

Focus



Fall 2016

Planned Giving

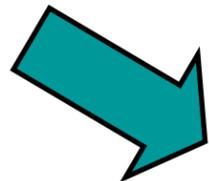
You don't have to be wealthy to give a planned gift.

A gift of any size has the ability to change the school community for the better through our project grant applications. Integrating charitable giving into your estate plan can help your community and your income tax return. The Canadian income tax system encourages gifts to charities by granting tax credits to individual donors. Planned giving can take the form of giving cash or donation shares, securities, mutual funds or life insurance. Many people are not aware of the benefits of charitable giving in their wills. Giving to a charity can be a great way to deal with assets as it is very tax efficient and can create large tax deductions at death to offset the income tax liability of disposition of RRSP, RRIF and Life Income Funds. Life insurance is a great way of turning pennies into dollars. A small monthly or annual payment which is tax receipted as a charitable donation can create thousands of dollars in benefit to a charity! Charitable giving is just one aspect of managing your money.

Endowment Campaign

Help us reach our goal!

For a truly lasting impact, consider donating to the LLF's Making Learning Come Alive Endowment Fund. The interest generated by your gift will provide ongoing support year after year. We currently have pledges in excess of \$1.8 million and our goal is to reach \$2 million so that the annual Grant process can continue with or without fundraising. For more information on our planned giving opportunities, or to inform us of your intention to leave a legacy gift, please contact Leslie Myles, Managing Director (613-544-6920, ext 210).



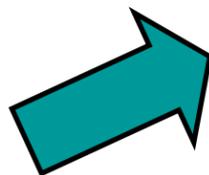
Save the Date

Friday, June 2, 2017 — Sandra Davison Golf Classic

This annual golf tournament honours Sandra Davison, a long time LDSB Board employee, lover of the game and supporter of the Foundation's goals. Come out for a fine day amongst friends at Loyalist Golf & Country Club.

Saturday, November 4, 2017 — Fall Event

Planning is underway for a new LLF extravaganza – pageantry, a showcase of student excellence and more...



A *Classy* Country Evening with The Abrams—September 24, 2016



It's a little bit country...a little bit gourmet...and a whole lot of fun! 'A Classy Country Evening' at the DreamCatcher Farm featured the award-winning, and much sought after group, The Abrams, with additional performances by Kyle Dunn, Adam Knapp & Kickback, along with future stars Taya Williams and Gracey Shea, students of the Limestone District School Board.

The fundraising event, in support of the Tristin Osborne Memorial Fund and the LLF, was a huge success raising \$20,000 for future learning projects, as well as scholarships for LDSB graduates through the Tristin Osborne Memorial Fund.

The Abrams, photos by ©Stephen Wild Photography

Taya is a Grade 8 student at Calvin Park Public School attending the Learning Education through Arts Program or LEAP. She has always loved to sing, but really started at the age of 5 when asked to sing in her church choir. She sang with the Cantabile Choir for two seasons in their junior choir and participated in Kiwanis. She has had the privilege of singing the National Anthem for Canada Day ceremonies, as well as for a Kingston Voyagers hockey game.



Taya Williams, DreamCatcher Farms, photos by ©Stephen Wild Photography

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Gracey Shea, photo by ©Stephen Wild Photography

Gracey is a Grade 8 student in the Challenge Program (an accelerated academic program) at Odessa Public School. She started playing piano at age 4 and placed first internationally for composing a piece called "My Shining Star," and starting singing at community events at the age of 7. Gracey has added the guitar and trumpet to her musical repertoire. She's spent her summer singing at several jamborees, and recently placed third in the junior division of the Country Singing Showdown at the Kingston Fall Fair.

Fall Grant Presentations – November 15, 2016

The Limestone Learning Foundation awarded \$39,000 to 13 learning projects at its presentations November 15, 2016 at Amherstview Public School. LLF projects are special programs that enrich a child's learning experience, and have a spark of inspiration or excitement about them – a little twist that makes learning enticing and fun.

Special community partnerships were also highlighted including donations from Union Gas, Johnson Insurance and the Anna and Edward Churchill Foundation.

Schools received grants to support initiatives in Literacy/Numeracy, the Arts, Science/Technology and Innovative Practices.

Congratulations to the following schools who received grants:

- Amherstview P.S. (Mashed Up Mastery & Sensational Student Sensory Space!)
- Bayridge S.S. (Choices for Girls!)
- Central P.S. (Authentic Artistic Learning with Babi Sugarman)
- Centreville P.S. (Connecting with Little Bits)
- Fairfield Elementary School (Celebration of Dance West)
- Granite Ridge Education Centre (Above and Beyond the Classroom)
- James R. Henderson P.S. (Hawk Bots Wanted)
- KCVI (Lake Effect Robotics)
- Newburgh P.S. (Building Inquiring Minds: Block-by-Block)
- R.G. Sinclair P.S. (Sinclair Knits!)
- Sydenham P.S. (Start @ Sydenham)
- Canadian Flags for Canadian Classrooms (District Initiative)



Teacher Wendy Dossett, Rideau P. S.

WeDO LEGO

In the past, Rideau Public School has had amazing success with this LEGO Robotics Club. The club was initially only open to students in Grade 4 and above, but what teachers have discovered is that the primary students love LEGO, too. The LLF grant allowed the club to purchase WeDo LEGO systems that are more age-appropriate for the younger students.

Blockbuster Math

"Blockbuster Math," makes a variety of building blocks available to students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. This project deepens the understanding of math concepts, and its impact and relationship to language, literacy, and imagination. Polson Park P.S. will be holding various "Block Parties" with students as well as special Block-Building Family Math Nights for both students and parents to attend.

The school is also hoping to extend its Blockbuster Math program and Block Parties to the other elementary schools in their area.



Teacher Nicci Rea and students from École Polson Park P.S.

Newburgh Chimers



This project allows students in Grade 5 to 8 to use the tone chimes in class with music instruction. The experience extends outside of the classroom with concerts in school, at community events, and at local seniors' residences and/or nursing homes. It's a great example of sustainability and pay-it-forward.