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## **Music**

Central High School Quartet  
Directed by Micah Averbeck • Coached by Busya Lugovier

Chia Mee Yang • 1st Violin  
Charlotte Linebarger • 2nd Violin  
Avery Laffey • Viola  
Sarah Cox • Cello

## **Welcome**

Angela Strangman, President, Board of Directors  
La Crosse Public Education Foundation

## **Mistress of Ceremonies**

Lisa Klein, News 8 WKBT

## **Speaker**

Community Schools  
Julie Ruzek  
Facilitator of Family & Community Engagement,  
Rochester (Minn.) Public Schools

## **Recognition of Grant Recipients**

### **Special Recognition**

Coulee Bank • Corporate Partner in Education  
Joe Ledvina • Leadership Award  
Tom and Judy Sleik • Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer Distinguished Service Award

## **Closing**

Lisa Klein, News 8 WKBT



# Today's Speaker: Julie Ruzek on Community Schools

- ▶ Julie is the Coordinator of Family and Community Engagement and Title I Programs for Rochester (Minn.) Public Schools.
- ▶ She and her team have been implementing the community schools model at three sites within the school district; 2 elementary sites and 1 secondary site.
- ▶ Julie has a BA in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education and Spanish Teaching, a Masters of Education, and is currently working on her Administrative licensure.



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## Mindful Hip-Hop

- ▶ *Beth Waldron and Amoreena Rathke, Northside Elementary*
- ▶ Grant supports a visit by JusTme (Timothy Scott Jr.), a hip-hop artist who combines music with mindfulness exercises to help students learn self-regulation and calming strategies. With added support by the schools, JusTme would spend two days each at Northside/Coulee Montessori and Hamilton/SOTA I elementary schools.
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Beth Waldron and Amoreena Rathke

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## Trauma Informed Self Care

- ▶ *Summer Elston, Emerson Elementary; Jocelyn Buxton, Spence Elementary*
- ▶ Provides for two teachers to attend a four-day training program, allowing them in turn to provide training to District staff on topics related to Trauma Informed Schools, particularly self-care techniques for teachers and others to remain well and healthy as they help children who are dealing with adverse childhood experiences.
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Jocelyn  
Buxton



Summer Elston



SPECIAL AWARD IN HONOR OF RETIRED TEACHER SUSAN PAUDLER  
2017-18 1<sup>st</sup> Round Gold Star Grant

# Liquid Sensory Floor Tiles

- ▶ *Nancy Wettstein-Weaver and Alicia Place, Emerson Elementary School*
- ▶ Buys mats made of durable anti-slip materials and containing colored liquids that move under a clear surface in response to pressure. The sensory floor tiles will be used in every Emerson Elementary classroom, providing a "think spot" for students in need of behavior modification, helping them regulate emotions and stimulate sensory development.



Nancy Wettstein-Weaver and Alicia Place



Susan Paudler

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## SPECIAL AWARD IN HONOR OF RETIRED TEACHER TERRI JOHNSON 2017-18 1<sup>st</sup> Round Gold Star Grant

# Recognizing Perspectives: Understanding the Refugee Experience



Terri Johnson

- ▶ *Kristi Moulton, Christina Fenton, Jesse Martinez and Heidi Jones, Logan Middle School*
- ▶ Buys sets of two novels, plus other materials, for use in 7th-grade social studies at Logan Middle School, helping students understand refugees and global refugee crises.



Jesse Martinez, Christina Fenton, Kristi Moulton, and Heidi Jones with Brad Quarberg, an LPEF Board member and member of the Board of Education

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# Hiking Club

- ▶ *Isaac Pischke, Central High School*
- ▶ Supports transportation and equipment rental for a new Hiking Club at Central High, introducing students to outdoors experiences and helping relieve stress, address mental health issues, and increase overall health.
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Isaac Pischke with Ashley Santolin and Teri Wildt from Mayo Clinic-Franciscan Healthcare



