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Message from the Executive Director

EGRNOW! EGRFOREVER! ... TOGETHER PROVIDING
BALANCED SUPPORT

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation board members and staff welcome you back for the 2015-16 school year. We are excited to support excellence in teaching and learning for this coming school year. Thanks to your support of EGRNow! and EGRForever!, the Foundation will provide over \$400,000 in program support, grants and enhancements, and scholarships for our students and staff this school year. Your support has made this possible and we thank you!

EGRNow! is an annual fund that supports the immediate needs by funding programs and projects in the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. This year this fund will provide \$255,000 to EGRPS in support of elementary world language and elementary physical education, art and music. These programs would not be possible this year without the support from over 700 donors.

EGRForever!, our endowment fund, will provide funding for enhancement grants, learning opportunities, and scholarships for our students and staff. See the listing on pages 2-3 for details. Thank you to our community members and alumni who have made a long-term commitment to the Foundation and to our endowment fund.

Together, EGRNow! and EGRForever! provide additional funding beyond what the district can provide to maintain critical programs and continue to extend and enhance the current curriculum in the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Thank you for making an impact in our schools and supporting EGRNow! and EGRForever!

Amy C. Stuursma, Executive Director

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 8, 2015 –
School begins for all
students

November 1, 2015 –
Fall grant deadline

December 31, 2015 –
Nominations due for 2016
Community Service and
Distinguished Alumni
Awards

March 1, 2016 –
Spring grant deadline

March 12, 2016 –
HURRAH! 2016

May 1, 2016 –
Nominations due for teacher
awards and student
scholarships

June 15, 2016 –
Gerken Open golf outing

*Thank you to all our
volunteers who support us
throughout the year. If you
are interested in becoming
a new volunteer, please
contact Trish Reid at
treid@egrps.org.*





Grants, Awards, Scholarships and Program/Project Support Awarded Spring 2015

GRANTS AWARDED – SPRING 2015	Requestor/School	Amount
International Baccalaureate (IB) Resources Provides funds for online software, research databases and professional development	Jeanne Glowicki, Jenny Fee, Heather McKinney-Rewa/High School	\$28,702
10 3D Lix Pens Opportunity to create 3D designs in art and Drafting, Design & Technology classes	Patrick Reed, Terry Szpieg/High School	\$1,900
Vernier LabQuest2 and Sensors Data collection technology to enhance science curriculum	Cheryl Radecki/Breton	\$2,005
Reusable Cafeteria Trays Reduces the use of styrofoam in the high school and provides an avenue for job skills training for students	Gwen Barnes/High School	\$709
Middle School Choral Library Funds to enhance the choral music curriculum	Kathy Larson/Middle School	\$1,500
Student Supports for Anxiety/Stress Management Resources and materials to support students who struggle with stress and anxiety in school	Stephene Diepstra/Middle School	\$500
Commissioning of Composition Guest musician to compose original piece of music for orchestra students	Mary Hillyard/Middle School	\$500
2nd Grade Math Centers To supplement the district's math curriculum and the state's common core requirements	Lori Dood, Emily Bishop, Whitney Mudge/Breton Downs, Lakeside, Wealthy	\$1,500
Odyssey of the Mind Support for world championship middle school competition at Michigan State University	Dee McGraw/Middle School	\$1,500
Forensic Science: Tracks, Prints and Blood Enhancements for hands-on science lab work	Mary Billman/High School	\$1,456
National Thespian Festival Participation in sound crew and learning opportunities for one student and one staff member	Jenny Fee/High School	\$1,499
IB Graduate Visit Presentation and Q&A session with students who have completed an IB program	Jenny Fee, Heather McKinney-Rewa/High School	\$1,425
Madrigals Uniforms	James Borst/High School	\$1,360
Science Non-Consumable Tools For use in labs, experiments and projects	Kevin Vance/Middle School	\$834
TOTAL GRANTS – SPRING 2015		\$45,390
EGRNOW! PROGRAM/PROJECT SUPPORT 2014-2015 Campaign – supported elementary world language and elementary art, physical education and music	Breton Downs, Lakeside, Wealthy	\$255,310
JIMMY GERKEN FUND SUPPORT		
Kabookie Week Activities	High School	\$2,498
Gymnasium Scoreboards	High School	\$12,119
TOTAL		\$14,617



