

TO: ESF Exec Board
FROM: Shanda Hurla
DATE: 10/7/19
RE: Executive Director Update

ESF District Staff Tailgate

- Thank you for all the help with the tailgate. Each year, we continue to grow this event. We gave out more than 300 hotdogs. We had several guest principals join us for the event as well.

Golf Tournament – Friday, Oct 18th, Eagle Bend: Lunch at 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

- Registration deadline is Sept 27th – but are taking hole and prize sponsors through Oct 17th
- Current Registration
 - 26 Teams Registered 13 Hole Sponsors (5-7more) 1 Title Sponsor 1 Cart Sponsor
 - 1 Beverage Cart Sponsor 1 Registration Sponsor 4 Hole Contest 3 Prize Sponsors
- Prizes – we love more door prizes
- 4 Tents – we are needing tents for our hole contest
 - Volunteers
 - Set-Up: 9:45-11 a.m. (5)
 - Don, Ken Abram, Chrissy (**need 1 more**)
 - Registration Table: 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (3)
 - Claire, Tony & Chrissy
 - Hole Contest: 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. (3)
 - Ed, Tony (**need 2 more**)
 - Hole Contest: 2:15-4:15 p.m. (3)
 - Belinda, Shawna, Cara (**need 1 more**)
 - 2:30-4:15 Awards Set Up (1)
 - Candace Dunback
 - Clean-Up: 4:30-6:30 pm (6)
 - Barb, Candace (**need 4 more**)
- Please spread the word about the golf tournament if you know of businesses or individuals that would like to sponsor a hole or prize.
Register Online: bit.ly/ESFGolf2019

Annual Campaign

Employee Campaign

- We had a recorded number of employees (134) that participated in the “I Give to Team Cardinal: Employee Giving Campaign”. I am in awe of the amazing employees that continue to make the commitment to us.
- If you have any prize donations that you would like to give to the employee campaign let me know. I play on drawing later this week for winners.
- We have a lot of gourmet caramel apples to make for our employee campaign participants. It is always a fun time and the staff LOVE the caramel apples.
 - Thursday, October 24th
 - Volunteers
 - Make Caramel Apples: 8:30-11 a.m. (4) @ Shanda’s
 - Belinda, Lauri (2 more?)
 - Deliver Caramel Apples: 1-3 p.m.
 - Lindsey, Chrissy, (1 more?)

BOE Campaign

- Bryan Maring kicked off our BOE Campaign at the September BOE Meeting. Our goal is to get 100% participation by our board members. BOE campaign concludes October 11th.

ESF Board Campaign

- Chrissy will kick off our board member campaign. We strive to have 100% of our board members participate in the annual campaign. ESF Board Campaign Concludes October 31st.

Teacher Excellence Grants Prize Patrol –Friday, Nov 8th – 8 a.m. @ EES, followed by EHS then EMS.

- I encourage you to join us for all or even a portion of the prize patrol Friday, Nov 8th – it is a great event. It will conclude around 11:30 a.m.
- Regional Professionals Development Scholarships – we allocated \$3500 to PK/EES, \$2500 to EMS, \$2500 to EHS for staff to have the opportunity to apply for funding for regional professional development opportunities. The district's PD committee in collaboration with Mark Dodge, School Improvement Director and the building principals will be allocating the scholarships. The deadline for staff apply is the same as the Teacher Excellence Grants – Friday, October 18th.

EHS Career Connect

- We have been working with EHS staff member, Cathie Klein to create two career-exploration programs at EHS.
 - Career Connect Site Visits - Each month a selected site visit is planned and students can sign up to take part in this education field trip to learn more about career opportunities. In September we took 30 students to Garmin and October 25th we will take 30 students to KUMC.
 - Career Connect Lunch & Learns - A couple of times each month, we will host a career panel so students can learn from employees in those career fields. Last Friday, we hosted our first career panel of Business Development and Sales Professionals.
- After each site visit and lunch & learn, students receive an email to complete a feedback survey. We have received a lot of great feedback from the students and I hope to share this with you soon.