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# Hands on Health

- ▶ *Melissa Norman, Lincoln Middle School*
- ▶ Purchase six Fatal Vision Alcohol Impairment Goggles, and six Fatal Vision Marijuana Simulation Goggles, plus videos and associated lesson plans and materials for use at all three middle schools and both high schools. These goggles simulate how a person's vision is impaired while drinking alcohol or using marijuana.
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Other health teachers involved in the project are: *Matt Kitzerow, Jen Schieldt, Kelly Kline, Tia Teske, April Young, Tony Aguado and Chester Janke.*



Melissa Norman with Ashley Santolin and Teri Wildt of Mayo Clinic-Franciscan Healthcare





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# Feed the Body, Fuel the Mind

- ▶ *Deb White and Dori Bertilson, Spence Elementary*
- ▶ Buy 200 books that will be distributed free to families using the Spence Elementary Food Pantry. Books will help families build home libraries with age-appropriate books, and will be supplemented with tips on how to read and effectively discuss books with children.
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LPEF Treasurer Tammy Larson with Dori Bertilson and Deb White



Franciscan Healthcare



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# Changing Behavior, Growing Compassion

- ▶ *Rick Blasing and Paula Johnson, Lincoln Middle School*
- ▶ Supports all-school assemblies at Lincoln, Longfellow and Logan middle schools featuring nationally-known motivational educator Craig Hillier, focusing on creating a more compassionate school culture. This repeats a successful event first held in March 2014, but with a completely new set of students.
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Paula Johnson and Rick Blasing





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# Luke Callen Musician in Residence

- ▶ *Teri Kendhammer, Longfellow Middle, and Katherine Storlie, Logan Middle*
- ▶ Supports visits to Longfellow and Logan middle schools by singer-songwriter Luke Callen, who joins 6th-graders in social studies classes and helps them express their ideas and feelings about the subjects they are studying by creating songs they then perform in concert.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Katherine Storlie



Teri Kendhammer



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# Story Walk Fixtures

- ▶ *Sara DePaolo and Jeanette Schams, North Woods International*
- ▶ Supports purchasing materials and installing a permanent Story Walk at North Woods, integrating the enjoyment of reading a picture book with the benefit of being active in the outdoors. The project creates a series of stations with pages from books, and students walk/run/jump/climb in a progression to read the whole book.
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LPEF Past President Shawn Dutchin with Sara DePaolo and Jeanette Schams



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# PODD Communication Books

- ▶ *Megan Meyer and Vicki Burritt, Summit Environmental School*
- ▶ Grant will create 10 durable and customized books to assist non-verbal students in communicating thoughts, ideas and needs by pointing at symbols and words. Some Pragmatic Organizational Dynamic Display books would be part of a library for use by multiple students at Summit Elementary and other schools, while other books would be personalized to one student.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Megan Meyer



Vicki Burritt







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# Spence Garden Mosaics

- ▶ *Ronnah Metz, Sherry Beames and Spence Elementary Garden Committee*
- ▶ Supports classroom visits by artist Sherry Beames to help Spence Elementary students create nature-themed mosaic art for display in the Spence GROW Garden. Students will research forms of animals and insects of the garden and create colorful mosaics to be displayed outdoors.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Ronnah Metz with LPEF Treasurer  
Tammy Larson



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# Writing with Wordless Books

- ▶ *Ruth Baardseth, Lincoln Middle School*
- ▶ Allows purchase of more than 120 picture books with only illustrations and a limited number of words to express a storyline. The books will allow Lincoln Middle School students to express creativity, imagination, details and organization as they develop literacy skills through different writing experiences
- ▶ Sponsored by:



LPEF Grants Committee Chair  
Cari Mathwig Ramseier with  
Ruth Baardseth





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# Hear, Here: Local History in the Classroom

- ▶ *Ariel Beaujot, UW-La Crosse*
- ▶ Supports development of lesson plans for local teachers to use to teach La Crosse history. Specifically the project ties into the oral history project *Hear, Here*, which features first-person narratives about historical experiences in the exact spot they occurred in downtown La Crosse.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Ariel Beaujot



