

ODEBOLT ARTHUR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Alumni Newsletter....First Edition, November 2008

600 S. Maple St.

Odebolt, IA 51458

712-668-4860

The newly formed Odebolt Arthur Education Foundation (OAEF) is off to a great start having raised over \$4,000 in a short amount of time. Our goal is to raise funds to finance exceptional projects and materials that will enhance the educational experiences of our children, focusing on projects that fall outside the scope of the school district's annual budget. See more on page 2....



Board of Directors

Curt Wareham, President
Jason Wulf, Vice President
Kristy Dewey, Secretary
Carolyn Hoelscher, Treasurer
Roger Buehler
Kevin Carstensen
Pam Hansen
Alex Murphy

Carol Auen, Executive Director
Dani Trimble, Superintendent

ALL SCHOOL REUNION

The All School Alumni Reunion was held this past summer in June. Attendees numbered around 300. Elaine Dannenberg Raasch, Class of 1933, was presented a potted plant as the most senior alum present. The event was emceed by Jeff McDonough, Class of 1971; and entertainment was provided by Barb Girvan Horak, Class of 1967, with her husband, Don; Kyle Hustedt, Class of 1998; and former band students comprising the OA Alumni Band. The next All School Reunion will be planned for the summer of 2011. Be sure to keep your contact information up to date so that your invitation can be mailed to you. Please e-mail any new information to bauen@netins.net or call 712-668-4860.

GoodSearch.com/GoodShop.com

Please help raise funds for the OA Education Foundation each and every time you search the Internet and shop online! When you use Yahoo-powered GoodSearch.com they will donate a penny to our cause each time you search! You can download GoodSearch to your toolbar and select the foundation as your charity to support.



Also, you can shop at more than 600 GoodShop.com merchants including Amazon, Best Buy, Toys R Us, and many others, and a percentage of each purchase will go to the foundation.

....more on the foundation...

District Gems as of Oct. 31, 2008

The OAEF has partnered with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, a qualified community foundation, to provide donors access to the Endow Iowa Tax Credits. Endow Iowa allows taxpayers to receive a 20% Iowa tax CREDIT *in addition to* the normal state and federal charitable income tax deductions for charitable gifts given to a permanent endowment fund. Donors who endow their gifts can make a difference during their lifetime and, at the same time, provide a gift that lasts forever.

Therefore, two funds have been set up to receive donations. A permanent endowment fund, where the principal amount is never spent, only the interest, which creates a legacy for the donor; and a pass-through fund for current projects, materials, and equipment for the OA School District.

The Foundation enables those with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support local education in a variety of ways.

Gifts may be given as one-time or annual gifts; planned gifts through estate and financial planning; honorary and memorial gifts to recognize the life/work of a colleague, friend, or relative; or pledges.

Please consider becoming one of our "GEMS" by making a donation to continue the excellent educational opportunities provided by the Odebolt-Arthur Community School.

Gemstones of Giving

- \$10,000 +Purple (Amethyst)/Gold
- \$5,000 - \$9,999.....Diamond
- \$2,500 - \$4,999.....Ruby
- \$1,000 - \$2,499.....Emerald
- \$500 - \$999Sapphire
- \$250 - \$499Topaz
- \$100 - \$249Jade
- \$1 - \$99 Opal

OPAL

HW/Darlene Onstot
 Richard/Bonnie Eske
 Marian Sonnichsen
 Farner-Bocken Co.
 J. Varenhorst Fabrics, Inc.
 Sam's Club
 Something Unique
 Wallace Soft Water
 Joel/Pam Ahart

JADE

Anderson Ericksen Dairy
 Lidderdale Country Store
 Mark/Pam Hansen
 Tom/Carolyn Hoelscher
 Roger/Ellen Buehler
 Bob/Carol Auen
 Jason/Beth Wulf
 Curt/Vonnie Wareham
 Joe/Kristy Dewey
 Alex/Jann Murphy
 NW Rural Electric Company
 Jerry/Deb Einspahr

SAPPHIRE

Madeline McTasney
 Swanson Insurance and Real Estate
 United Bank of Iowa

EMERALD

Kevin/Terri Carstensen,
 family & friends

Thank you to all the above who have generously given to the Odebolt Arthur Education Foundation. All gifts are greatly appreciated!



United Bank of Iowa presented a check from their Homecoming Cookout.