Grants, Awards, Scholarships and Program/Project Support Awarded, continued from page 2

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Teacher Awards	\$4,500
Student Scholarships	\$3,750
Teacher Scholarships	\$7,933
TOTAL	\$16,183

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Yearbook Support	High School	\$530
Day of Caring Support	Middle School	\$500
Healthy High Support	High School	\$500
Drama and Music Program Support	All Buildings	\$575
We the People National Competition Support	High School	\$3,298
TOTAL		\$5,403

**TOTAL GRANTS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND
PROGRAM/PROJECT SUPPORT – SPRING 2015**

\$336,903



Grant Highlight: Middle School Comes to Life

The Foundation provided funds to tap into the imagination and whimsy of ArtPrize artist Corey VanDuinen. He worked with middle school art students to create a sparkling mosaic mural that reflects what makes East Grand Rapids Middle School special.

It was an incredible experience having Corey VanDuinen in residence this past spring. The students were involved with the whole process from start to finish. Every image you see in the mural was drawn by a 6th, 7th or 8th grade student, with many elements hand modeled with clay during the planning process. Over 2,000 pounds of mirror were cut into tiny tiles by our 8th graders. The process of applying the tile to the wall was completed by an 8th grade team and many volunteers. The final work is something we all feel proud of and have had a hand in creating. It was amazing to see every individual idea come together to create one outstanding statement.

Holly Lampen – Middle School Art Teacher

To see a time-lapse video of the installation, go to the Grants page on the EGRSF website at egrsf.org.



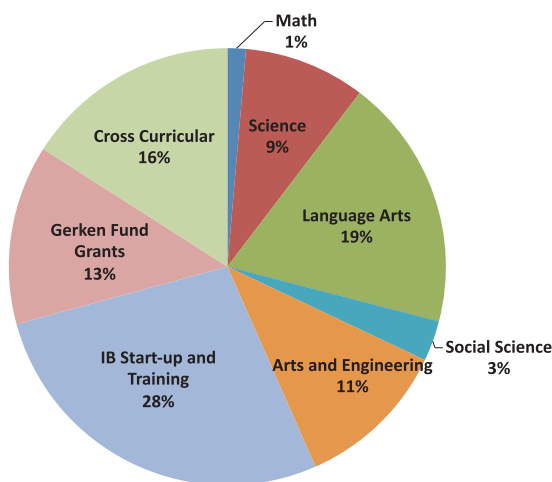
Treasurer's Report

As our school district continues to face challenges with state funding, one thing is certain: our community and alumni continue to support the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation! Thanks in part to this support, our EGRForever! endowment fund continues to grow, starting the fiscal year at \$3.6 million and enabling us to provide over \$130,000 in grants, scholarships and awards during the 2014-15 school year. In addition, the Foundation's EGRNow! Campaign raised \$255,000 this fiscal year, which was given to the district to support immediate program needs. Through your donations to EGRForever! and EGRNow!, as well as your

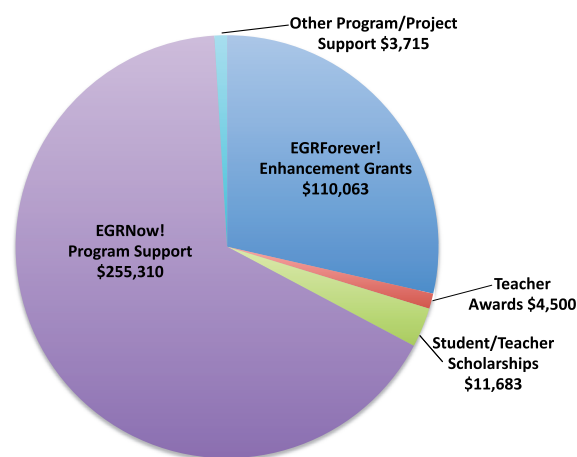
attendance at Foundation events, and other avenues of support, the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation successfully continues to enrich the educational experience of our students while satisfying both short and long term needs.