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# Osmo Kits for the Library

- ▶ *Carrie Wuensch-Harden, Hamilton/SOTA I*
- ▶ Buys two Osmo Kits, plus related software, for use at Hamilton/SOTA I Elementary. The game system is used in concert with school iPads and will be integrated with curriculum for various subjects (art, spelling, reading, coding, music, etc.) to inspire creativity, creative thinking, communication and collaboration.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Carrie Wuensch-Harden with LPEF's Cari Mathwig Ramseier

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# Co:Writer for Literacy Support

- ▶ *Anika Paaren-Sdano, Logan High School*
- ▶ Buys a one-year site license for use of software that includes word prediction, specialized subject vocabulary with definitions, and support with spelling, helping Central and Logan high school students with writing assignments.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Anika Paaren-Sdano with LPEF Honorary Board Member Richard Swantz





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# Morning Choice

- ▶ *Sarah Kratt, Tara Schuttenhelm, Leah Justin, Nicole Brudos, North Woods*
- ▶ Buys collaborative learning games, art supplies, puzzles, problem-solving centers and STEM activities for use by 1st-grade students at North Woods Elementary, giving them stimulating and enjoyable opportunities to start off their morning while the teacher is greeting students, taking attendance, etc.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



LPEF Past President Shawn Dutchin with teachers Sarah Kratt, Leah Justin, Nicole Brudos and Tara Schuttenhelm.



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# Fluency Through Global Literature

- ▶ *Katie Beyer and Rhonda McGowan, Logan High School*
- ▶ Buys 30 sets of four Spanish readers, providing materials that are culturally relevant and level appropriate for Logan High language students, including those in the Global Scholars program.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Rhonda McGowan, left, and Katie Beyer, right, with LPEF Honorary Board Member Richard Swantz





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## Tree Walk

- ▶ *Elizabeth Ramsay, Longfellow Middle School*
- ▶ Buys trees and related signage for a Tree Walk at Longfellow Middle, creating a park-like setting and outdoor learning space. QR codes will allow students to link via iPads to unique web pages that students can maintain with notes, photos and related school projects.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Elizabeth Ramsay



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# Get Outside & Moving During Summer Session

- ▶ *Steve Michaels,  
Hamilton Elementary*
- ▶ Provided matching funds to bring in partners from community organizations to offer activities and field trips for Hamilton Elementary students during the summer session. The focus was on outdoor activities that are inexpensive, near the school and easily replicated by families outside of school.
- ▶ Sponsored by:  
**Former LPEF Board President  
Rachel Gundersen**



Steve Michaels

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# Hintgen Urban Garden

- ▶ *PaHoua Vang and Sarah Score, Hintgen*
- ▶ Grant is supporting the first year of an innovative school garden program at Hintgen Elementary School that will involve community members of all races and ethnicities in educating students about gardening, eating healthy and making a positive impact on the Earth.



Sarah Score



PaHoua Vang with students after grant delivery by LPEF Treasurer Tammy Larson (left)



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# Logan Ranger Desalinization Machine

- ▶ *Steve Johnston, Logan High School*
- ▶ Supports purchasing materials for Logan High students to design and build a Desalinization Machine to purify brackish (salt) water into contaminant-free water safe for drinking. The machine will be designed to be mobile and solar-powered, making it suitable for use in remote areas.



Steve Johnston with LPEF Honorary Board Member Richard Swantz

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# Indigenous Voices, Stories & History

- ▶ *Alyssa Gray, Katie Gudgeon and Peter Schmitz, Spence Elementary School*
- ▶ Purchases more than 60 books for use by 5th-grade students at Spence Elementary, providing them with accurate, culturally responsive picture books and chapter books reflecting indigenous voices and history. This helps address Wisconsin standards for the studies of federally-recognized Native American nations and tribal communities.



Peter Schmitz, Katie Gudgeon, LPEF Treasurer Tammy Larson, and Alyssa Gray

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# Bringing Music to All

- ▶ *Leah Wyland, Lincoln Middle School*
- ▶ Grant provides music enrichment sessions for students in the Intellectual Disabilities program at Lincoln Middle School, helping students adapt and develop skills, while providing a more inclusive experience, including participating in year-end talent shows.