**Odebolt Arthur Education
Foundation Awards Two Mini-Grants**

The Odebolt Arthur Education Foundation is proud to announce the first two mini-grant awards chosen for funding. The two projects that are being funded are:

1. A Leveled Book Library (\$573.30) submitted by Kara Neville, 1st grade teacher. This is a collection of books of varying degrees of difficulty throughout numerous titles, allowing the teacher to teach effective reading strategies to small groups of children at an appropriate level for their success.
2. Elmo TT-02S Visual Presenter (\$525.00) submitted by Traci Allen, Technology Coordinator, and Irene Thayer, 2nd grade teacher. The Elmo is a revolutionary document camera that allows the instructor to display a variety of objects onto the wall or screen for the entire class to view. It can be hooked up to a LCD projector, computer, or television.

These two projects will both enhance the learning opportunities of the students in the classrooms. The OA Education Foundation looks forward to providing additional funding in the near future and beyond.

**Please consider supporting
the Odebolt Arthur
Education Foundation!!!!**

Questions....call Carol Auen @ 712-668-4860; or send e-mail to bauen@netins.net.

*30 Years of Volleyball
Celebrated in 2008*

An open house was held on October 16th celebrating 30 years of volleyball at Odebolt-Arthur. Many former players and their parents were present to reminisce and enjoyed viewing the scrapbooks on display. Coaches from earlier years at O-A present were: Gary Schroeder, Al Zobel, Kathy Clough, Leslie Gustafson, Vonnie Wareham, Marie (Sturm) Boeckman; and current coaches, Heather Spetman and Jim Mickelson. Plaques were presented to the coaches commemorating their service.



Heather Spetman, Gary Schroeder, Marie (Sturm)Boeckman, Vonnie Wareham, Allen Zobel, and Jim Mickelson



Kathy Clough



Leslie Gustafson

What Would You Like to See or Hear About???

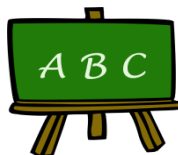
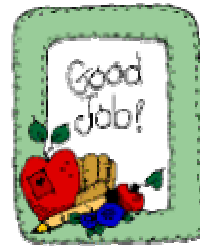
For those of you that live far away and have not been back for some time, let us know what you would like to see or hear about and we'll try to include it in the next issue of our newsletter. Please e-mail your request to bauen@netins.net or call 712-668-4860. Also, if you have something you'd like to share, please send it to us so we can pass it on in this newsletter.

Challenge !!!!

The Classes of 1961, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1980, 1987, & 1992 challenge all past graduating classes to make a donation to the Odebolt Arthur Education Foundation in recognition of your class. Individual donations or memorials that are identified by class will be combined for a grand total for your class. Cumulative totals will be posted on the foundation's webpage at www.odebolt-arthur.net/Foundation.htm. Which class will be # 1 ?????

How to Make a Donation:

Supporting the OA Education Foundation is now easier than EVER!!! Memorials and monetary gifts may be given on-line in a matter of seconds! No need for a check, an envelope, or postage. Just go to www.odebolt-arthur.net/Foundation.htm, select the link "How to Contribute" and then click on "Donate on-line". These donations will go into the permanent Endowment Fund. Be sure to choose the Odebolt Arthur Education Foundation from the drop-down menu box. Or, you can mail your donation with the form provided at the end of this newsletter.



Please help us stay connected with you! If you move or change e-mail addresses, let us know so you continue to receive your newsletters and invitations to the All School Alumni Reunions. Also, if you have family members that may not be in our database, please let us know.

Odebolt Arthur Education Foundation

I/We would like to support the Odebolt Arthur Education Foundation with my/our gift of _____.

Method of Support: (choose one)

Endowment Fund _____

(Permanent gift...original amount will never be spent, only the interest. Donor receives additional 20% Endow Iowa Tax Credit in addition to normal federal and state charitable income tax deductions.)

Passthrough Fund _____

(Will be used for immediate needs/resources.)

This gift is a(n)... Memorial _____ In memory of _____

Honorarium _____ In honor of _____

AND,

Designated for:

Academic Enrichment _____

Fine Arts Enhancements _____

Technology _____

Scholarships _____

Other _____

OR

Undesignated _____

Signature

** Checks can be made out to Odebolt Arthur Education Foundation, and mailed to 600 S. Maple St, Odebolt, IA 51458.

Do you remember this?????

