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FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 16 STUDENTS IN  
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**2006-07**

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## 2007 Annual Report

July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

*Thanks to a caring, involved community...*

### The Panther Foundation made a difference in the lives of a lot of kids in 2006-2007

The all-volunteer (there are no paid positions) Panther Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to present its latest Annual Report. It is full of Panther Pride and a tribute to the countless ways the Panther Foundation enriched the lives of Spring Lake Park School students during the 2006-07 school year.

After three years of operation, the Panther Foundation's membership, commitment, and enthusiasm is growing strong as it works to enrich learning experiences of the 4,600 Blaine, Spring Lake Park, and Fridley students in School District 16.

Among the 2006-07 initiatives:

- Successful GrandGala raised over \$75,000
- Increased grant awards by over 60 percent
- Fall Fundraiser and Revival of the Staff Folleeez was a "hit"

The third annual GrandGala which was held on February 24, 2007, at the TPC of the Twin Cities in Blaine, surpassed the wildly successful 2006 event, raising more than \$75,000 on a dinner with live and silent auctions. Generous GrandGala guests also invested over \$7,000 in a portable classroom computer lab consisting of wireless laptop computers and docking stations. The lab is now located at the Westwood Intermediate and Middle School complex that serves all of the district's grades 4-8 students.

Listed later in the report you can read about the grants awarded in the 2006-07 school year. Staff, parents and community members were awarded grants this past year for projects that included Early Childhood Lending Library, Musical Instruments, Artists in Residence and many special programming opportunities.

The Panther Foundation held a fall fundraiser event this year, The Staff Folleeez. It was a revival of an honored tradition from Spring Lake Park Schools' past. An evening of fun, folly and fundraising. Over 100 staff members participated in the event and over \$2,500 was raised to support the Panther Foundation.

Thanks to you, our fabulous members and partners, the Panther Foundation continues to make a meaningful difference in the quality of our kids' education. Let's keep the momentum going.

Sincerely,

Glenn Martin  
2006-07 Panther Foundation Chairperson

## Our 2006-2007 Grants

### *A world of good programs, good deeds, great students*

*Thirty grants were awarded in 2006-07 totaling \$34,580. This dollar value is up over 60 percent from last year! Every dollar the Foundation invests in grants or initiatives comes from community members through a donation, membership, fundraising event, matching fund, or special gift plan. Thank you!*



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**October 2006**

**Total awarded: \$12,086**

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#### **Lending Library for ECSE**

Funding provided a lending library of books, videos, educational tools and other materials for the district's Early Childhood Special Education department.

#### **Chance Program Gate**

This grant made it possible to purchase materials and supplies to construct a child gate in the infant care room located at the high school. *Chance* is a program for students who are pregnant or parenting as a way to keep them in school.

#### **Double French Horns**

This grant enabled the 5th grade band program to purchase Double French Horns for the program.

#### **First LEGO League**

Funding allowed middle school students the opportunity to participate in the LEGO league and competitions.

#### **Outdoor Adventure**

This grant enabled Learning Alternatives Community School students a unique opportunity—and adventure—to challenge themselves, problem-solve, and team-build.

#### **Drumline Equipment**

This funding made it possible to purchase drums for the Spring Lake Park High School Drumline/Pep Band.

#### **Sandpiper Digital Camera**

This grant provided funds to purchase a digital camera for the Sandpaper, the Spring Lake Park High School student newspaper.

#### **K-3 Challenge Materials**

Funding was made available for the purchase of educational materials to academically challenge the K-3 students at Woodcrest Elementary.

#### **Band Recording Equipment**

Funds were provided to purchase recording equipment for the high school band program.

#### **The Holocaust Presentation**

Funding allowed 350 10th grade students to participate in a presentation on the Holocaust and its relevance today.

#### **Artist in Residency**

Funding allowed for an Artist in Residency program at the Learning Alternatives Transition Program.

#### **Homework Help & Book Club**

This grant supported homework and reading initiatives at Westwood Intermediate School.

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**January 2007**

**Total awarded: \$10,826**

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#### **High School Tutorial Program**

This grant supported the costs associated with implementing a tutoring program for high school students.

#### **Concordia Language Village**

Funding provided a travel-learning opportunity for 8th grade Spanish class students.

#### **Authors Conference**

Funding assisted with the expenses of students attending the Authors Conference.

#### **Book-in-a-Bag**

This grant provided funding for materials for Kindergarten Book Bags to help develop and ensure reading at home.

#### **ELL Home Language Literacy**

Books were purchased for English Language Learners to read at school and at home.

#### **DECA Conference**

Funding supported four students in their attendance at the DECA Conferences.

# Our 2006-2007 Grants

## *A world of good programs, good deeds, great students*



### Skills USA

This grant allowed six students from the high school's Construction Trades program to attend—for the first time ever—the State of MN Skills USA Conference and compete in a technical skills competition, for the first time.

### National FCCLA Competition/Convention

This grant assisted two high school students to attend and compete at the National Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Convention in Anaheim.

### LACS Advisory Speaker Series

Funding supported the costs associated with bringing in field experts and professionals to speak with Learning Alternatives Community School students.

### Clay Station

Funding provided materials and equipment for a Clay Station for Learning Alternatives and the Lighthouse Program.

### 10th Grade CPR/AED Training

Funding covered the supplies, equipment, and program costs to facilitate CPR/AED training for all 10th grade students.



**June 2007**

**Total awarded: \$6,369**

### National Skills USA Conference

This grant allowed a student from the high school's Construction Trades program to attend and compete at the 2007 National Skills USA Conference.