LPEF Grants Committee Chair Cari Mathwig Ramseier with Leah Wyland



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## Musical Growth

- ▶ *Alana Seddon, Logan Middle School*
- ▶ Grant provided upgraded mouthpieces and ligatures for school instruments that are provided to Logan Middle School students who cannot afford their own equipment. The upgraded equipment will allow students to improve performance and will encourage them to grow musically and continue music education in high school.



Alana Seddon with 8th-graders Gao Na Thao and Gianna Hutchinson



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# Understanding the Circle of Security

- ▶ *Jocelyn Buxton and Shelly Long, Spence*
- ▶ Provides a one-day training program for up to 60 District elementary teachers on the use of the Circle of Security, a conceptual approach for teachers and caretakers to work with children to build and maintain relationships and overcome behaviors that get in the way of their learning and other students' learning.

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Shelly Long, left, and Jocelyn Buxton, right, with LPEF Treasurer Tammy Larson



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# Shoah Educator Workshop

- ▶ *Scott Bagniefski, Lincoln Middle School*
- ▶ Grant provided money for substitute teachers to allow Lincoln Middle School teachers to attend the Viterbo Holocaust Educator Workshop in March 2017.



Scott Bagniefski, Tim Sprain, Carrie Wilkerson, Bobbi Gillitzer (from Central High), and Courtney Vail



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Fund for Shoah Studies  
La Crosse Community Foundation

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# Successful Movement in the Classroom

- ▶ *Kelly Masche,*  
*Emerson Elementary*
- ▶ Bought standing desks for use by Emerson Elementary School special education students, allowing them to get their "wiggles" out and stay on task in the classroom.



Kelly Masche



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# Story Stones

- ▶ *Mary Zong, Summit Environmental School*
- ▶ Supports purchase of materials and sets of Story Stones, which have characters, objects and events painted on them and can be used to tell stories without a script. The stones will be used by English Language Learners and other students at Summit Elementary to increase language proficiency, including retelling stories they have read or heard.



Mary Zong with LPEF Past President Shawn Dutchin





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# SMART Training

- ▶ *Jeanette Schams,  
North Woods  
International School*
- ▶ Provides training in a program that helps pre-K and kindergarten students develop skills to succeed in school. The Stimulating Maturity through Accelerated Readiness Training focuses on helping students who come to school unprepared, including many from homes of poverty or trauma.



Jeanette Schams





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# Sensory Exploration Table

- ▶ *Kasey Pomeroy, Summit Environmental School*
- ▶ Buys various materials, including a movable table with a plastic bin that can be filled with sand, water or other materials, allowing for sensory experiences for Summit Elementary students with autism, intellectual disabilities and visual impairments.



LPEF Past President Shawn Dutchin  
with Kasey Pomeroy



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## Producers' Space

- ▶ *Lisa Lenarz,  
Longfellow Middle  
School*
- ▶ Buys lighting kits, tripods and other equipment for two, portable mini-sets for students at Longfellow Middle and Logan High to use as workspaces to create quality stop-motion style animation and other original video content.



Lisa Lenarz

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## 3 Dimensional Coaching

- ▶ *Jordan Gilge, Logan High School*
- ▶ Provides a clinic for Logan High, Logan Middle and other District coaches in an approach that emphasizes three dimensions in developing student athletes: physical development; mental aspects (confidence, emotional control); and heart (character and values).



LPEF Honorary Board Member Richard Swantz with Jordan Gilge



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# Fine Motor Work Stations

- ▶ *Julie Wilson, Spence Elementary School*
- ▶ Buys a variety of hand-held manipulatives (tweezers, tongs, putty, pop beads, etc.) for use by Spence kindergarten students to help them develop fine motor skills.



Julie Wilson with her kindergarten class and LPEF Treasurer Tammy Larson





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# Every Student Deserves a (Hearable) Voice

- ▶ *Amanda Faust, State Road Elementary*
- ▶ Buys a Qball, a wireless microphone inside a soft ball, designed to help amplify the voice of quiet speakers, and also as an interactive tool for students to use in order to participate in classroom discussions while moving around.



