Welcome to the Fenton Education Foundation!

Today is the day I can introduce you to a hidden asset within the Fenton Area Public Schools: The Fenton Education Foundation. This is the first of a monthly newsletter highlighting our partnerships, events, and present and future impact we have and will continue to make in the Fenton Area Public Schools.

We are volunteers that strive to assist in the improvement of our school district through time, effort and philanthropy. We are parents, grandparents, your neighbors, business owners, officials, and friends who have made it our mission to help the district continue to provide a high-quality education to your kids, and ours.

The Fenton Education Foundation exists for the purpose of supporting and enhancing the Academic, Art, and Athletic programs for all Fenton Area Public School children. The Foundation further advances the educational mission of the Fenton School District by obtaining contributions through philanthropic and volunteer support. Community support is vital to the success of our district – whether it is through donations, sponsorships, attendance at our events, or word-of-mouth.

We seek to enrich the educational experience provided by the Fenton Area Public Schools, to strengthen the bond between the school and the community, and to seek and cultivate private/corporate funding sources. The connection between school, community and foundation will help raise academic achievement, success in the arts, and continued athletic excellence.

We have been in existence for over ten years and have provided, literally, tens of thousands of dollars back to the district. Examples of these efforts include additional funding for teachers on specific academic programs, for classrooms with equipment needs, for athletic facilities to help improve maintenance and for enhancements to our arts programs.

The Foundation looks forward to continuing our mission by hosting our annual events and offering giving opportunities for those interested in better serving our schools. Most of all, we will strive at enhancing the opportunities for your kids – and help send them on their way!

Thank you for all that you do!

Mike Senyko
Chairman—Fenton Education Foundation

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Fenton Education Foundation Actions and Highlights

The Colonel Fenton Poker Tournament attracts over 80 players each year resulting in approximately $50,000 over the past seven years to contribute to the Fenton Education Foundation’s Teacher grants.

The Winter Blues event was introduced in 2015 drawing over 200 supporters each February and raising approximately $30,000 over the past few years. This event has become a favorite way to support the foundation for many in the community. (Save the Date: February 9, 2018)

The Black Tie Event held in September at The Laundry will be celebrating 12 years of honoring members of the community who have given of their time and service through their commitments to education. They are honored through The State Bank Community Service Award and the Petruska Lifetime Achievement in Education Award. Since its inception this event has raised approximately $300k. A sample of donations from this event include the establishment of a fund at the Community Foundation, purchase of two 3D printers, the Gator for athletics, support of the IB program, and band uniform enhancements.

Our first Tee Up Fore Golf Outing is scheduled for August 14, 2017 and we anticipate a successful first year resulting in plans to make this an annual event!

The FEF is building the endowment fund which will help support our students for years to come as a percentage of all event proceeds are invested in this area.

Scholarships for Fenton High School senior students totaling over $7,000 have been presented over the past few years through the Fenton Education Foundation on behalf of Fenton families.

FHS Robotics team participated in the General Motors Dollars for Doers giving program through FEF and received matching funds through donations made by General Motors parents.

FEF has utilized dollars to support the athletic program through the purchase of mannequins for CPR/AED training for coaches, a Gator for the Athletic Trainer, and a scoreboard for the softball field.

The Archbold family created a memorial fund through FEF to remember Bob Archbold, FHS Class of 1985 who passed away in 2015. FEF assists in the administration of the $50,000 multi-year fund that will enable the Fenton band to provide an annual scholarship, contribute to the marching band’s uniform efforts and help provide funding for individual band members and events.

Congratulations to the following teachers who were awarded grants in 2017

Laura Wagonlander: World of Wonder
Amy Heslip, Amy Bonk, Jennifer Tiemann: North Road Elementary
Mechelle Clarke and Renee Kuhn: State Road Elementary
Lisa Barnett and Sarah Eastman: Tomek Eastern Elementary
Tamara Hal, Megan Martin, Brad Wright: AGS Middle School
Sarah Anderson, Susan Karlstrom, Nicole Chouinard, Rachael Hodges, Teresa Moss, Renae Muzer, Tracey Skene, Matt Sullivan, Nicole Smelis: Fenton High School

$10,000 was given to these teachers this year to support various educational needs for our students