

School Foundation News

Sale by the Lake-- Save the Date!

The Avon Lake City Schools Foundation will be hosting its second annual ***Sale by the Lake on Saturday, May 2 from 9am to 4pm in the High School's Auxiliary Gym located at 175 Avon Belden Road***. This exciting event includes art to antiques, handmade to homemade, toys to trinkets, clothes to crafts, edible, wearable, collectible, saleable items! If you would like to be a vendor, there's still time. Email us at ALSalebytheLake@gmail.com. Join us for this delightful fundraising event supporting educational enrichment opportunities throughout the District!

Take the following quiz:

When was the Foundation founded? *1986*

What is the Foundation's mission? *To provide grant funding for educational enrichment opportunities that go beyond the state funded curriculum and that support our District's tradition of excellence.*

Who applies for grants? *Teachers, parents, students, administrators, staff and community members whose idea is pre-approved by the principal of the school(s) to be impacted.*

What kinds of grant ideas does the Foundation fund? *The Foundation is looking for ideas that are innovative and that creatively enhance holistic student development in all grade levels. We want to provide opportunities that enrich, excite and introduce new experiences and ways of learning that will help our students succeed in a highly competitive, global and technologically driven 21st century. We are looking for ideas that build character, expand intellect, promote wellness, incite leadership and excite dreams.*

How does the Foundation get its money? *Funding comes from a variety of sources including **individual gifts, fundraisers, rebates from local businesses and The 10 Campaign**. Gifts directed to our Fine Arts and General Endowment funds are gifts that keep on growing because the principal of these funds is never touched, only a percentage of the annual interest earned is used to provide funding for grants which currently averages about \$12,000 per year. The 10 Campaign is an annual fundraising campaign that asks every family with school age children to contribute \$10/child allowing the Foundation to provide immediate funds for grant requests related to innovative excellence in a particular area within the District that is identified by the Foundation as needing special attention. Rebates from local businesses cost you nothing and are probably the easiest way to support the foundation just by doing your regular shopping at places like Heinen's, The Rock Pile, and GFS. Be sure to sign up annually for their school rebate programs and earmark the Avon Lake City Schools Foundation as your beneficiary. At the end of the school year, we automatically get a check!*

How much money is available for grants this year? *We have about \$18,000 currently available for grants. Mini grants are ongoing and can be applied for throughout the year. Larger grant requests are accepted in April for awards in May to be used during the next academic calendar year.*

Where do people find grant applications and more information about how to get involved? *Visit our websites at www.avonlakecityschools.org/foundation or <http://alfoundation.weebly.com> or email us at foundation@avonlakecityschools.org*