Stacey Levitt, Treasurer

**Grants Funded By Subject
EGRSF Fiscal Year 2014-15**



**Total Support to District
EGRSF Fiscal Year 2014-15**



East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation MISSION STATEMENT & HISTORY

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.

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation was established in 1983 as a private, non-profit organization to maintain and enhance the quality of education within the East Grand Rapids Public Schools and is solely dependent on tax-deductible donations from the community. As an endowed foundation, contributions are added to the principal and spending each year is limited to the amount earned on that principal. As of June 30, 2015, the Foundation has a current endowment of \$3.7 million and has awarded over \$2.6 million in grants, awards, scholarships and program support since 1983.

The Foundation is governed by a 20-member volunteer Board of Directors. Membership is drawn from the community-at-large and two East Grand Rapids High School students. The East Grand Rapids Public Schools Superintendent and a representative from the East Grand Rapids School Board serve as ex-officio members. The Foundation is staffed by a part-time Executive Director, Accountant, Alumni Relations Coordinator and Office Manager with offices located at the East Grand Rapids Public Schools James E. Morse Building of Administration.



Scholarships Awarded

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation funds scholarships for students and teachers each year to support endeavors in continued education. This year the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation awarded four student scholarships and ten 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, **Brendan Elliott**, will be attending Cornell University in Ithaca, NY in the fall of 2015.

The Ridenour Scholarship is a student scholarship that funds \$750 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 **Rebecca Solberg**. Rebecca will be attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI in the fall of 2015.

The third student scholarship awarded this 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 winner this year, **Champlin McCahill**, will attend Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI in the fall of 2015.

The fourth student scholarship awarded this year was funded through the Perrigo Math and Science Education Grant for a student pursuing a degree in the field of math or science. This \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to **Kyra Fitz** who will be attending the University of California, Santa Cruz in the fall of 2015.

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 EGRPS 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 almost \$6,000 to ten teachers. This year's recipients were **Whitney Mudge** and **Susan Sterns** for Orton Gillingham reading support training, **Janet Tombre** for teaching and assessment coursework, **Katie Michell** for attending the Island School Summer Teacher Conference, **Casey Longo** for a course on technology in education, **Thomas Kawel** for diagnostic coursework, and **Bridget Rieth, Jodi Westgate, Vikki Boersma, and Melissa Sayre** for attending the Michigan Reading Association Conference.

Congratulations to all of our student and staff scholarship recipients!



Brendan Elliott



Rebecca Solberg



Champlin McCahill



Kyra Fitz

A Better Education, a Better Community



There are a variety of ways to make a lasting contribution toward a better community. At the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation, we feel that education is the heart of our community. For generations, East Grand Rapids has been known for its tradition of excellence in education, and we thank our many community members over the years who have supported and continue to support excellence in education.

Passion for our students, our schools, and our community

are reasons to make a lasting impact on East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Share your passion with us. Share your story by making a bequest to education and the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation. Together we can continue the tradition of excellence in education and make an impact on generations of students in the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Your passion will make a difference for generations to come.

Contact Amy Stuursma at astuursm@egrps.org or 616-235-3535 for information about how to remember the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation in your will or estate plan.



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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 2015 recognizing a favorite 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!