Amanda Faust



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# Creating Student Tech Leaders

- ▶ *Carrie Wuensch-Harden,  
Hamilton/SOTA I*
- ▶ Provides lanyards, buttons and other materials for students at Hamilton/SOTA I Elementary to earn badges for completing lessons and learning technology skills. The goal is to encourage students to properly use devices, and also to help support peers and staff with technology issues.



Carrie Wuensch-Harden

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## Mindflex for Mindfulness

- ▶ *Amanda Wolfgram, North Woods International School*
- ▶ Buys Mindflex games for use by North Woods Elementary students, teaching them how to focus and calm their own brains in order to guide a ball through a series of obstacles. The goal is to help students overcome emotional issues caused by trauma, anxiety or depression.

Amanda Wolfgram  
with LPEF Past  
President Shawn  
Dutchin





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# Trauma-Informed School

- ▶ *Laura Huber, Northside Elementary*
- ▶ Grant supports an innovative project to help Northside Elementary School students succeed in school and overcome adverse childhood experiences. UW-L Professor Betty DeBoer is working closely with the school over a two-year period.
- ▶ LPEF also assisted in securing a \$10,000 grant for this project from the Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation.



Laura Huber being interviewed by WKBT News 8's Sarah Thamer



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# Responsive Classroom

- ▶ *Amy Oliver, Hintgen Elementary*
- ▶ Grant provided training for six Hintgen Elementary School teachers to attend a Responsive Classroom workshop held last summer in La Crosse. The training is key to Hintgen's ongoing equity initiatives, integrating with Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports systems to help staff improve use of language that reinforces, reminds and redirects student behavior.



Amy Oliver with LPEF Treasurer  
Tammy Larson

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# Pawsitive Influence

- ▶ *Heather Stern, North Woods*
- ▶ Grant supported specialized training for a service dog named Sammie to work with special education and regular students at North Woods International Elementary School, helping to comfort, calm, reassure and encourage students in ways that adults cannot.

Heather  
Stern with  
LPEF's  
Shawn  
Dutchin



Sammie at  
work

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# Kinesthetic Classroom

- ▶ *Jourdan Stacey and Austin Mickschl, Hamilton/SOTA I*
- ▶ Grant allowed purchase of Hokki stools and a variety of other seating options at Hamilton/SOTA I Elementary School, including testing "pedal desks," which allow students to pedal while they participate in classroom activities. Some funds will support using outdoor space as an alternative learning environment during good weather months.



LPEF Honorary Board Member  
Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer with  
Austin Mickschl



Jourdan  
Stacey



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# Reflective Learning Classroom

- ▶ *Iliana Gonzalez-DeRemer and Jessica Hembd, North Woods*
- ▶ Grant is providing furniture, binders and other materials for use in multi-age classrooms at North Woods International Elementary School, providing more flexibility for grouping students and encouraging more team-based collaborative learning. Teachers will implement practices of a Continuous Improvement Classroom, involving students in a cycle of planning, executing, reflecting and refining their learning.



Jessica Hembd and Iliana Gonzalez-DeRemer with LPEF's Shawn Dutchin





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# Breathe for Change

- ▶ *Ronnah Metz and Alyssa Gray, Spence*
- ▶ Grant supported training for two Spence Elementary School teachers in an intensive course specifically designed to support educators, helping them learn mind-body wellness practices, such as yoga, mindfulness, meditation and breath work. The two teachers are working with others at Spence to provide instruction and practices of various wellness strategies in Spence classrooms, and to share with other La Crosse educators.

