The Future Is Coming Back
What are YOU waiting for?

The countdown is on! In less than six weeks, we will host our 13th Annual "Light Their Future" Celebration on Friday, March 15, at EventzPlus in Castleton. Excitement abounds in the office as we inch closer to the event. We have heard from many of you supporting this celebration by sponsorship, committing to captain a table (that's just asking your friends to come and sit at your table), donating items for our auctions, or serving on the wonderful committee that is making all of this happen. But there is still so much more to do and if you are not one of the above mentioned, WE WANT YOU! Here are some ways that YOU can be a part of this FUNtastic Celebration:

• **EAT!** at Michael's Southshore (Fox & Oaklandon Rd.) on February 7, 4-9pm. Mention the Foundation and a portion of the proceeds will go towards securing fabulous items for the auctions at the Celebration.

• **DRINK WINE!** at Marnie Cole's Annual Girls' Night Out Wine Tasting Party on February 22, 7-9pm, at Marnie’s house, 12237 Old Stone Drive, $25 donation. Meet & mingle with other moms. Buy Silpada jewelry for yourself or as gifts. This is ALWAYS a FUN night.

• **EAT!** at George's Neighborhood Grill (71st & Binford) on February 28, 4-9pm. Mention the Foundation and a portion of the proceeds will go towards securing fabulous items for the auctions at the Celebration.

• **SHOP!** for items to be used in your child's school's themed gift basket that will be auctioned off at the Celebration. The theme can be centered around the Magnet Focus of the school, Spirit Wear, or a fun theme like Restaurant Gift Cards, Family Fun Night, or Crafts. These baskets are always a favorite and always bring high dollars. Check with your school's PFO or principal to determine who, if not you, is putting this together.

• **CREATE!** a table centerpiece, or two, to be used at the Celebration. These centerpieces should showcase what makes your child's school so awesome, such as magnet-themed, awards, achievements, etc. For example: Lawrence Central may have a football theme celebrating their Class 5A Championship, or Indian Creek or Skiles Test may do a LEGO creation celebrating their Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics magnet. Other than size, which should be around 18" x 18" x 15" high, the only limitation is your imagination. Check with your school's principal to determine who, if not you, is putting these together.

• **DONATE!** to the Foundation even if you cannot attend the Celebration.

• **BUY!** a ticket or two for the Celebration.  [Register Now](#)

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**Program Spotlight: AVID**

This is where the money goes
By The Numbers

Here is how AVID makes a difference for Lawrence Township students:

1 million dollars that 2012 AVID graduates earned in scholarships,

336 graduates from the AVID program since 2001,

700 students currently in the AVID program in Lawrence Township,

61.8 percent of AVID students raised their GPA with the support that AVID provides,

90 percent of AVID students pursued post-secondary education,

433,000 dollars is what it costs to fund AVID for one year.

If you have been following the Foundation for any time at all, you have probably heard of AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination). It's a cute and empowering acronym, but what does it really mean? Here is the four-one-one on AVID:

AVID was started in San Diego, by an English teacher, in 1980. In 2001, it was introduced in Indiana through two high schools, one of which was Lawrence Central. Lawrence North joined the AVID family in 2003. Today, there are more than 4,900 schools in the nation running the AVID program. The mission of AVID is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. But the word "all" in this case has an unspoken asterisk. AVID is a program that students must apply for. In order to be accepted into AVID, a student must meet three qualifications:

1. ABILITY - Students must be in the academic middle, earning B's and C's and possibly D's, but having the potential to do much better. This is usually proven by good scores on standardized tests.
2. DESIRE & DETERMINATION - Students have to want to go to college and be willing to work hard to make it happen.
3. MEMBERSHIP - Students must be in what is considered an underserved group, such as low-income, first family member to go to college, or minority.

Students must take the AVID full credit elective class each year and a rigorous academic schedule, including AP (Advanced Placement), Honors, and/or IB (International Baccalaureate). While some people think the class serves as an extra study hall, the truth is the curriculum develops study skills, test-taking skills, organizational strategies, note-taking skills and student accountability. Students are given the opportunity to visit college campuses throughout Indiana. Additional tutoring and guidance is part of the program as well.

The side bar gives additional information on the AVID program in Lawrence Township.

A Change for Change Update

The numbers are in

The money from last semester's Lawrence Township School Student Foundation fundraiser, Change for Change, has been counted and recounted just for good measure. The winner of this year's competition is ..................................<drum roll, please>..........................................

LAWRENCE CENTRAL!
We are a strong and vibrant community where all children are supported and empowered to shine.

The Lawrence Township School Foundation ignites the power of community, connecting philanthropy and education to provide the resources needed for all children to excel.