Teacher Fellows Update

- Jessica Johnson, Michelle Plegge, & Susan DeVoe have been doing some tremendous work on the "Collaborative Problem Solving" fellowship. They will have a work session later this fall, where we will host a lunch for them and our board to hear about their progress and updates. Unfamiliar with Collaborative Problem Solving here is a TEDx that gives some background: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuopZkFclVs>

EMS Enrichment Programs

- We have a record 13 enrichment programs we are sponsoring at Eudora Middle School: EMS Book Club, Chess, FBLA, First Aid, Movin' with Cardinal Color Guard, Hunger Games, LinkUP Mentoring, EMS Powerlifting Club 8th Grade, STEM Club, Finding the Leader in Me, Retail + Detail, Cardinal Spirit Club, Powerlifting Club 7th Grade

Hammert Concert Series

- Did you know Eudora has a Contemporary Music concert series that will take place throughout the year downtown in the Hammert Building 706 Main St? These visiting professional artists are committed to providing one-hour of presentation to our Eudora School students. We were fortunate to continue this partnership from last year to this academic year. I am working with the principals of each building to make these small-group performances happen. We host the OASI Trio in November at EMS.

Wichita Children's Theatre

- We will host Wichita Children's Theatre traveling performances for Oct 10th. The Three Billy Goats Gruff performance for PreK-2nd Grade. Tom Sawyer performance for 3rd-5th Grade. We are offering open seating to any daycares and senior citizens in our community as well. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to me.

Cardinal Partner of the Year

- I sent a call for nominations to Eudora School District Principals for Cardinal Partner of the Year. We will recognize a business, individual, or community organization that has made an impact on our district for the 2018-19 school year.
- Previous years we recognized: Aaron & Sheena Boden with Gambino's Pizza; and Mike Curry with Hamm, Inc.
- We will announce Westerhouse Heating and Cooling, Mike Westerhouse & Family as the 2019-20 Cardinal Partner of the Year at the October Board of Education meeting.

Environmental Grant

- We submitted an Elizabeth Schultz Environmental Grant with the Douglas County Community Foundation October 1st for an initiative at the Eudora Early Childhood Education Program "Path to Zero Waste Preschool"
- *Environmental issues are complex and often very difficult for preschool students to understand. Our goal is to create a pathway to a zero-waste preschool by creating a waste reduction, recycle, compost, food recovery, and education program. Our students' direct participation and experience in the program will allow them to better understand their role in solutions to complex environmental issues.*
- Our fingers are crossed for positive news, we should hear back from DCCF by mid-November. We requested a total \$4849 for the grant with a \$650 match from ESF and \$1400 match from USD#491.

Other updates

- Continue to promote our new website. When you are out and about, please talk to people about this fantastic resource and all the great ways for people to learn more about us and our mission. www.eudoraschoolsfoundation.org
- We have a few more potential grant opportunities that we will be looking at this fall: LiveWell, State Farm, and the Winter Family Fund. Stay tuned for more information.
- Robby, Candance & I were able to assist and present at the Kansas Middle School Administrators conference in Topeka the end of September. We presented with EMS Principal, Jeremy Thomas, and EMS Counselor Michelle Plegge on the Cardinal LinkUP Mentor Program.
- Thanks to Kaw Valley State Bank we were able to host a table at their annual picnic promoting the Cardinal Spirit Debit Card.
- Welcome to EMS Student Intern, Emma Stockton. Emma is a senior at EHS and interns in our office T-F mornings 8:10-8:50 a.m. Emma has done a fantastic job helping to coordinate the EHS Career Connect programs.
- I am working with Kaitlyn at the Douglas County Extension to coordinate follow-up with those that were interested more involvement after our Health Equity Forum we hosted in August.
- Save the Date – Principal for a Half Day is scheduled for Friday, March 6th (we had previously had it scheduled for Feb 28th)
- In November, we are collaborating with our School Resource Officer, Caleb Lewis and LMH Health Foundation to bring in a national speaker on Vaping. There will be a parent workshop the night prior to the EMS & EHS student presentations. More information to come.
- It is our hope to continue Operation Caring for this academic year. Last year we provided 44 students (PK, EES, EMS & EHS) with the opportunity for a \$100 shopping excursion where they had the dignity of selecting their own clothing, in addition, to lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings with the principal. Operation Caring relies on a \$5,000 budget that we receive from Cardinal Care Fund donations.

Thank you

- Thank you for giving me this opportunity to work in our schools. I absolutely love working with each of you and seeing the momentum that is happening. I wish you could be with me every time some one pulls me aside and talks about the wonderful things that are happening because of the Foundation.