Deanna Allchin

The Rockwell Family

Betsy Anderson

4th grade class

Bill Behrendt

*Evon Roberts & Nancy
Bylenga*

Kaelynn Benham

5th grade class

Jenny Bergstrom

*Vanessa Ardern & Family
Sophie Conway*

Emily Bishop

The Adamy Family

Kristen Borak

Carly Conway

Jim Borst

David Mack & Family

**Breton Downs Elementary
Staff**

The Sheridan Family

Steve Brinks

Jackson Walters

Holly Brownley

*Megan Goodrich
The Lampen-Deliefde
Family*

Jackie Burdick

Molly Green & Family

John Burke

Ben Collins

Nancy Bylenga

The Lambert Family

Brian Clay

*Matthew Bell
The Connor Family
Kyle Kirk*

Terri Clay

Jackson Walters

Harry Coffill

Simon Rockwell

Karen Comeau

Ida & Emilia Seethaler

Michelle Day

*Megan Goodrich
The Lampen-Deliefde
Family*

Peri denDulk

Emmett Saltsman

Charles DeWildt

Emmett Saltsman

Kris DiVita

*The Ham Family
Jackson Walters*

Mike Dykstra

David Mack & Family

Andrea Eggert

*3rd grade class
Sam Williams*

EGR High School Staff

Jacob & Tabitha Frazier

EGR Middle School Staff

Luke Frazier

EGR Middle School Volunteers

*Evon Roberts & Nancy
Bylenga*

Makenzie Ezinga

Serafiina Ege

Peter Faber

The Reahm Family

Jill Fouch

The Lippert Family

Matt Fouch

Ethan Walters

Larry Frazier

Matthew Bell

Christy Gast

5th Grade Class

Anne Genthe

The Lambert Family

Stacey Goodman

Emmett Saltsman

Linda Graham

*Evon Roberts & Nancy
Bylenga*

Jen Harmens

The Lampen-Deliefde Family

Erin Harmon

Emmett Saltsman

Mary Hillyard

Audrey McDonald

Harmony Hitchcock

1st grade class

Erika Iannuzzi

Matthew Bell

Wende Johnson

Lois Ege

Chris Kenward

*Megan Goodrich
The Hamrick Family
The Lippert Family*

Michelle Kirk

*Mady Baar
The Barnes Family
Lexi Wiseman*

Holly Lampen

*Matthew Bell
The Ham Family
Simon Rockwell
Jackson Walters*

Lindsey Lantz

*Matthew Bell
Jackson Walters*

Kristen Lecours

The Connor Family

Casey Longo

Matthew Bell

Elisabeth Loos

Megan Goodrich

John MacKenzie

*The Ham Family
Jackson Walters*

Amy Marlow

*The Ham Family
Zac Kirk*

Becky Martin

*Ellie Battle
The Ham Family*

Dina Masek

Breton Downs Elementary PTO

Carole McDonald

Trish Reid

Katie McIntosh

*JP Levan
Ella Wiseman*

Kerry McKee

Dan & Shelley Schmidt

Sue McLain

Evelyn Parent & Family

Socorro Mercado-Blackport

David Mack & Family

Kaitlin Merpi

*Nick Collins
Gabe Frazier
Kathryn Milanowski*

Katherine Miller

Ben Collins

Megan Miller

The Adamy Family

Pete Miller

Ethan Walters

Scott Mitton

The Connor Family

Whitney Mudge

*The Bolling Family
The Hamrick Family*

Ernie Noorman

The Lippert Family

Tanya Paas

The Lippert Family

Ali Pettit

Megan Goodrich

Joanne Platt

Megan Goodrich

Mark Pullen

*3rd grade class
The Barnes Family
The Connor Family
Scott Millman
Ida Seethaler*

Matthew Putnam

Molly Green & Family

Kirk Reifinger

Gregory & Tracey Lewis

Rachel Ries

Harper Coffill

Evon Roberts

The Lambert Family

Lisa Rogers

*Vanessa Ardern & Family
Breton Downs Elementary
PTO*

Christen Sarjeant

*2nd Grade Class
Addie Lewis
Nina Snoeyer*



Brett Scheidel

*5th grade class
The Barnes Family*

Annie Schmieder

*The Lampen-Deliefde
Family*

Shelly Schram

*The Reahm Family
Mark '73 & Sarah '15
Whitman*

Sue Seitz

Trish Reid

Jane Siegel

Marley Anderson

Danielle Smith

Ethan Walters

Erin Staley

The Connor Family

Susan Stearns

*Megan Goodrich
The Lampen-Deliefde
Family*

Dale Streeter

Emma Battle

Peter Stuursma

*Evon Roberts & Nancy
Bylenga*

Karen Sullivan

*The Ham Family
Emmett Saltsman*

Kevin Vance

*Jack Collins
Ethan Walters*

Craig Weigel

*The Connor Family
Scott & Maddie Claire
Millman*

Mark Wells

*The Ham Family
Ethan & Jackson Walters*

Hannah Wolcott

Megan Goodrich

Michael Woodward

Emmett Saltsman

Laura Woolford

Simon Rockwell

Sarah Youngs

Sophie Williams

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

Computer Coding For Kids

Video games and education? This past winter, a group of Wealthy Elementary students spent six weeks playing, exploring, and computer programming. Thank you to the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation for allowing us to pilot this computer programming class. Two educators from Game Start in Ann Arbor, Michigan worked with students along with Carole McDonald and me. Using the Python coding language, students designed structures and commands that would otherwise have taken hours to complete. It took critical thinking and a deep understanding of mathematical concepts and the coding language.

