Magnifying Achievement

New Albany-Floyd County Education Foundation 2012 Annual Report

> New Albany-Floyd County Education F **S** undation

Dear Friends of New Albany-Floyd County Schools,

Our schools are a critical part of the foundation on which this community is built. Walk into a NAFC classroom and you will immediately feel a room full of energy only our children can create. Hope, excitement, wonder, enthusiasm, creativity, and knowledge are abounding inside the simple four walls which seem to burst at the seams with possibilities. It takes special individuals to hone this tremendous energy

to help our children become confident, successful learners. Our teachers and school staff members accomplish incredible feats every day. The NAFC Education Foundation is here to encourage our teachers, students, and schools to reach their fullest and innovative potential.

Since 2005 the NAFC Education Foundation has created a multitude of opportunities for the individuals connected to our schools. As you well know, funding for our public schools has become increasingly sparse. Property tax caps and state budget reductions have caused a new need for additional support. The answer to keep our schools and students thriving is a public/private partnership, and the Education Foundation is here to facilitate any number of possibilities.

As a separate 501c3 non-profit organization which receives no tax funding, we have provided millions of dollars to our local schools. Groundbreaking and transformational projects have been accomplished due to the remarkable support of local business, individuals, and foundations. Full Day Kindergarten, the Imagination Library Project of Floyd County, and International Baccalaureate are only a few of the many initiatives this organization has funded because of generous donors, making our students stronger and our community better.

As you read this annual report you will see the names of the many individuals and organizations who have donated. Many of the names are teachers and staff members of our great schools. The support for our children runs deep. What a special community we are a part of! What an important role you play! Thank you for helping to make our schools and community great.

Jerry Finn 2012-2013 Board President



Great Classroom Projects

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD A TEACHER SAY,

"I'm so lucky. All of my students learn the same way, are at the same academic level, and have the same background knowledge and experiences. Tax dollars from the state provide me with more than enough funding to meet every need of my students. I have spent \$0 out of my pocket to provide materials to motivate, engage, and creatively bring the curriculum to life."?

We haven't either. That's why, three years ago, we created Great Classroom Project opportunities for every educator in our schools. NAFC teachers may apply for up to \$500 a year for a Great Classroom Project in their classroom. These projects are used to provide additional resources to creative teachers for learning opportunities that enhance the educational and curricular objectives of their classrooms. Examples of past projects funded are:

- Yoga mats for yoga instruction and training in Health and PE curriculum
- Books and audio recordings for students with special needs
- Frogs for dissecting in science classrooms
- Printing Press for art rooms
- CD based foreign language learning system
- Web based learning plans for students with disabilities
- Interactive technology like iPads and document cameras
- Music books, music stands, and interactive SMART Board software for music rooms

In the 2012-2013 school year the Foundation funded \$75,000 in Great Classroom Projects. In only three years the Education Foundation has funded over \$200,000 in resources to over 500 teachers!

"As we begin to pack up books, and put away pencils and glue, we are reminded everywhere of your generosity. Each book upon our "classroom favorites" shelf contains a sticker on the inside cover stating this book was a gift from the NAFC Education Foundation. Because of the quality of literature we were able to purchase with the Foundation's funds, we have seen evidence of students engaging and analyzing diverse and meaningful texts. Thank you for your meaningful gifts. Your generosity will continue to impact the students of Floyd County for years to come." – **4th Grade Teaching Team at Floyds Knobs Elementary**

Imagination Library

Can you imagine the excitement of a child racing to the mailbox to discover a new, free book addressed personally to them? Thanks to the New Albany-Floyd County Education Foundation this scene is repeated month after month for over 3,000 children in our community. Imagination Library of Floyd County was launched in August 2009 to inspire all our county's young children to become successful readers by building a home library filled with high-quality books. In its short history, Imagination Library has grown to serve 71% of the children under five years of age in Floyd County. The program provides a perfect beginning for reading success in later years and a love of reading for a lifetime.



