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Lake Washington Schools Foundation
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There is a shared excitement each September, and the Lake Washington Schools Foundation wishes all of the students, faculty, staff, and families a successful year. The Foundation was started seven years ago by a group of education-minded community members who wanted to support local schools. Its mission is to raise money to support academic excellence and success for all students in the Lake Washington School District. The Foundation differs from school PTAs that support individual schools; the efforts of the Foundation are district-wide and seek to address some of the programs that have been diminished or eliminated by lack of funds. The Foundation is pleased to partner with PTAs in a shared vision of supporting education. Check out the fall flyer at www.lwsf.org, or look for the flyer coming home with your student soon.

The Foundation continues to grow thanks to the generous support of the community. With the support received this year, 105 elementary students were able to attend summer school that might not otherwise have been able to attend; over \$83,000 in grants was awarded directly to schools for the 2011-2012 school year; and nearly \$15,000 is going into the Access fund to help students in financial need with academic secondary school expenses. Finally, the Foundation continues to support LINKS, a mentoring program that matches caring adults with students.

The Foundation welcomes your support through volunteering and donations. If you would like to help, please go to www.lwsf.org. The Foundation is pleased to announce LeeAnn Wood as new Interim Executive Director. She can be reached at 936-1414. You can find a lot more information on the website, and you can 'like' the Foundation on Facebook. Again, best wishes for a great school year.