Each week, students were presented with a new challenge and the coding language to support it. Despite the difficulties of each challenge, students were highly engaged in the class and worked hard to find success. They wanted to learn and wanted to mimic the skills/tricks that their instructors and peers were discovering. They became a team and relied on each other to problem solve. The class was often broken into small groups where students practiced math skills necessary for the code they were writing while other groups brainstormed possible strategies. It was a great time of collaboration and exploration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) principles.

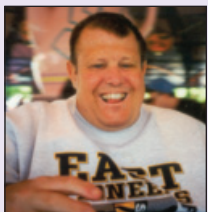
Winona Tinholt – Wealthy Elementary Teacher





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Jimmy Gerken Award of Appreciation and Thanks – Spring 2015

Matt Fouch, Peter Stuursma, Tim Sullivan
7/8ers 2015 Baseball Team

Adam Boonenberg, Brian Bosley, Allen Close
2015 U13 Boys Lacrosse Team

Mickey Mikesell, Kim Gates
2015 High School Girls Tennis Team

See page 7 for Gerken Award donation form.



Kabookie Week Honors the Memory of Jimmy Gerken

In February of 2015 EGRHS honored Jimmy Gerken with its annual Kabookie Week. This year's theme was "Acceptance." Jimmy did not judge, was friends with all, and accepted everyone unconditionally. Kabookie Week emphasized these values through the creation of a Kabookie Wall on which students wrote notes with friendly and accepting messages. The notes were collected and displayed on a canvas which now hangs in the hallway for inspiration and remembrance. In addition, every senior was given a gold Kabookie coin with the mission to give the coin to another person who had positively impacted his or her life. An assembly was also held to share the spirit of Kabookie and the importance of acceptance in helping others persevere through challenges. Overall, the week brought forth the values in Jimmy that we all loved.

2015 Gerken Open a Big Success



The EGR Team Boosters and the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation joined together again this year for the Gerken Open golf outing. This event supports the **EGR Team Boosters** and the **Jimmy Gerken Fund**, which was established to remember Jimmy and ensure that East Grand Rapids athletics and co-curriculars—the activities Jimmy loved most—remain an integral part of our students' education by providing enhancements that are not possible in the general school district budget. Support for this fund allows our students to continue to experience personal excellence in athletics and co-curricular activities, just as Jimmy would have wanted.

The Gerken Open was held at Thousand Oaks Golf Club on June 10, 2015. We had a full slate of golfers, including several new faces this year. The event was a beautiful day of golf followed by a buffet dinner, silent auction, texting campaign to raise money for the high school gymnasium scoreboards, and music from the MoonRays. Proceeds of over \$27,000 from the event will support the Jimmy Gerken Fund and the EGR Team Boosters current athletic department needs.

Our event would not be a success without our loyal sponsors. We would like to thank this year's Gold Sponsors – Scott and Natalie Bernecker, Custer, Inc., Fox Acura, HNI Risk Services, Lacks Enterprises, Inc., Law Weathers, Randy Lovell, Miller Johnson, ProMedico, River City Mechanical, Peter and Joan Secchia, and Thousand Oaks Golf Club – and our Blue Sponsors – The Brad Ditmar Team at Keller Williams Realty, Hoekstra Transportation, Miller Johnson, Motor Mall of Grand Rapids, and Workplace Exchange.

Thank you to all of you who supported this event. We look forward to seeing you again next year at the Gerken Open 2016.



Save the Date

**GERKEN OPEN GOLF OUTING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016
THOUSAND OAKS GOLF CLUB**



HURRAH! 2015— Ramona Park Revisited EGR Schools Foundation Annual Fundraiser

On March 14, 2015, the community gathered at The Cheney Place in downtown Grand Rapids for the eighth annual HURRAH!, the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation community winter party.

