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Message from the Executive Director

Welcome! And welcome back!

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation board members and staff are proud to be your partners as we begin the 2017-18 school year. We're excited to support excellence in teaching and learning for all our students in all our schools.

Together, the Foundation's two main funds, EGRNow! and EGRForever!, provide additional funding beyond what the district can provide to maintain vital programs and continue to extend and enhance the curriculum in our schools.

Thanks to your support of EGRNow! and EGRForever!, the Foundation will provide more than \$400,000 in program support, grants and enhancements, and scholarships for our students and staff this school year. None of that would be possible without the support of you and people like you.

We thank you for that support of our kids and our community. And, as we embark on another school year together, one of our goals as an organization is to help connect you to our community of students, families and alumni even more.

We're building a new web site for the Foundation that we hope will grow into a hub for everything that happens in our community. We're updating our logo and changing our color to an East Grand Rapids blue. We're also augmenting our social media presence across all platforms—Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and that new platform you haven't heard of but your kids are already using every day.

It's all part of our effort to grow our partnership with you. After all, one of the great strengths of public education is that we're all in this together.

So now we'd like to hear from you. How would you like to learn about what's going on in our schools and our community that affects you and your family? An email? A tweet? A Facebook post? Or something else? Send me an email at astuursm@egrps.org when you get a chance and let me know.

Let's start the conversation!

Amy C. Stuursma, Executive Director

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 1, 2017
Fall grant deadline

December 31, 2017
Nominations due for 2018
Community Service and
Distinguished Alumni
Awards

May 1, 2018
Nominations due for
teacher awards and student
scholarships

June 6, 2018
Gerken Open golf outing
new format morning 9-hole
event and afternoon 18-hole
event

June 14, 2018
Last day of school for all
students

We're pleased to welcome **Jennifer Bruce, Sara Irwin, Beth Skaggs, Kelli Smith, and Meg Zervas** as new board members, as well as **Quinn Allchin, '19** as our new student board member. We'd also like to thank our outgoing board members **Todd Brandstadt, Pat Connor, Tom Kyros, Stacey Levitt, Allison White, and Keaton Smith, '17** for their service.

Want to see how a mini-grant is helping kids develop a love of reading? See our Grant Highlight on **page 3**.



Interested in volunteering? Contact Carole McDonald at cmcdonal@egrps.org. And look inside for a profile of one of our volunteers, Brenda Cronin, on **page 8**.



Support Provided to our Schools - Spring 2017

Support Provided	School	Amount
EGRFOREVER! - ENHANCEMENT GRANTS		
Youth in Government Four-day program in Lansing for students and a teacher	High School	\$1,500
Ultimaker 3 3D Printer Upgrade and additional printer	High School	\$3,550
Lab and Dissection Materials 6th, 7th and 8th grade science classes	Middle School	\$5,923
Magiscopes in the Field Simple microscopes and field bags for indoor and outdoor use	Wealthy	\$1,877
Finding Your Voice Through Written and Performance Poetry Week-long poet visit from Irene Latham and Charles Waters for writing and illustration experience	Middle School, Wealthy	\$9,140
FIRST LEGO League Seed money for FIRST LEGO league where teams design, build and program robots to perform "missions"	Lakeside	\$3,680
You Had Me at Cello! - Project 440 and ESME Community Connection Orchestra seminar with visiting musicians	Middle School, High School	\$5,000
Teacher Exchange with the Power of Exchange School in Haiti 2 teachers teach and learn at partner elementary school in Haiti	Breton Downs	\$2,004
GVSU Research Vessel Experience Research cruises at Grand Valley Water Resources Institute for all 7th grade science students	Middle School	\$5,575
Stories Connect Us – Revitalizing the Elementary Learning Commons Supervision and enrichment in all elementary learning commons	Breton Downs, Lakeside, Wealthy	\$7,194
Wall-Mounted TV and Bracket for Math Classroom Allows for small groups to work around additional monitor for differentiated instruction	Middle School	\$566
EGR Sisterhood Program Student-led program that will enhance school climate and transition for freshman girls	High School	\$500
Ozobots 18 mini robots that will be used to teach coding and programming	Lakeside	\$1,195
For the Love of Reading Chairs, stools and tall tables to enhance reading environment in English classes; updated texts for classroom libraries	Middle School	\$1,500
Studio Visit and Lecture – Alynn Guerra and Red Hydrant Press Studio visit, lecture and demonstration at artist's studio	High School	\$200