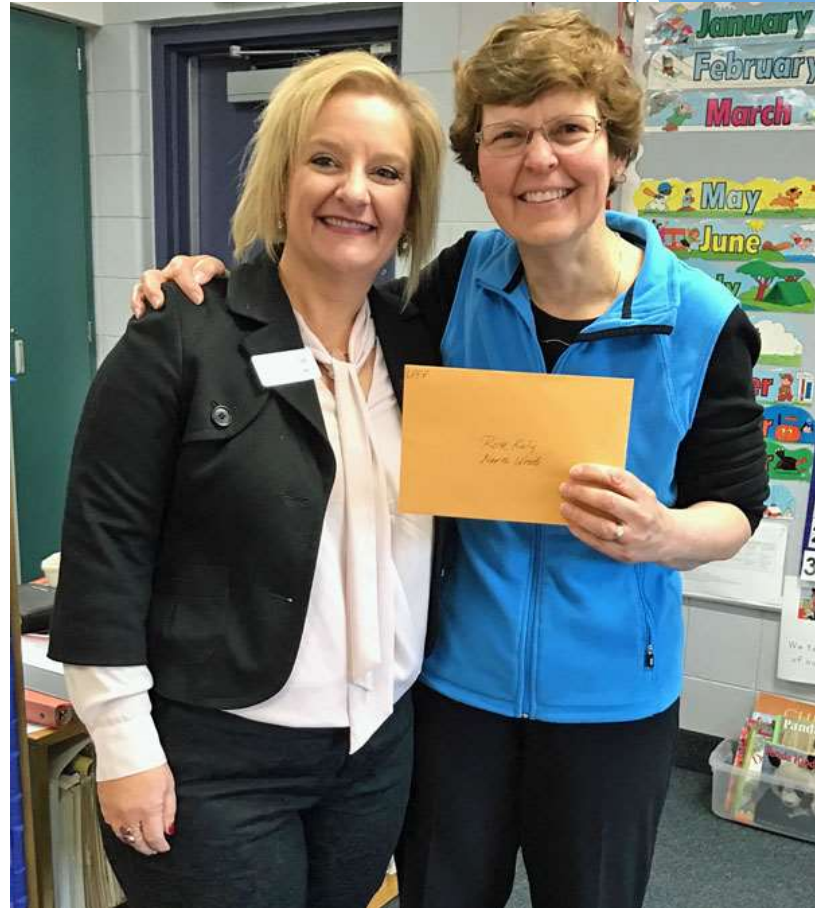


Brad Quarberg, LPEF Board and Board of Education member, with Ronnah Metz and Alyssa Gray

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# Wiggle While You Work

- ▶ *Rose Kulig, North Woods*
- ▶ Grant purchased Hokki stools to expand use of alternative seating in a North Woods Elementary kindergarten classroom, allowing students to "wiggle while they work."

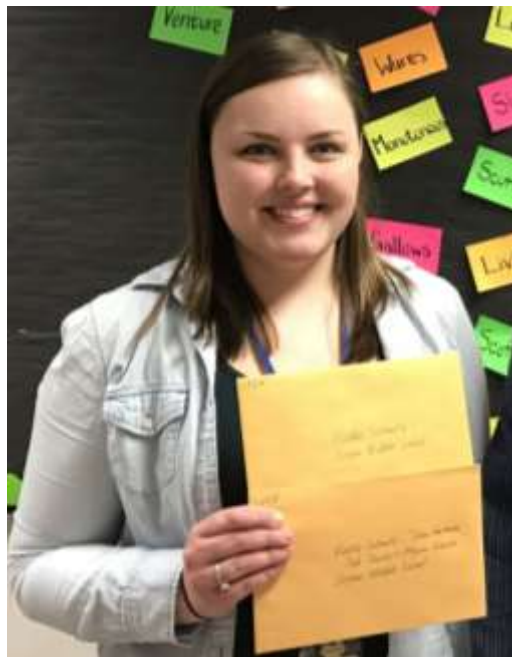


LPEF's Shawn Dutchin with Rose Kulig, who retired in June

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# Movement Makes a Difference

- ▶ *Dani Hartman, Jodi Jansky, Megan Wieser and Kellie Schmitz, Logan Middle School*
- ▶ Grant supported purchase of alternative seating and "fidgets" (such as stress balls) to allow Logan Middle School students freedom to move and minimize distractions, helping them concentrate and stay engaged in learning.