HURRAH!, the annual fundraiser for the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation, was an exceptional evening with photos of historic Ramona Park, delicious food, and camaraderie, with music by Standard Practice. This year's event featured tastings from local establishments and specialty food shops including: *Acorn Grille at Thousand Oaks*, *Artesian Distillers*, *Buffalo Wild Wings*, *Derby Station*, *El Barrio Mexican Grill*, *Founders Brewing Co.*, *Georgio's Gourmet Pizza*, *The Green Well*, *Love's Ice Cream*, *Mitten Chicks*, *Olive's*, *Ramona's Table*, *Rio Grand Steakhouse*, *Rose's on Reeds Lake*, *Schuil Coffee*, *Sweetie-Licious Bake Shoppe* and *Vitale's*.

HURRAH! 2015 was a huge success with over 500 people in attendance. Thanks to your support of HURRAH! and the Schools Foundation, EGRSF will fund over \$140,000 in grants, awards and scholarships as well as \$255,000 in program/project support for the 2015-16 school year!

Please plan to join us next year on March 12 for HURRAH! 2016.

Seeking Nominations for 2016 Community Service and Distinguished Alumni Awards

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation will hold the 10th Community Service and Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner in the Fall of 2016. The Community Service and Leadership Award honors a person(s) who has significantly contributed their leadership and spirit to the community of East Grand Rapids. (Individual does not need to be an alumnus of East Grand Rapids High School.) The Distinguished Alumni Award honors East Grand Rapids High School alumni who have distinguished themselves through personal and/or professional achievements.

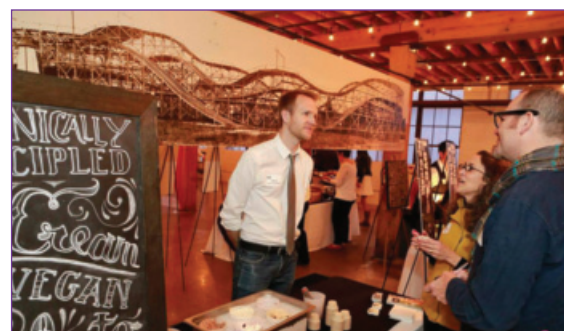
We invite you to be part of this special evening by nominating a potential award recipient and attending the event. **Nomination forms are available online and are due December 31, 2015.**

Community Service Award Recipients

1998 Jimmy Gerken
2000 The William Edison Family
2002 Bill and Sue Fowler
2004 David Mehney, '57
2006 Judy Frey
2008 Butch Briggs
2010 Mary Dersch
2012 EGRSF founding board members:
Judy Frey, Bob Eleveld, John Sebastian, Linda
Patterson, Brent Slay, the late James Maher
and the late Marjorie Chamberlain
2014 Kim Rossi

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





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Class of 1970 Celebrates 45 years



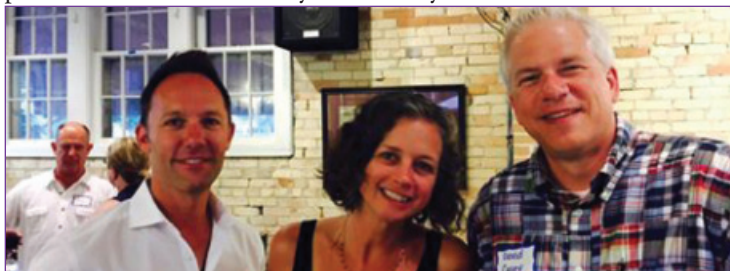
The **Class of 1970** had their 45th reunion August 14 & 15. Thirty-five classmates and spouses attended the Friday night party hosted by Kathy Korte Bailey and Mark Pursley in Spring Lake. Over 45 classmates and spouses attended the Hot Brats, Cool Tunes event on Saturday at Creekside Park in Caledonia. Happy hour music was provided by Brandon Proch; some talented classmates provided music for the Cool Tunes Jam Session following dinner. For more information contact Judy Proch at judyproch@gmail.com.