Support Provided to our Schools, continued from page 2

Sensory Area/Innovation Lab Extension	Middle School	\$1,483
Create an interactive sensory area and a space for Innovation Lab students to display their work		
TOTAL		\$50,887
EGRNOW! - PROGRAM SUPPORT		
Support for 2017-18 school year		\$255,000
World language program; K-1 para-educators	All buildings	
JIMMY GERKEN FUND SUPPORT		
Kabookie Week Activities	High School	\$3,068
Fitness Center Equipment	High School	\$2,984
Barwis Strength and Conditioning Program	High School	\$8,000
Need-based Athletic Participation Scholarships	Middle School	\$1,500
TOTAL		\$15,552
AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS		
Teacher Awards		\$3,500
Student Scholarships		\$2,900
Teacher Scholarships		\$5,010
TOTAL		\$11,410
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT		
Yearbook Support	High School	\$530
Healthy High Support	High School	\$500
Day of Caring Support	Middle School	\$500
Drama and Music Program Support	All Buildings	\$1,675
We the People National Competition Support	High School	\$2,031
TOTAL		\$5,236
SPRING 2017 SUPPORT		\$338,085
FALL 2016 SUPPORT		\$ 75,391
TOTAL 2016-17		\$413,476

Grant Highlight: Classroom Libraries Foster Love of Reading

The mini-grants teachers request take many forms. Last spring's range from mini-robots for teaching coding and programming to an orchestra seminar with visiting musicians that has the catchy title, "You Had Me at Cello!"

Last fall, the Foundation granted a more conventional—though no less important—request from Middle School English teacher Andrea Adams for new books for her classroom library.

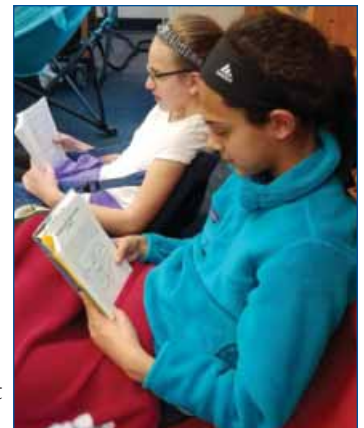
"The best way to become a better reader is to read," Adams wrote in her grant application. "Updating my classroom library will encourage students to read more. Students love checking books out from a classroom library! This allows me opportunities to instill a love for reading in every student."

Students love the new books in their classroom library. Middle School student George Murphy says, "Classroom libraries are useful because they bring you books you might not find other places."

Another Middle School student, Myatt Butler, says, "Kids can pick up a book whenever they want and know right away if it's something they want to read."

Macy Brown is also grateful for the new books. "It's convenient to have a teacher classroom library," she says. "If I forget a book, I don't have to go to the Learning Commons to get another one."

Teachers, the deadline to apply for Foundation grants for this fall is November 1.





Treasurer's Report

Together with our generous donors, the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation enriches the educational experience of our students by funding excellence in teaching and learning that requires financial support beyond the district. We support excellence in education through EGRNow!, our annual fund, and EGRForever!, our endowment fund. This year, these funds will provide more than \$400,000 in grants, program support, awards and scholarships.

