



L-P School Foundation, Inc.

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- L-P Schools receive \$4,547 in grants
- 166 donors from 21 states supported LPSF with over \$12,000 in donations

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Connected — Website and Facebook

Our website is up and running!

Take a look at www.lpschoolfoundation.org and you'll find things like:

- Information** – who we are and what we do
- Events** – the annual “Senior Projects” going back to the year 2000 . . . includes pictures and video
- Alumni & Supporters** – reach out and contact your classmates, other alumni, and school supporters
- Financials** – find out about the money we have raised, and grants given to the L-P Schools
- Extras** – other interesting tidbits . . . currently a picture of the 1953-54 Perrysville basketball team

We hope you'll visit our website and register . . . there's no charge. Then let us know what you think, and how we can make the website better. If you have pictures to share, we'll do our best to get them posted on the website.

We also encourage you to visit us at Facebook and become a friend of the Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation. Over 150 people already have! On Facebook, just search for “Loudonville Perrysville School Foundation” and join our group. Both our website and Facebook page will include information about upcoming events, so we encourage you to register.



50th Reunion Plaque

In 2008, the Class of 1958 donated \$600 to the L-P School Foundation in conjunction with their 50th reunion. The following year, Class of 1959 member Donna Weaver challenged her classmates to support the L-P School Foundation. Donations from the Class of 1959 totaled \$1,003.

The L-P School Foundation recently purchased a plaque to commemorate the efforts of these two 50th reunion activities. In the photo above, Gene Heller from the Class of 1958 and Donna Weaver from the Class of 1959 admire the plaque, which is kept in one of the trophy cases at Loudonville High School.

Review of 2009 Activities



Action was fast and furious in the double elimination dodgeball tournament, with a total of 16 teams competing.

The L-P School Foundation (LPSF) was involved in four major activities and events during 2009 – developing a website, coordinating the annual Senior Project, reaching out to alumni, and making a grant to the L-P Schools.

The first major activity of 2009 was development of the L-P School Foundation's website (www.lpschoolfoundation.org), using PV Communications and a number of LHS graduates. The website will allow us to better communicate our activities, and

how the Foundation is assisting the L-P Schools. Additionally, the website will allow you to connect with classmates, other alumni, and school supporters. Registration at our website takes just a few minutes, and there is never a charge.

The second major activity undertaken by the L-P School Foundation was the Class of 2009 Senior Project. Initially held in the year 2000, Senior Projects have now been a traditional

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activity for ten consecutive years. The Class of 2009 project had two main components – a dodgeball tournament and a carnival for the younger children.

A total of 16 teams entered the dodgeball tournament, and perennial powerhouse Beano's Buckeye Ballroom again came away as the champion. As they have in past years, the Beano's team donated their prize winnings back to the L-P School Foundation. Thank you, Beano's, for your support!

The carnival drew a large number of McMullen and Budd School students, and the highlight was five inflatable "bouncer" structures, which the youngsters (and some "oldsters") thoroughly enjoyed. Some other games and activities included face painting, bean bag toss, knock over the milk bottles, and the Mexican hat game. Goodie bags were also given to the younger students.

The concession stand featured homemade bratwurst and pulled pork sandwiches. The hog was donated by Jack and Crystal Ashby, parents of Class of

2009 President Megan Ashby. Thank you, Ashby family! With sunny skies and temperatures in the 80's, lots of pop, water and Gatorade were sold, too.

Some of the participants and spectators brought food items for the Helping Hand food pantry, which was greatly appreciated. The Class of 2009 raised over \$2,100 with the day's activities. Subsequent donations lifted the overall total for the Class of 2009 to a little over \$5,000.



The carnival for younger children featured games like Knock Over the Milk Bottles.

Another major activity undertaken by LPSF in 2009 was a campaign to contact L-P alumni and other school supporters. Over 2,200 letters were sent to alumni and supporters in 45 states. Donations were received from 166 supporters in 21 states, including 72 donations from first-time supporters of the L-P School Foundation. More than \$12,000 was raised through these efforts, and LPSF sends its thanks to all of those who supported this campaign.

