics (\$2,000)

**Catherine Marcell:** EMPOWER Learning Series (\$1,324.36)

**Lynda Ward:** iPads for Special Services (\$4,000)

**Matt Thompson, Lauren Rust, Andrea Lara:** iPads for Social Studies (\$2,000)

**Ellen Macias:** Class Set of Flip Cameras (\$1,999.95)

In the previous four years, the Foundation has awarded \$30,420 in Innovation Grants to District 128 staff. This year, the Foundation's presentation of \$20,438 in grants brings the total to \$50,858. *cont. on p. 2*

## Innovation Grant Winners *cont. from p. 1*

Complete descriptions of this year's winning projects can be found on the District 128 Foundation for Learning website, [www.d128foundation.org](http://www.d128foundation.org).

The District 128 Foundation for Learning provides resources for innovative and creative instructional ideas that enrich the experiences and programs for students in Community High School District 128. Founded in 2007, the Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit, autonomous, tax-exempt organization. It is led by a group of dedicated local community leaders in business and education who want to make LHS and VHHS the best they can be.



District 128 Foundation for Learning Trustees recently presented 10 Innovation Grants to Libertyville and Vernon Hills High School teachers and staff. Pictured at the Nov. 23 grant presentation are: (front row) Superintendent **Dr. Prentiss Lea**, **Lynda Ward**, **Tingting Zhao**, **Nancy Tassler**, **Ellen Macias**, **Mary Kate Polzin**, **Anne Malecki**, **Dyan Naslund**, **Sherri Rukes**, District 128 Foundation for Learning Chairperson **Anne Landgraf**, Foundation Trustee **Scott Luce**, (back row) **Catherine Marcell**, **Mark Buesing**, **Radhika Joshi**, **Mike Cook**, **Lauren Rust**, **Andrea Lara**, **Matthew Thompson**, **Craig Schmidt**. (photo by S. Cloud)

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#### Our Mission

To enhance and enrich the instructional program in Community High School District 128.

## Helping the Foundation Provide Extraordinary Opportunities for Students Couldn't Be Easier

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The Foundation was established in 2007 as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, autonomous, tax-exempt organization and is led by a group of local community leaders in business and education who believe that we can never do enough to prepare our youth for the future.

Making a donation to the District 128 Foundation for Learning is a powerful way for alumni, parents, community members and interested companies to support learning experiences in the classroom above and beyond those financed through public dollars. And, donating is easy! Simply visit the Foundation website, [d128foundation.org](http://d128foundation.org), and click on "Donate." Your tax-deductible contribution will help to fund innovative opportunities for our students in the upcoming school year.

For more information about making a financial contribution to the Foundation, or becoming a Foundation for Learning volunteer, contact the Foundation at 847-247-4500 ext. 8030 or email: [foundation@d128.org](mailto:foundation@d128.org)