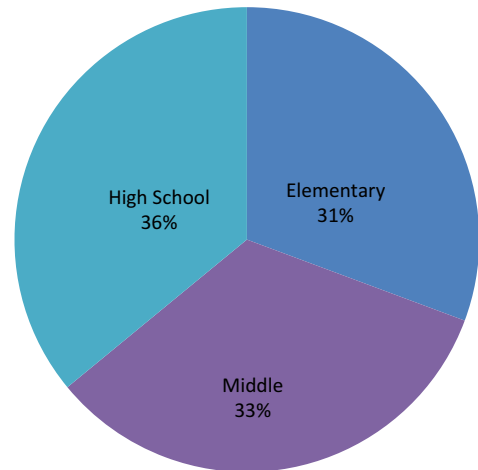
EGRForever! will fund over \$166,000 for classroom grants, faculty awards and scholarships, student scholarships and co-curricular funding. EGRNow! will fund over \$255,000 in support of the world language program and elementary para-educators for the 2017-2018 school year. None of that would be possible without your tremendous support of the Foundation and our students.

Your support enables us to preserve vital programs and enhance the outstanding education we provide to all our students. This past school year the Foundation was pleased to fund a number of grant requests through our endowment fund, EGRForever! EGRSF supported grant requests for programs at the elementary, middle and high school levels, assuring that a broad range of EGR school children will benefit from the approved grants and our endowment dollars.

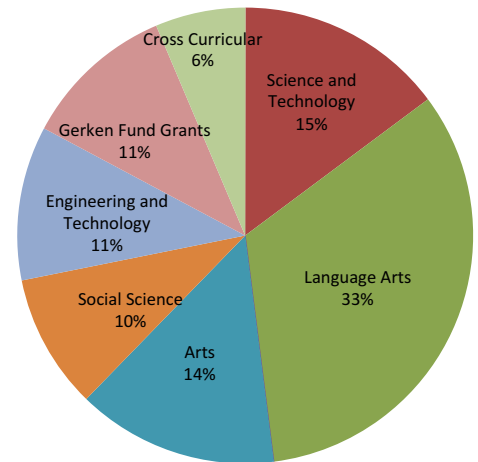
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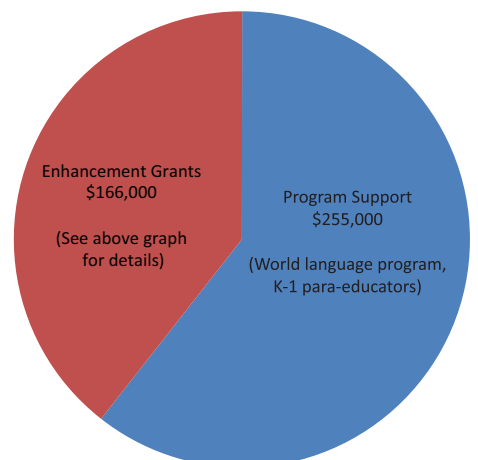
**Enhancement Grants Funded By Building Level
EGRSF Fiscal Year 2016-17**



**Enhancement Grants Funded By Subject
EGRSF Fiscal Year 2016-17**



**Enhancement Grants and Program Support
EGRSF Fiscal Year 2016-17**





Students, Teachers Awarded Scholarships

Every year, the Foundation funds scholarships for students and teachers. This year the Foundation awarded three student scholarships and six teacher scholarships.

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a high school senior who shows commitment to education and community and has strong aspirations and goals for the future. This year's recipient, **Shannon Ors**, will be attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The Ridenour Scholarship is a student scholarship that funds \$900 for post-secondary educational costs. This scholarship is awarded to a student who exemplifies the character traits for which Chip B. Ridenour Jr. is most remembered: caring, nurturing, and regard for the dignity of an individual. The recipient of this year's Ridenour Scholarship was **Macie Zack**. Macie will be attending Michigan State University in East Lansing.

The third student scholarship awarded last spring was the Reid VanGelderens Scholarship. This scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship for post-secondary education given to a high school student who has displayed moral character, integrity, and academic excellence, all while facing personal or family adversity. Our recipient this year, **Tyler Morrill**, will attend Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

The last group of scholarships awarded are teacher scholarships that are funded by the William O. Vandenberg Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are given annually to one or more EGR staff to be used for a class, seminar or workshop that will directly enhance the quality of teaching in that person's current academic area.