Quick Links

DONATE NOW!
CONTACT US!

www.msdltf.org

Advertising Opportunities

Looking for a great advertisement opportunity for your business? The Foundation is now offering an ad opportunity in this monthly eNewsletter. We will run one advertisement in our eNewsletter that will reach a very broad audience. Please contact Heather Anderson via email or call 317-423-8300 for more information.

TOP 30 Seniors Announced
Best of the best

Every year the seniors with the thirty highest Grade Point Averages (GPAs) are honored at a banquet in the spring. Each student chooses an educator who has made an impact on his/her education. This year’s TOP 30 Banquet will be held at Lawrence Central on April 9, 2013 at 6:00pm. Below are the honored seniors.

Lawrence Central
Jasmine Allen
Geoffrey Bowles
Cameron Clinton
Steven Davis
Sarah Desautels
Rebecca Duke
Erin Ellefsen
Alexander Floyd
JonZachary Forbes
Griffin Gardner
Clark Harris
Sara Heiny
Alexander Kryah
Alexander Larsh
Molly Liss
Jordan Meenan
Isabella Murray
Kaitlin Owens
Katherine Powell
Madalyn Roach
Tyler Ruch
Petr Sliva
Amna Sohail
Mackenzie Spicer
Samantha Strong
Kristen Swanson
Krista Taylor
Adam Turner
Connor Tuthill

Lawrence North
Taryn Anderson
Brady Boles
Elena Buck
Nichole Chamberlin
David Cho
Allison Enghauser
John Gardner
Samuel Higgins
Jeannie Hsu
Jared Kassebaum
Cecily Kemp
Morgan Knott
Scott Lain
Dimas MacDonald
Larado Mhonda
Courtney Mine
Audrey Muston
Daniel Pearcy
Taylor Pearson
Adam Reddigari
Mackenzie Reetz
Marlow Rumreich
Daniel Scofield
Michelle Spicklemire
Andrea Testin
William Torres
Jamie Vertin
Heidi Williams
Sarah Wood

Congratulations to all of the Lawrence Central students and fans whose donations totaled $377.79. Lawrence North students and fans were very close! Hence, that is why there was a recount. Lawrence North raised a total of $366.04. The Student Foundation event, which took place on December 12 at the LN vs. LC boys basketball game, raised $743.83 for the Student Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s Change for Change a success! The Lawrence Township School Student Foundation looks forward to putting the money into projects that will help our schools and our community.
• The average GPA of this year’s Top 30 students is 4.491? Their actual GPAs range from 4.251 to 4.857.
• Lawrence North will put on the play A Raisin in the Sun? Friday, and Saturday, February 22 & 23, at 7:00pm.
• Lawrence Central’s Show Choirs have a preview night? Thursday, February 7, at 8:00pm. Perfect time to grab dinner at Michael’s Southshore first.
• The District’s Magnet Fair is Saturday? February 9, at Lawrence Education & Community Center, 1:30-4:00pm. Elementary Open Houses will begin the following week.
• Our very own new Executive Director, Cori Korn, was featured in at Geist magazine? You can find the article here.
• Eric Zuber, a finalist in the Classic Fellowship Awards competition, will perform with the Lawrence Central Symphony Orchestra? At Lawrence Central on February 20 at 7:00pm.
• This week marks Facebook’s ninth birthday? Monday, February 4, to be exact. In honor of this occasion, we ask that you LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.

Cori’s Corner
What does Igniting the Power of Community mean?

Throughout our communications, you will see the mention of the Lawrence Township School Foundation igniting the power of community. It is in our mission statement, on our letterhead and business cards, at the top of our eNewsletters and just about everywhere you look. If we are talking about the Foundation, this phrase is part of the conversation. But really, what does it mean to be igniting the power of community?

If you look up each of these words in the dictionary, you will find the following definitions:

IGNITING - To arouse the passions of; excite
POWER - The ability or capacity to do something effectively
COMMUNITY - A group of people having common interests

It is when we combine these three words that the essence of the Foundation is defined. It means YOU, our supporters, collectively coming together, sharing your passion for the Lawrence Township schools, and making a significant impact in those schools. Understand, that whether you give $1 or $1,000,000, YOU are part of this passionate community. A community that has ALL the power to provide those resources and programs needed so that every child in Lawrence Township can excel.

Thank you, to everyone who has been a Spark in this Power of Community and welcome, to those who are just joining us. Together, we will not be dimmed!

As always, I welcome the opportunity to meet with each of you and value your input and feedback. You can reach me at 317-423-8302 or ckorn@msdlt.k12.in.us.

Thank you for IGNITING THE POWER OF COMMUNITY!

All the best,

Cori Korn

Laugh Lines
Q: Why do the animals at the zoo refuse to take tests?
A: Because there are too many cheetahs.
- submitted by Nolan, 5th grader at Forest Glen

Send us your or your child’s favorite school jokes to:
ltschoolfoundation@gmail.com.
We would love to post them. Thank you.