



WESTERN SPRINGS
Foundation for Educational Excellence

Who is WSFEE?

Founded in 1992, the Western Springs Foundation for Educational Excellence (WSFEE) is a non-profit volunteer organization with a mission to acquire and distribute financial and other resources for the benefit of Western Springs School District 101 students.

What Does WSFEE Do?

WSFEE provides funding, via grant requests, for innovative educational programs and projects that will extend and enhance the quality and depth of education and are not otherwise part of the District 101 operational budget. Grants support every aspect of education, such as the arts, science, technology, literacy, social studies and physical education.

Requests are evaluated twice a year by the WSFEE Board of Directors and grants are awarded based on a set of criterion including the merit of the request in terms of educational enhancement, the number of students impacted, and availability of funds. Details regarding the grant application process can be found on www.wsfee.org.

Funds for the grants are raised through a variety of activities, such as a bi-annual dinner dance, auctions, golf outings and other parent-hosted social events.

In addition to providing unique learning experiences for students, WSFEE also supports unique growth opportunities for teachers through creative programs, such as the Travel and Learn for the Classroom (TLC) fellowships, offered once every other year.

Did You Know?

WSFEE has awarded more than \$900,000 in grants since its founding. Programs/projects funded by WSFEE include:

- DuPage Children's Museum Learning Labs
- School gardens
- iPads for Special Education and Early Childhood Programs
- Art Institute, Planetarium Field Trips
- Literature Links for Everyday Math
- Assemblies, such as Mark Hisler's "Learn to Draw"
- Spanish Curriculum Libraries
- Classroom Smart Boards
- Document cameras for all schools
- Western Springs Downtown Benches

How You Can Help

- **Donate** – Your financial contribution will help WSFEE continue to fulfill its mission of enhancing the educational experience of children in District 101. Be sure to take advantage of your employer's matching gift program, if applicable. This is a great way to double your support of WSFEE!
- **Sponsorship and Silent Auction Donations** – Sponsors and silent auction donations are vital to the success of all WSFEE fundraising events. Support from your family, family business or workplace is critical to the continued growth and impact of WSFEE. Sponsors and silent auction donations are currently being sought for the WSFEE Dinner/Dance in February 2012.
- **Identify Opportunities and Submit Grant Applications** – Have you ever had an idea for an innovative classroom/school program for your children or students, but did not know where to seek funding support? Encourage District 101 families, teachers and community members to complete and submit grant applications.

Save the Date

Fall Grant Application Window

October 1 - 31, 2011

Spring Grant Application Window

March 1 - 31, 2012

Visit www.wsfee.org for more information!

Bi-Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 11, 2012

Oak Brook Hills Marriott

This is WSFEE's largest fundraising event.

Please plan on joining us!

To learn more about WSFEE or to make a donation, please visit www.wsfee.org or email contactus@wsfee.org. Be sure to add contactus@wsfee.org to your "approved sender" list in your email account so you will receive WSFEE updates and information.

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