

## Multi-sensory garden grows young minds at LES



Students at Lawrenceville Elementary School are enjoying a new, multisensory outdoor setting where life sciences learning happens. In response to a grant request from the school, the Lawrence Township Education Foundation funded a sensory garden that features many textured plants that display a diverse array of fragrances, colors and leaves, and, in the fall, different types of seed pods.



Multisensory learning helps stimulate brain activity. When this occurs in a natural setting, learning and brain development is longer lasting.

While exploring the Sensory Garden, students will use higher thinking skills such as identifying, analyzing, observing, investigating, comparing, classifying, hypothesizing and critiquing. The wide variety of species

in the garden provides the basis for studies of plant function and defense in Science; pattern recognition and data representation in Mathematics; drawing, painting and sound appreciation in the Visual and Performing Arts; as well as skills for communication and descriptive writing.

Stop by and touch the many textures, smell the fragrances, see the colors, and bathe your senses in the wondrous qualities of the plants in the Sensory Garden at LES on Craven Lane!

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Students spend 180 days in school each year. The Lawrence Township Education Foundation believes those days should be filled with outstanding learning experiences. We invite you to donate \$1 for each day of the school year and be part of our 180 Club. Your \$180 donation will make a strong positive impact for all students. Please donate today at [www.ltefnj.org](http://www.ltefnj.org).





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**EXCELLENCE IN ACTION: A few of the 41 grants recently funded by Lawrence Township Education Foundation**

**NEW GEAR FOR WLMS, THE TV STUDIO AT LAWRENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

Thanks to a grant from LTEF, Lawrence Middle School's TV station can now create programming on the go, with the capability to distribute throughout the school, the District, and the entire Lawrence Township community. Students participate in morning announcements, mock elections, televised debates, and more while working as reporters, cast and tech crew.



**TEACHING TOUCH TYPING, A LIFE-LONG SKILL.**

In this age when kids thumb-type on mobile devices, research shows that children with touch-typing keyboarding skills (rather than hunt-and-peck) are better motivated, able to write faster, produce neater documents, and demonstrate improved language arts skills. A modest LTEF grant to Lawrence Intermediate School's tech lab has funded Keyboard Trainers which cover the keys, and finger positioning guides promoting memorization of the correct touch-typing positions.



**RENOVATIONS TO THE LHS LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER.**

School libraries play a central role in supporting students, and Lawrence Township Education Foundation is sensitive to the importance of keeping them up to date. The students at Lawrence High School now benefit from a newly-renovated Library-Media Center, provided through a grant



from LTEF. The updates include more areas for group instruction and differentiated learning, additional laptops, modified shelving and new furniture — all designed to support academic excellence, critical thinking skills and lifelong learning.



**NEW TOOLS TO PROMPT PROBLEM SOLVING AT ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.**

Balancing towers, 3-D math modeling kits, pattern building games, invention sets, history and science card kits, and story-telling tins are just some of the objects included in the Thinking Tools Trunk now used by Gifted & Talented/Enrichment students in all four of Lawrence's elementary schools, thanks to a grant from LTEF. The Thinking Tools Trunk is filled with STEAM



materials (science, technology, engineering, art and math), helping young students tap into their own capabilities to develop originality, flexibility, problem finding and problem solving. It is a joy to see these young minds igniting with excitement over these learning kits.

# DONORS SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

During the 2012-2013 school year your donations funded 41 grants totaling more than \$84,157, to benefit students in Lawrence Township Public Schools. Donations were received from more than 635 individuals, companies, institutions and foundations, as well as faculty and staff in the district.

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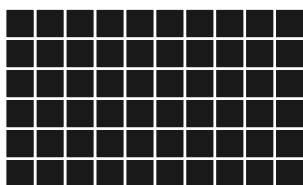
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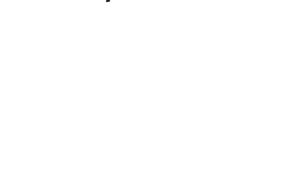
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# ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

### Income



### Expenses



### Grants Awarded by Category



- 60% ETS & The Lawrenceville School
- 14% Friends of the Foundation
- 13% Special Events
- 8% Corporate Donations
- 3% Faculty & Staff
- 1% APPLE Cards
- 1% United Way

- 71% Grants, Programs and Services
- 24% Management and General
- 5% Fundraising

- 29% Literacy & Library Improvements
- 15% Technology
- 13% Health & Character
- 11% Sound Systems
- 11% Humanities
- 10% Science & Math
- 7% Professional Development
- 4% Art & Music

Listing reflects donations received from 10/1/12 to 9/30/13. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

# Eye on Excellence

A report to the community from the  
Lawrence Township Education Foundation

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## THE ART OF LEARNING MEETS THE LEARNING OF ART

Lawrence HS students, funded by a grant from LTEF, studied photography, painting and sculpture at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC.



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