Thanks to the generosity of the Vandenberg family, we were able to fund scholarships totaling over \$5,100 to six teachers. This year's recipients were **Kim Doele** for attendance at the National Council of Teachers of English conference, **Brian VanderBee** for attendance at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference, **Becky Martin** for study at the Cornell University honey bee extension program, **Adam Horos** for attendance at the National Academy for Civics and Government, and **Vikki Boersma** and **Katherine Vicente** for a teacher exchange with the Power of Education School in Haiti.

Congratulations to all of our student and staff scholarship recipients!

The deadline for nominations for this year's student scholarships is May 1, 2018.



Shannon Ors



Macie Zack



Tyler Morrill

The L. Neesley Legacy Society: Linda Kehm

Linda Kehm made an enormous positive difference in our schools. She devoted her entire professional career to educating children. And even though she passed away in December 2015 after battling cancer, she'll continue to help children and our schools through a planned gift she made to the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation's Legacy Society.



For more than 20 years, Kehm served as the principal at Lakeside Elementary School. During that time, she mentored countless students and developed dozens of outstanding teachers.

"Linda was a consummate educator and believed that every child could learn and that they especially needed to

experience the joy of reading," says East Grand Rapids Public Schools Superintendent Sara Shubel. "Ask any current or former Lakeside Lion what the school motto is and I am confident that they would immediately respond.... 'Lakeside Elementary, Where Kindness Counts' and 'Read a Zillion Books!'"

Before she died, Kehm made one last important, generous decision to help the community she served. She left a substantial portion of her retirement funds to the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation Legacy Society.

The Society, which was recently named in honor of longtime East Grand Rapids resident Louise Neesley, is a way for people to give to the Foundation at the time of their death through planned giving. The L. Neesley Legacy Society will help East Grand Rapids students for generations to come, just as Linda Kehm wanted.



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“STARS”

Gifts to the Foundation were made to honor stars in our school community. Below is the list of gifts made during the Spring of 2017 recognizing a special teacher, staff member or school employee. Thank you to the many contributors and to the many outstanding staff members who make East Grand Rapids Public Schools a great place to learn!