Megan Wieser



Jodi Jansky

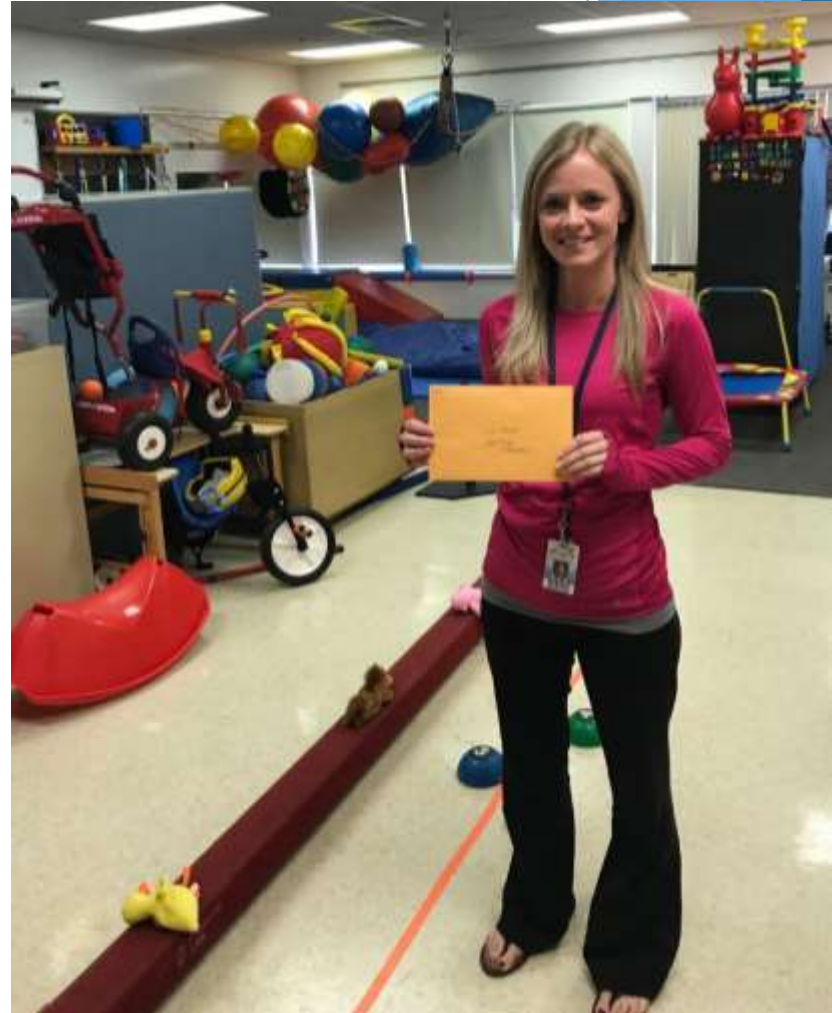


Dani Hartman and Kellie Schmitz

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## Move to Learn!

- ▶ *Lisa Hague, State Road and Hamilton*
- ▶ Grant supported purchase of Hokki stools and standing desks for use by regular and special education students at State Road and Hamilton elementary schools, allowing a variety of seating for students to be able to move while learning.



Lisa Hague



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# #Lovin' Summer School

- ▶ *Kellie Schmitz, Logan Middle School*
- ▶ Grant allowed purchase of a variety of materials for summer school students at Logan Middle School, including construction materials, baking items, road maps, books and math manipulatives - providing items to engage students and help them develop reading and math skills.



Kellie Schmitz with students  
creating tiny house designs

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# Meeting Complex Needs

- ▶ *Integrated Supports staff*
- ▶ Grant supported purchase of provide a variety of tools, manipulatives, games and stress relievers for use with students in the Integrated Supports program housed during school days at the Boys & Girls Club Erickson site. The objective is to reduce frequency, severity and duration of negative behaviors by providing students with alternative sensory outlets.



LPEF Board Member Scott Mihalovic  
with Ashley Dockry

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# Flexible Seating

- ▶ *Kadie Koepke, Southern Bluffs*
- ▶ Grant was used to provide alternative seating options for Southern Bluffs Elementary School students, allowing them to choose options that best fit their body "needs," while staying engaged during instruction and work time.



