



DISTRICT 128

FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

Libertyville High School - Vernon Hills High School

Foundation Footnotes

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Foundation Provides Extraordinary Opportunities for D128 Students

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.

When and how did the Foundation start?

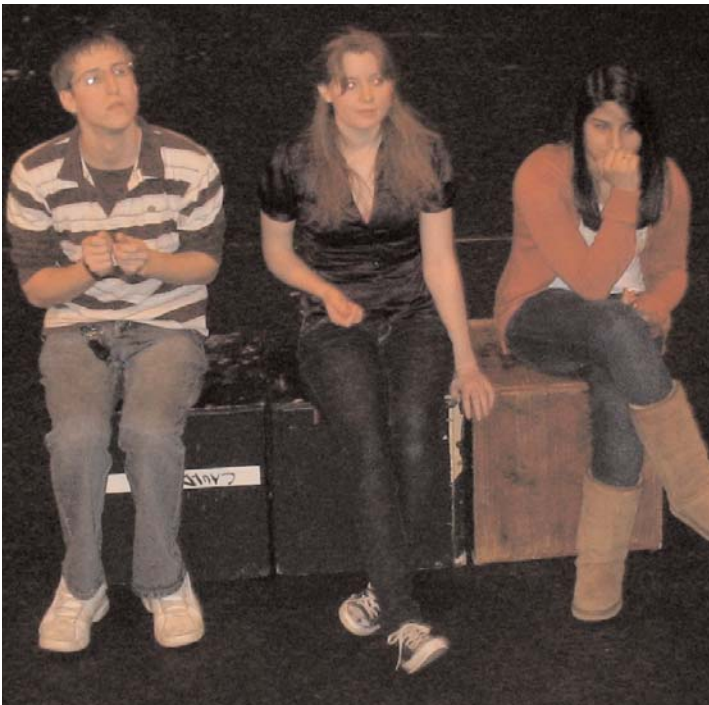
The Foundation was founded in 2007 as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, autonomous, tax-exempt organization. It is led by a group of dedicated local community leaders in business and education who want to make LHS and VHHS the best they

can be. The seed money for the Foundation was donated by the trustees.

Why Do We Do This?

- ♦We believe in our students, teachers and our community.
- ♦We believe in life-long learning.
- ♦We want to provide the BEST quality education.
- ♦We want to encourage creativity and excellence.

Foundation for Learning Funds Second City Improv Workshop



Advanced acting students at Vernon Hills High School were able to expand their improv techniques this semester when they participated in the Second City Improv Workshop funded by the District 128 Foundation for Learning. Read more about other exciting projects funded by the Foundation on page 2.

Creative Learning with *Fuel From Fries* Project

Libertyville High School chemistry teacher Sherri Rukes wowed the District 128 Foundation board with her creative approach for a new project called *Fuel from Fries*. This is a renewable fuel project that answers the following questions:

- ♦How does the substitution of biodiesel fuel for petroleum diesel benefit the environment?
- ♦How do we make biodiesel fuel from waste vegetable oil?
- ♦How can this fuel-making process be adjusted to utilize waste oils from different sources, and what is the chemical analysis to determine oil quality?
- ♦How do we assess the finished products from the biodiesel reaction?
- ♦How do we address the issues of waste stream management in an environmentally responsible way?

The board voted unanimously to fund this project for \$4,800 for the first year to equip 12 lab stations. If you would like more information on contributing to this or other upcoming projects, please contact the Foundation at foundation@d128.org.

Foundation Funded Projects in 2008 and 2009

Stop motion studies for physics students using webcams and special software. LHS - \$930

SmartMusic software that allows students to record themselves and receive instant feedback on whether or not notes are played correctly. VHHS - \$913

Study of ethnic foods from around the world by providing the specialized cooking equipment necessary for this culinary journey. VHHS - \$1,000

Outside speakers for student leadership group. Speakers address leadership, positive role modeling, influencing peers, etc. LHS - \$1,000

A website for the Community Partnership for Healthy Youth - a District coalition to reduce underage drinking and substance use. LHS and VHHS - \$600

New wireless tablet technology in math classes to allow teachers to move about the classroom with a small tablet on which to write and project problems. LHS - \$1,600

A team building year-end activity for behaviorally at-risk students. LHS - \$1,000

Polar Heart Rate Monitors for use by students at home. VHHS - \$960

Study nitrate, phosphate and algae levels in a "hands-on" example of how nutrients cycle in the ecosystem. LHS - \$820

An outdoor therapeutic garden that would incorporate space to display art created by VHHS art students. VHHS - \$1,000

Three videotape stations in the Advanced Weight Training Lifting Lab to help students evaluate their three core lifts. VHHS - \$987.48

Powers of superheroes and the science behind their special powers will be studied in hands-on, inquiry-based activities for elementary to middle school students to be presented to the children and their families on Chemistry Day. LHS - \$1,000

Professional actor and Molière expert Timothy Mooney will perform the program Molière than Thou for French Honors and AP classes. LHS - \$1,500.

Commissioned composition by composer Jeffrey Bishop for the Jazz Strings. VHHS - \$1,000

Second City Improv Educator-in-Residence in advanced acting class. VHHS - \$6,400



Wireless tablet technology



Advanced weight training lifting lab



Study of ethnic foods



Student Leadership Conference

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. . . to enhance and enrich the
instructional program in
Community High School
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District 128 Celebrates Grant Winners



The first Innovation Grant recipients were honored in Spring 2008.



Fall 2008 Innovation Grant recipients are joined by the Foundation trustees for the grant presentations.

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Thank You for Your Support!



District 128 students and staff gather for a group photo during the November 2008 Student Leadership Conference. The keynote speaker for the conference was funded by the Foundation.