Christina Aardema

Rori Anderson & Family

Jan Aardema

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Jane Baker

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The Mack Family

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Jim Borst

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Matt Millman

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Michelle Day

The Murua Family

The Saltsman Family

Peri den Dulk

Liam Day

The Maas Family

Kris DiVita

Will Ham

Lori Dood

2nd grade class

Ryan Keil & Family

Evie Parent & Family

Michael Dykstra

Ben Sorota & Family

Jenny Fee

Nick Brandstadt

Jerry Fouch

Alex Allen

Jill Fouch

Alex Allen

Matt Fouch

Alex Allen

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The Murua Family

Kristine Greiffendorf

Will Ham

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The Marin Family

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Tommy Cavanaugh

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Ella Wiseman

Jane Hazle

The Buchau-McBane Family

Linda Heagle

Matt Millman

Liseth Hoksbergen

The Connor Family

Adam Horos

The Connor Family

Erika Iannuzzi

Will Ham

Geri Johnson

4th grade class

Lori Johnston

Nick Brandstadt

Tim Johnston

Nick Brandstadt

Tommy Kawel

The Reahm Family

Michelle Kirk

Dagen Maas

Matt Millman

The Murua Family

Haley Kline

Liam Day

Holly Lampen

The Connor Family

Will Ham

Lindsey Lantz

The Connor Family

Julie LaRocque

The Brandstadt Family

The Maas Family

Kathy Larson

Cameron Brandstadt

Kristen Lecours

Scott Millman

The Murua Family

Jane Loftis

The Saltsman Family

Christine Mapes

Thomas Mack & Family

Becky Martin

Hudson Bardeggia

Katie McIntosh

The Albers Family

Gracie Ham

Lexi Wiseman

Kerry McKee

Kindergarten class

Hudson Fill

Dash Marin

Sue McLain

Liam Day

Socorro Mercado-Blackport

Nick Brandstadt

Kaitlin Merpi

James Albers

Mollie Brandstadt

Tommy Cavanaugh

Maddie Claire Millman

The Murua Family

Katie Millman

Ben Daly

Shannon Mitchell

The Maas Family

The Murua Family

Scott Mitton

Nick Brandstadt

Todd & Kelli Mulderink

The Murua Family

Lexi Wiseman

Anthony Morey

EGRMS PTO, parents

& students

Tom Morris

The Adamy Family

The Sorota Family

Bonnie Noorman

The Lippert Family

Mark Pullen

Tommy Cavanaugh

The Murua Family

Lexi Wiseman

Cheryl Radecki

Chase Stanley-Eldred

Kirk Reifinger

The Murua Family

Tim Saunders

The Adamy Family

The Saltsman Family

The Sorota Family

Melissa Sayre

Will Baker

Brett Scheidel

Scott Millman

Annie Schmieder

James & Avery Albers



Shelly Schram

*EGRMS PTO, parents
& students
Hudson Bardeggia
The Connor Family
Will Ham*

Steve Seth

The Lippert Family

Jane Siegel

Miguel Reagan

Jill Smith

Alex Allen

Chris Stabile

Ben Sorota & Family

Susan Stearns

Gracie Ham

Pam Steers

*The Buchau-McBane
Family*

Erin Stirdivant

*Avery Albers
Ellie Brandstadt
Rylan Rice & Family*

Winona Tinholt

*Addie Lewis
The Sorota Family*

Hannah Tobin

Ben Daly

Amy Townsend

*Kindergarten class
Hudson Fill*

Kevin Vance

Alex Allen

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Nick Brandstadt

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*The Adamy Family
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Katie Vicente

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Ben Sorota & Family

Trent Wadsworth

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Family*

Breanna Wagenmaker

Liam Day

Craig Weigel

*Mollie Brandstadt
Scott, Maddie Claire &
Matt Millman*

Jodi Westgate

The Alquire Family

Tracy Wolford

*The Murua Family
Mackenzie Stanley-Eldred*

**Woodcliff After School
Care Staff**

Evie Parent & Family

Recognize a Star in Your Child's Life

Recognize a star in your child's life by making a tax-deductible donation of \$20 or more to the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation in honor of a special person. We will acknowledge your "star" in a special section of the next *Foundations* newsletter. In addition, we will provide you with a certificate to present to your honoree. What a wonderful way to thank those special stars in our lives!

STAR Awards and Gerken Appreciation Awards

Your Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

- \$20+ STAR Award *Staff, *Teacher *Appreciation & Recognition-
Recognize a favorite teacher, staff member or school employee
- \$20+ Jimmy Gerken Award of Appreciation and Thanks-
Recognize a coach who has made an impact in your child's life

Please print the name of the individual to be acknowledged as you wish it to appear.

Please print your name exactly as you wish it to appear.

Amount enclosed _____

Please mail to: East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation
2915 Hall Street SE
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Do you want to nominate someone for a STAR Award or Gerken Appreciation Award but you can't find scissors, a pen, an envelope, a stamp and your checkbook? No problem. You can nominate someone online. Just click over to www.egrsf.org/giving/star-award/ and quickly and easily fill out the online nomination form.



Jimmy Gerken Award of Appreciation and Thanks – Spring 2017

To recognize a coach who has made an impact

Coach Nick Hopkins
*Grandma Laurie
The Kirk/Battle Family*

*We want to thank all EGR staff for providing
an exceptional educational experience for our
students and making a difference in their lives.*



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Brenda Cronin



The Foundation always strives to be as efficient as possible. We want to put every dollar we can to work for our students. To do that, we rely on people like you who donate their time and energy for our kids.

For more than three years, Brenda Cronin was one of our most dedicated volunteers. She worked in the Foundation office every Friday afternoon, updating our database, preparing for Hurrah!, helping with mailings and generally doing whatever needed to be done. This was in addition to her already full work schedule.