Imagination Library offers both resources and parent reading strategies to provide literacy development that will support reading success. In all homes the excitement surrounding the arrival of a book, personally addressed to the child, creates a special connection to that book each month. With more books in the home, all families tend to read more with their children. In addition, on the back flap of each of the paperback books there are parent tips to help parents expand the reading experience. The books plus the parent tips blend to improve the success of our community's children when they enter school for the first time. Having books in the home is a significant factor in helping families establish a culture of learning long before their children enter school.

Currently over 100 local businesses, organizations, churches, and agencies promote this program to their customers, clients, members and employees by distributing registration brochures, including Floyd Memorial Hospital who signs up newborns as they are released from the hospital. Together we can create a community of readers!

Registration for Imagination Library is very simple! Parents can register their children online at imaginationlibrary.com. Or complete and return a registration form found at many locations around our community such as your child's school office, the New Albany-Floyd County Library, or YMCA. You may also call the Imagination Library's local office at 542-4001 or email bking@nafcs.k12.in.us to request a brochure or for more information.

> Over 3,060 children receive books every single month

108,000 books have been sent to Over 5,000 children

It costs only \$30

to provide free books to one child for an entire year

SMART Board Technology for the Classroom

The Foundation has implemented a bold initiative to implement innovative SMART Board technology in every classroom in New Albany Floyd County schools. A SMART Board is similar to an oversized, touch sensitive, tablet computer which allows the students and teacher to interact in ways we could only dream about a few years ago. Research has shown a dramatic improvement in student behavior, progress, and test scores when students are actively engaged in learning.

In 2012 the NAFC Education Foundation purchased 7 new SMART Boards for the math department at NAHS from funding raised at the Education Celebration. In 2013 additional boards were installed at Green Valley, S. Ellen Jones, Hazelwood, Scribner, Highland Hills, and Georgetown. Some of our classrooms have full technology suites installed, some have nothing. Hazelwood and Scribner Middle Schools are still in desperate need of additional boards.

Our Foundation Board is committed to making this happen to keep NAFC schools on the cutting edge with advancements in technology and alternative learning techniques. A gift of \$4,000 will provide one classroom with a SMART Board and Projector. YOU can sponsor a classroom in need. For a gift in this amount, the Education Foundation will include a personalized plaque on the SMART Board thanking the donor for their generous gift.



"I can't imagine teaching in my classroom without a SMART Board. It's truly a transformational tool that has created a rich interaction between the students, myself, and the curriculum that's not possible using a dry-erase board or chalkboard. It's an invaluable asset for me and my students." – Janet Hollingsworth, math teacher at New Albany High School

Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana is the region's leading provider of life-changing economics programs for students. The Education Foundation is committed to sending all 5th and 8th grade students in the NAFC school system to a Junior Achievement interactive classroom every year. During the 2012-2013 school year, the entire 5th grade student body, about 950 students, participated in Junior Achievement's BizTown and the entire 8th grade student body, about 925 students, participated in JA Finance Park through funding from the Education Foundation.

JA BizTown is a creative hands-on program designed to respond to employer and community leader concerns that students lacked basic understanding of the economics and life skills needed for future roles in the workplace. The program combines a four-week classroom curriculum with a state-of-the-art interactive free enterprise laboratory located in Louisville. The JA BizTown experience helps students learn and apply rigorous academic standards in math, civics, social studies, language arts and technology as 5th grade students play real life roles as citizens of their very own mini town.

JA Finance Park is a month-long economics education program that introduces personal financial planning and career exploration to 8th grade students. Classroom teachers deliver financial literacy basics during a four-week period, then students visit JA Finance Park to put into practice what they've learned about economic options and the principles of budgeting. Assisted by their teachers and a staff of trained volunteers, they have the opportunity to actually develop and commit to a personal budget.

Other Educational Tours – Along with sending all 5th and 8th grade students through Junior Achievement Kentuckiana, the NAFC Education Foundation also sends elementary students on field trips to Culbertson Mansion/Scribner House, Kentucky Science Center, and the Ogle Center. These other educational tours were among the only trips taken during the 2012-2013 school year and were made possible by generous funding from

Do you have a passion for education and want to help our schools?

the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County.