The final major event of 2009 was LPSF's grant of \$1,500 to the L-P Schools. Coupled with a grant of \$3,047 from the L-P School District Endowment Fund held at the Ashland County Community Foundation, these funds allowed the school to purchase a whiteboard for the McMullen building. The Foundation's intent is to provide one grant each year to the L-P Schools, and that grant will be approximately 5% of our fund balance. That will allow LPSF to grow our fund balance, and thus provide increasing support to our schools each year in the future.

The 2008 survey said . . .

In last year's newsletter we included a short survey. We want to thank everyone who responded, and share the results with you.

We asked about particular programs or areas of interest that we should emphasize as we make grants.

While not an all-inclusive list, the responses suggested that LPSF grants should be used in the areas of math, reading, computer technology, music and the arts, foreign language, and public speaking or presentation skills. One respondent summarized the majority view by simply suggesting academics in general. Academics always have been, and will continue to be our primary focus. We work with the school administration to spread our grant money

across all four buildings in a variety of academic fields.

The survey included several questions about holding some type of donor recognition event.

About one-half of the respondents were against this type of event, and some suggested that any funds raised by LPSF should be expended to benefit the students. A number of people suggested that attendees could pay for their meal, and 70% of the respondents said they might attend an event if it was held. Given the responses, we are not planning to hold a donor recognition event at this time, but we may revisit the issue in the future.

Finally, we asked for any other thoughts, suggestions, or criticisms.

Several people thanked us for the newsletter and the overall efforts of LPSF. We appreciate those comments, and will continue doing our best to help the L-P Schools.

One comment specifically remarked about a lack of Perrysville representation on the Board. We did ask, and several people from the Perrysville area declined to serve on the Board, citing other commitments. LPSF is a volunteer group, and we will never decline any offer of help. We welcome anyone and everyone to attend our meetings, or to assist LPSF in any manner. Just contact one of the trustees listed on Page 3 of this newsletter for more information.

Our plans for 2010

Scott Spreng, President of the Class of 2010, recently sat down with the L-P School Foundation to discuss his thoughts about the 2010 Senior Project, which will be held this coming spring.

LPSF: Have you thought about possible activities for the Class of 2010 Senior Project?

Spreng: I hope we can raise more than any other class, but we'll just have to see.

LPSF: There have been Senior Projects every year since 2000. Some of the project activities have included a human chain, walkathons, and dodgeball, just to name a few. Have you participated in any of these earlier projects? Which have you enjoyed the most?

Spreng: I've done the dodgeball tournaments the last two years, and they were lots of fun.

Our team got second place last year.

LPSF: As a part of the Senior Project, we always want the graduating class to "do good deeds" in the community. Many previous classes have chosen the Helping Hands food pantry as the beneficiary of their Senior Project. Have you thought about what "good deeds" your class could do?

Spreng: Probably try to raise food for Helping Hands, and maybe find another charity.

LPSF: Finally, why is a Senior Project important to you and the Class of 2010?

Spreng: The school and the community have supported us as students for the last twelve years, and this is a way for the Class of 2010 to give something back to the community.

Class of 2010 Officers:

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Spreng: We'll probably want to do dodgeball since so many people seem to like it. Then we'll want to do something else, too.

LPSF: Last year's Senior Project incorporated a carnival for the younger children. Would you consider including a carnival again in 2010?

Spreng: Sure, we'll think about the carnival, or maybe something new, since we have lots of creative people in the class.

LPSF: How many are in your class, and what kind of participation do you expect?

Spreng: We have about 110 in the class, and I expect lots of them to help with the Senior Project.

LPSF: Have you set a goal for how much money your class wants to raise? Do you think you can top the Class of 2008 record of \$7,154?

Mission Statement

The mission of the Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation is to join together with community members, businesses, civic organizations, alumni, and any other proponents of education, in order to support and enhance the educational opportunities for students of the Loudonville-Perrysville School District.

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