So why did she do it? “I have two children that graduated from EGR schools who have both benefitted from the Foundation,” Brenda says. “Volunteering at the Foundation was my way of giving back to an organization that has given so much to the students in East Grand Rapids and to the community. Not only does the Foundation support EGR students, but they also organize events that bring the community together. We all benefit from that.”

With the Foundation’s full calendar and busy schedule, there’s always something happening. Letters and invitations need to be prepared for mailing. The next event needs to be planned and organized. Lists of donors need to be updated. And because we have so many incredibly generous supporters, there are always people who need to be thanked and acknowledged.

“I would certainly encourage other people to volunteer at the Foundation,” Brenda says. “I have volunteered in many ways over the years, but I have found some organizations are better than others at effectively using their volunteers and making them feel valuable. The Foundation is one of the most organized, professional organizations I have ever volunteered for and I give credit to Amy Stuursma, Rosanne Mack, Carole McDonald and Maria Allen for that. I enjoyed spending a couple hours a week with these women and have so much respect for the job they do. They never hesitated to express their appreciation for me and all of the other volunteers.”

We truly couldn't do what we do without people like Brenda. If you'd like to join her and our other amazing volunteers, please call the Foundation at 235-3535 or email us at egrfsf@egrps.org. We always have something worthwhile for you to do.

Even More Fun at the Gerken Open



Once again last spring, the EGR Team Boosters and the Foundation joined together for the Gerken Open at Thousand Oaks Golf Club.

The event supports the Boosters and the Jimmy Gerken Fund, which was established to remember Jimmy and ensure that athletics and co-curriculars—the activities Jimmy loved most—remain an integral part of our students’ education. The Jimmy Gerken Fund also pays for student activities during Kabookie Week, keeping Jimmy’s memory alive while encouraging students to continue to experience personal excellence in athletics and co-curricular activities, just as Jimmy would have wanted.

The Open attracted a sold-out field, with 136 golfers participating (sixteen more than we had originally set as our limit) on a gorgeous sunny day. New to the event this year was an outdoor happy hour following the golf. Everyone seemed to enjoy the new format, as the Moon Rays played music, silent auction items were snapped up, and conversation flowed.

All told, the 2017 Gerken Open raised more than \$17,000 for the Jimmy Gerken Fund and the EGR Team Boosters athletic department needs.

The event would not be a success without our loyal sponsors. We’d like to thank this year’s Gold Sponsors—Anonymous, Scott and Natalie Bernecker, ImageQuest, Ronda Auto Centers, Lacks Enterprises, Miller Johnson, ProMedico, HNI Risk Advisors, Swaney Sales, Fox Acura, the Starck and Wolford families, and Web Traffic Partners—and our Blue Sponsors—Cole’s Quality Foods, Custer, Design Heating and Air Conditioning, Two Men and a Truck, Metro Health University of Michigan Health, and SalesPad.

Next year’s Gerken Open will be Wednesday, June 6, and it promises to be the best one yet, with a morning 9-hole event being considered in addition to the afternoon 18-hole event. Thank you to everyone who supports this great annual event!





What Comes After the Last HURRAH?

Last year's Fun-Raiser on top of the Gaslight Village parking deck was billed as "The Last Hurrah!" But after hearing how much people enjoyed the event and liked being close to home, we know we want to do something like it again this year.

If you have ideas on how to make this year's event even more successful than last year, we'd love for you to be involved. You can join the planning committee, or just give us your suggestions on how to make next year's event a fun community get-together that will help us help our kids.

At this point, we're open to anything. Another party on the parking deck? A summer gala by the lake? We want to hear from you, and we'd love to have you participate in the planning.

To get involved, call us at 616-235-3535 or email us at egrfsf@egrps.org.

Your Chance to Nominate Someone for a Community Service and Leadership or Distinguished Alumni Award

The Foundation will hold the 11th Community Service and Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner in the fall of 2018.

The Community Service and Leadership Award honors someone who has significantly contributed their leadership and spirit to the community of East Grand Rapids. (The recipient doesn't need to be an East Grand Rapids alum.)