Our Mission:

The Education Foundation believes all students have the right to achieve success regardless of their socio-economic status or budgetary constraints. As a champion for educational excellence, the New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation realizes our young learners have a constant need for new and alternative scholastic resources. We strive to engage the community to invest in these resources and we exist to facilitate their interest in improving our schools, thereby strengthening our community and fostering exponential economic growth. The Education Foundation is an open door to make a multitude of projects possible! With your help, anything can be achieved. **Contact the NAFC Education Foundation today for more information about opportunities for funding.**

School Safety Project

The recent tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary shocked the world. Questions arose immediately about children in our schools. Are they safe? The Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County boldly funded a \$150,000 school safety project to ensure the safety of our students in our elementary schools. Fairmont, Georgetown, Greenville, Mt. Tabor, S. Ellen Jones, and Slate Run Elementaries will all receive updated secured entries with state of the art Raptor Visitor Management software.

• International Baccalaureate

Floyd Central and New Albany High Schools are prestigiously joining the handful of Indiana schools to offer an International Baccalaureate diploma for next school year. These two schools will be among only 22 in the state of Indiana, and the only high schools offering the programme south of Indianapolis.

The International Baccalaureate Programme offers students the opportunity to obtain collegiate credits while requiring a rigorous six courses of study including areas of languages, social studies, the experimental sciences, mathematics, and world languages. The diploma-track, which students begin their junior year, requires more than finding right answers and passing exams. Students compose a 4,000-word thesis on a subject of their choosing with the guidance of a faculty advisor, as well as complete 250 hours of community or other service between their junior and senior years. Students in the programme also complete a theory of knowledge course that requires them to not only stand on what they know, but gives them the ability to back up why they know a given subject.

New Albany and Floyd Central High Schools will receive worldwide recognition while providing students graduating with an IB diploma many opportunities for college enrollment and scholarships. This accreditation was made possible by a generous grant from the Blue Sky Foundation.

For students, there is a real sense that learning is an adventure and that doors are being opened, both intellectually and in terms of development.

Dr. Hibbard Superintendent

Scholarships

The NAFC Education Foundation was honored to award its first college scholarships to two graduating seniors. Deirdre Flynn from New Albany High School and Hannah Merk from Floyd Central High School both received \$2,500 toward college tuition in 2013. Partial funding was provided by Teacher Credit Union.

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Carl and Mary Kay Wolford Great School Project

This past year we were able to fund the very first Great School Project to Highland Hills Middle School through the extraordinary generosity of Carl and Mary Kay Wolford. A \$5,000 grant opportunity was available to any school to fund a transformational school project. Through an application and committee review process, Highland Hills Middle School was chosen as the recipient to fund the expansion of an audio library for students with disabilities. iPods, docking stations, and over 500 hard copies of books to follow along with were purchased to support students with special needs. **Carla Thomas**, **teacher and reading coach at HHMS**, said *"This project helped students realize that reading can be a dynamic, enjoyable process regardless of their ability.*" We hope to be able to fund additional unique projects like this in the future.

Financial Highlights

Total Assets as of June 30, 2013		\$ 277,360.74
Great School Project	\$ 5,000.00	
Educational Tours and Transportation	ion \$ 20,000.00	
Junior Achievement	\$ 32,256.00	
Miscellaneous School Projects	\$ 43,645.40	
SMART Board Technology	\$ 45,362.00	
Great Classroom Projects	\$ 74,628.97	
International Baccalaureate		\$ 150,000.00
School Safety Improvements		\$ 150,000.00

Total Program Expenses in Fiscal Year 2013

\$ 529,202.36

Bequest Information

Language for IRA or insurance beneficiary designation Beneficiary: New Albany-Floyd County Education Foundation (*Tax ID* # 20-2552199).

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I give and bequeath _________ (describe gift) to the New Albany-Floyd County Education
Foundation, of New Albany, Indiana, to be held as a component fund known as the "_______ Fund."
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If you would like to know more, please contact Tyler Bliss, Executive Director, at TBliss@NAFCEdFoundation.org or (812) 542-2228. You may also visit our website at www.NAFCEdFoundation.org.

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Great Classroom Project Review Committee

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NAFC School Corporation Stats

- \$2,650,000 given to the Foundation
- 11,200 students
- 1,500 staff members
- 680 teachers
- 16 schools: k-12
- 44% of students qualify for free or reduced price lunch

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