Class of 1975 Celebrates 40 Years

Forty years was celebrated August 8 by the **Class of 1975**. Their reunion events included a tour of the high school led by current principal and alumna Jenny (Spindle) Fee, '87, and an evening at Kent Country Club. Reunion information is available on the Facebook page: *East Grand Rapids Class of 1975*. For more information please contact Mara Matthews Fenton at fentonmara1957@gmail.com or Meg Goebel at megoebel@goebelgrp.com.

Class of 1985 Celebrates 30 Years

The **Class of 1985** came together in July to celebrate 30 years, thanks to the efforts of Joan Fox-Turrentine, Ann Palmer, Kerri DeBoer, Susan Oetting-Haun, Dave Casey, and Rick Busch. The reunion weekend kicked off Friday, July 10, with a small gathering at Derby Station in Gaslight Village. The main event took place Saturday at the Aquinas College Cook Carriage House where over 60 classmates, and a few spouses, enjoyed conversation, food, and refreshments. The evening concluded with a reception at Rick Busch's home. For more information please contact David Casey at dmc Casey@ameritech.net.



Class of 1990 Celebrates 25 Years

The **Class of 1990** celebrated their 25th reunion on June 13. Classmates had a wonderful time celebrating in downtown Grand Rapids. Special thanks to reunion coordinator Sarah Mulvihill. For more information contact Sarah Mulvihill at smulvihill32@sbcglobal.net.



Class of 1995 Celebrates 20 years

The **Class of 1995** had an excellent time celebrating their 20th high school reunion. A family friendly tour of the high school, during the day, brought back many memories, and alumni were amazed to see all the changes to the high school since graduation. The Grand Woods Lounge in downtown Grand Rapids was the reunion location with about 50 classmates attending. How fun it was to catch up with old friends! It was also very exciting for alumni traveling from out of town to see all the positive changes that have happened in Grand Rapids over the years. Go Pioneers!!! For more information, please contact Rachel Lee at rachelgrmi@gmail.com.





UPCOMING REUNIONS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming reunions! Be sure to go to www.egrsf.org/alumni/upcoming-events for additional reunion information.

Class of 1955 – 60th Reunion

September 17-18, 2015, in East Grand Rapids, Michigan
Reunion information may be found at egrsf.org/1955-reunion.
Please contact Ren Brander at reynoldsbrander@msn.com with questions or offers to help with the reunion.

Class of 1965 – 50th Reunion

September 18-19, 2015, in Grand Rapids, Michigan
Reunion information may be found at egrsf.org/1965-reunion.
Please contact Rick or Sue Steketee at rsteketee@comcast.net with any questions or offers to help with the reunion.

Class of 2005 - 10th Reunion

November 27, 2015, in Grand Rapids, Michigan
More information is available on the class reunion page found at egrclassof2005.weebly.com and the Facebook page *EGR Class of '05*, or by contacting Andrea Segovia at egrclassof2005@gmail.com.

For more reunion information go to the Alumni page on the EGRSF website at egrsf.org.

Is 2016 a reunion year for your class? Now is a great time to begin the planning process for your reunion next year.

Assemble your planning team and contact Maria Allen, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at mallen@egrsf.org. Your alumni association is available to support your reunion planning efforts.

It's Time to Update Your Contact Information

EGR Schools Foundation & Alumni Association

Providing us with your current information will allow you to receive our bi-annual newsletter (*Foundations*), reunion information for your class and more.

Go to egrsf.org/alumni/contact-us/ to update your information. You may also contact Maria Allen, Alumni Relations Coordinator at mallen@egrsf.org or (616) 235-3535.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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1942

Richard A. "Dick" Ford

1945

John H. "Jack" Busch

1946

Sam Greenawalt

1950

Joan Evenson Newberry
Dorothy M. Prince Taylor

1952

Beverle Laird Andrus

1957

Nancy Plumb Forrest

1958

David W. Berggren

1959

Frederick C. "Rick" Sparks

1962

David B. Gray, PhD

1964

Terry L. Mitchell

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1965

Philip J. Molhoek

1966

Richard S. Rasmussen

1970

Ellen L. Silverstein-Wallace

1993

Ryan P. Kelly

1994

Amy Walls Bates

2005

Kelly H. Smith

2008

Scott Arkovitz

2013

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