The Distinguished Alumni Award honors East Grand Rapids alumni who have distinguished themselves through personal and/or professional achievements.

We hope you'll be a part of this special evening by nominating someone and also attending the event. Nomination forms are available by visiting our web site at www.egrfsf.org and clicking on "Awards."



Community Service Award Recipients

1998 Jimmy Gerken
2000 The William Edison Family
2002 Bill and Sue Fowler
2004 David Mehney
2006 Judy Frey
2008 Butch Briggs
2010 Mary Dersch
2012 EGRSF founding board members:
Judy Frey, Bob Eleveld, John Sebastian, Linda
Patterson, Brent Slay, James Maher and
Marjorie Chamberlain
2014 Kim Rossi
2016 John Logie

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

1998 John Hockenberry, '74
2000 L. William Seidman, '39
2002 David Tarantino, Jr., MD, '83
2004 Chris VanAllsburg, '67
2006 William George, '60
2008 Martha Teichner, '65
2010 Gillian Sorensen, '59
2010 David McLaughlin, '50 (posthumous)
2012 David M. Barrett, MD, '60
2014 Jeanne Brooke-Gunn, PhD, '65
2016 Thomas Payette, '51
2016 David Gray, PhD, '62 (posthumous)



REUNION RECAP

Class of 1977 Celebrates 40 years



Special times for '77 alumni at Aquinas Donnelly Center

July 7-8, 2017

The **Class of 1977** reminisced and reconnected at their 40th reunion celebration in Grand Rapids. The weekend events began Friday evening with a Welcome Back Gathering at Mangiamo restaurant. The fun times continued Saturday morning with a walk/run around Reeds Lake and a tour of the high school. A very special reunion party was held Saturday evening at Aquinas College, which provided many special memories. All are looking forward to their next reunion in 5 years. Go to egrfsf.org/1977-reunion or contact Lynne (Boyles) Marino at lynne_marino@ml.com for more information.

Class of 1992 Celebrates 25 Years



Class of '92 celebrates 25 years at Founders Brewing Company

July 29, 2017

The **Class of '92** met July 29 at Founders Brewing Company Centennial Club with a night of spirits and fond memories. Several out of town guests showed up to make a surprise visit. They closed down the festivities at Founders and continued to dance the night away at their favorite local spot of Flanagan's. They parted with loving memories of classmate Andy Lubbers. The 30th reunion will be the grandest of all! Please forward updated contact information to the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation. Contact Christian Wiser at christian.wiser@ki.com for additional reunion information.

Class of 1997 Celebrates 20 Years



Class of '97 reunites at The BOB

August 5, 2017

The East Grand Rapids High School **Class of 1997** came together in early August to celebrate their 20 year reunion. The weekend kicked off with golf at Thornapple Point. A casual evening with good friends and camaraderie followed at HOME on the first floor of The BOB. Alumni came from as close as Grand Rapids and as far as Hawaii, and it was a perfect occasion to get a big group photo. Many thanks to Dave Kagan (father of Jeff Kagan '97) for photographing the event.

The reunion weekend activities continued on Sunday with a tour of the remodeled high school led by former principal Jenny Fee and a family picnic at Manhattan Park. We missed those that could not join us, and hope that you will make time to reconvene in 2022 for a 25 year celebration. Email Katie Flermoen at kflermoen@gmail.com for more information.

Don't Delay – Start Planning Your Reunion Today!
Your alumni association is available to support your reunion planning efforts. Contact Maria Allen, Alumni Relations Coordinator today at mallen@egrps.org or (616) 575-9907.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming reunions! Find additional reunion information at www.egrfsf.org/alumni/upcoming-events.

Class of 1952 – 65th Reunion

Fall 2017

Contact Betty Jo (Muir) Crosby at bjcroz@comcast.net for more information.

Class of 1957 – 60th Reunion

October 13-14, 2017

Contact Bev (Ralston) Watrous at bevwatrous@gmail.com or Libby Headrick at lib1714@comcast.net for more information.