Kadie Koepke with LPEF Treasurer  
Tammy Larson



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# Bal-a-Vis-X for Whole Body Learning

- ▶ *Jocelyn Buxton and Paul Holman, Spence*
- ▶ Grant supported purchase of Bal-a-Vis-X materials (sandbags, racquetballs, balance boards, etc.) for Spence Elementary School students to engage in a series of balance, auditory and visual exercises. The exercises help students focus attention, practice cooperation and promote self-challenge - helping them renew energy and focus on learning.



Brad Quarberg, Paul Holman, Jocelyn Buxton



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## GO Team Summit

- ▶ *Tracy Taylor-Johnson and Nick O'Keefe, Summit Environmental School*
- ▶ Grant supported purchase of two sets of "Put In Cups" for Summit Environmental Elementary School students and staff to create art displays in chain link fences around playgrounds.



Tracy Taylor-Johnson and Nick O'Keefe

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# Learning Through Musical Artistry and Rhythm

- ▶ *Alyssa Gray, Spence*
- ▶ Grant supported purchase of hands-on musical instruments for a Spence Elementary School teacher to use in her regular elementary classroom, engaging students in creating and playing music as part of other lessons.



Brad Quarberg with Alyssa Gray



Students performing for a science lesson

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# Adventures in Aquaponics

- ▶ *Brad Skaer, Integrated Supports*
- ▶ Grant provides a starter aquarium, fish, seeds and grow lights to create an aquaponics program for at-risk students in the Integrated Supports program. Students will learn basic scientific concepts, such as chemical cycles, plant biology and eco-system principles, while growing their own food.



Brad Skaer with LPEF Board Member  
Scott Mihalovic

2016-17 2nd Round Grant Recipient

# Connecting Math, Literacy and Life

- ▶ *Jill Fink and Tami Hillestad, Emerson*
- ▶ Grant supported purchase of a wide variety of books to engage Emerson Elementary School students in literacy and math together, helping them make the connections between math and real life.



Jill Fink and Tami Hillestad with 1<sup>st</sup>-graders



2016-17 2nd Round Grant Recipient

# GoZen! Helping Children Thrive

- ▶ *Katie Jeseritz, Spence*
- ▶ Grant provided access to an online animated learning program called "GoZen!" to help Spence Elementary students manage stress and cultivate social and emotional skills.



Katie Jeseritz with LPEF Board Member and Board of Education Member Brad Quarberg

2016-17 Wish List Grant Recipient

## Fermi Field Trip

- ▶ *Naomi Golden, Central High School*
- ▶ Grant supported a May field trip by students in Central High's Advanced Placement Chemistry class, who visited the control room at the Fermilab near Chicago as a capstone to their year-long study of subatomic particles. Students learned about the particle accelerator and other research, plus had a Q&A session with one of the scientists.



Central students touring Fermilab



Naomi Golden

# Academic Achievement Award Recipients

- ▶ *Steve Duffrin, Logan High*
- ▶ *John Schmidt, Central High*
- ▶ These teachers were honored Nov. 6, 2017, at the Board of Education Academic Achievement Award Ceremony. Teachers were selected by student speakers, who were asked to identify a teacher who has had a major influence on their academic career. Each teacher received a \$250 classroom grant from LPEF.



Steve Duffrin



A. John Schmidt

# Corporate Partner in Education: Coulee Bank

- ▶ In recognition of deep commitment to public education and longstanding support of LPEF, and other children's charities.

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Brad Sturm



# Leadership Award: Joe Ledvina

- ▶ In recognition of support of LPEF, including his work to make the Bowtie Classic a major fundraising success, and his leadership on behalf of taxpayers to maintain and improve buildings and grounds in the School District of La Crosse.



Joe Ledvina



Joe (at far right) with his foursome at the 2017 Bowtie Classic: (from left) Ryan Ledvina, Clint Selle, and Jerry Ball

# Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer Distinguished Service Award: Tom and Judy Sleik

- For service to the community and the La Crosse Public Education Foundation.