Class of 1962 – 55th Reunion

October 6, 2017

Go to egrsf.org/1962-reunion or contact Robbie VanSolkema at robbyevan@yahoo.com for more information.

Class of 1967 – 50th Reunion

September 29-30, 2017

Go to egrsf.org/1967-reunion or contact Margaret Idema at marg609@gmail.com for more information.

Class of 1982 – 35th Reunion

September 29-30, 2017

Go to egrsf.org/1982-reunion or contact Mark Davis at mmdavis1@comcast.net.

Class of 1987 – 30th Reunion

October 14, 2017

Go to egrsf.org/1987-reunion or contact Jenny (Spindle) Fee at jspindle@gmail.com for more information.

Class of 2012 – 5th Reunion

December 2017

Contact Margaux Aquino at aquino.margaux@gmail.com for more information.

EGR Alumni Hockey Game vs. Forest Hills Central

Friday, November 24, 2017 at Patterson Ice Arena

\$25 per player includes game, refreshments post game, and entry into the varsity hockey game at 7:00 p.m. vs. FHC

Over 35 game at 3:00 p.m. Under 35 game at 4:30 p.m.

Go to egrsf.org/alumni/upcoming-events or contact Maria Allen at mallen@egrps.org for more information or to help with the event.

2002 & 2007 State Championship Football Teams – Reunion

November 22, 2017

For additional event information go to egrsf.org/alumni/upcoming-events.

Social Media Site for East Football Players

The Locker Room is a platform for EGR Football alumni to “ReEngage, ReConnect, and ReCommit.” This new social media platform was designed by 1975 East alum Greg McAleenan to allow former players to support and network with one another, inspire the current players and coaches, and give back to the EGR community. The Locker Room is your place to recall favorite games; share stories, old photos and videos; and remember coaches, teammates, and managers like Jimmy Gerken, all while ensuring that those opportunities are available to current and future East players.

To learn more, visit egr.mi.lockerroomlegacy.com.

IN REMEMBRANCE

We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the following alumni who died since our last publication. They will be greatly missed.

Class of 1938

John Robert Green
Marian (Koopman) VanOstenberg

Class of 1943

Ellen (Platte) Ford

Class of 1944

Robert L. DuMond
Susan (Steketee) Freihofer

Class of 1947

Anne (McColl) Forslund

Class of 1949

Shirley Swaney

Class of 1950

Sarah “Sally” (Jones) Buxkemper
Peter Luce

Class of 1954

Robert Eleveld
Claudia (Walter) Hulbert

Class of 1955

Patricia “Jill” Kenyon Orr
Sarah (Aument) Ward

Class of 1956

Carole B. Cartier
Sharon (Stiles) Olson

Class of 1962

Roger Martindill
Peter Payette

Class of 1964

Catherine (Webber) Curtis

Class of 1966

John R. Gillett

Class of 1967

John Ungermann

Class of 1972

James Deeb

Class of 1978

Ellen L. Bradshaw

Class of 1979

Cheryl (Holman) Sweet

Class of 1988

Jonathon Hoane

Class of 1990

Samuel Middleton

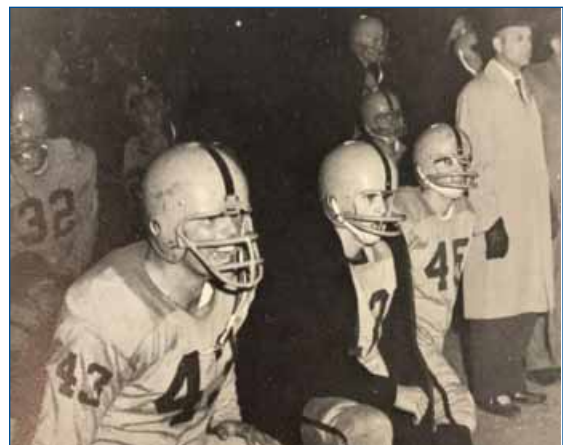
Class of 2007

Clark Leamon

Class of 2011

Zachary House

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