**March 2007**

**Total awarded: \$5,299**

### 5th Grade Band Instruments

This grant allowed for the purchase of a new xylophone, snare drum and snare drum stand for our developing musicians.

### Jeopardy

This grant purchased electronic Jeopardy games that provide an easy way for teachers to assess students in a fun and interactive way.

### Spectrum MS

The funding helped implement a social program for 8th grade male African American and Hispanic students at the middle school.

### Core Knowledge: Using Exercise Balls as Student Seating

Funding purchased thirty exercise balls to be used as student seating in the classroom. This innovative seating helps students attain focus and offer new and exciting opportunities for student learning.

### One Small Thing

This grant funded mini-celebrations for Learning Alternative Community School students as well as welcome bags that included the handbook, notebook, pen and pencil to develop school connections and boost self-esteem in students.

### Tubas for 5th Grade

Funding purchased three tubas for the 5th grade band program at Westwood Intermediate School.

### *Do you know of a worthwhile project that would benefit students?*

*Students, parents, staff and community members are invited to submit grant applications that benefit students to the Panther Foundation.*

*The number of grants will depend on the availability of funds. For copies of the application, visit [www.PantherFoundation.org](http://www.PantherFoundation.org) or call 763-795-5155.*

### *Next grant deadline:*

■ *June 27, 2008*

*Send your grant request to:*

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# The 2006-07 grants program, membership renewal, third annual GrandGala, and a healthy financial picture . . . thanks to you.

At a glance . . .

## 2006-07 Panther Foundation financial picture

After three years, the Panther Foundation is a vital, active, and growing organization committed to enriching the educational experiences of students in Blaine, Spring Lake Park, and Fridley. Highlights from 2006-07 are:

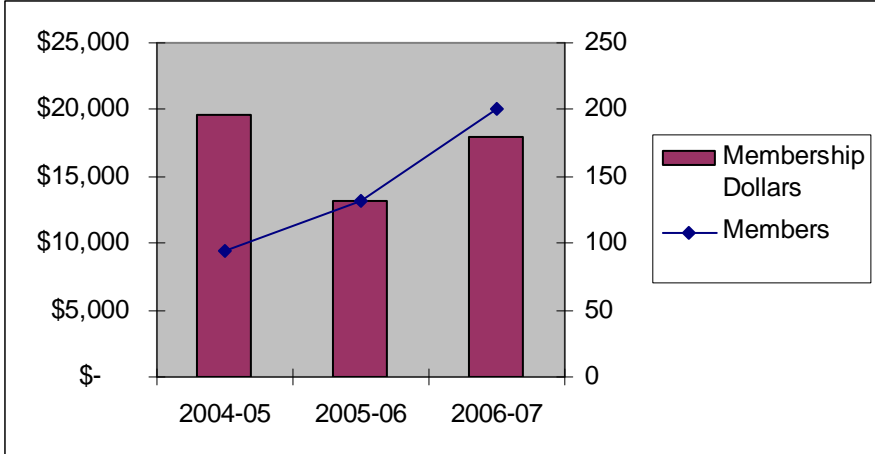
	2005-06	2006-07	% Change
<b>Grants/Projects Awards<sup>1</sup></b>	\$25,814	\$ 41,630	61%
<b>Endowment</b>	\$ 8,188	\$ 15,000	45%
<b>Bank Balance<sup>2</sup></b>	\$59,584	\$103,755	74%
<b>GrandGala income</b>	\$56,185	\$ 71,500	45%
<b>Foundation Members</b>	139	201	27%

<sup>1</sup>Includes Fund-A-Dream Projects, in 2006-07 - \$7,050 was raised

<sup>2</sup>Money Market, Check-Book, CDs



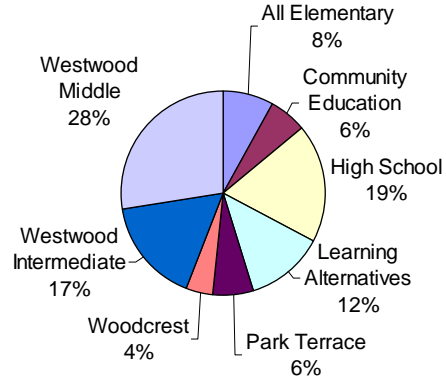
## Annual Memberships



## The Panther Foundation is Giving Back...

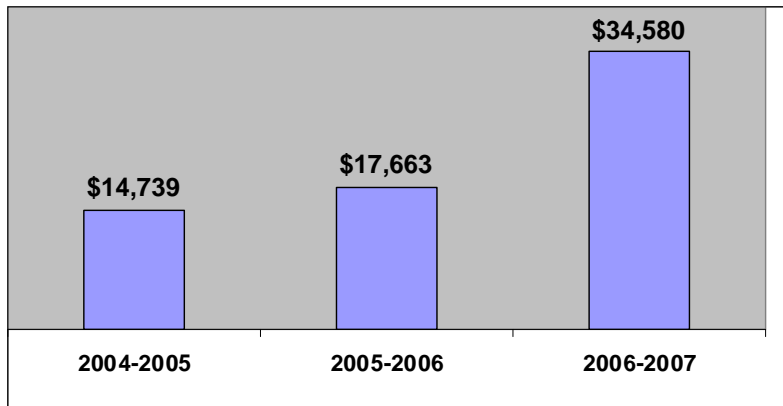
In addition to the many grants the Panther Foundation awards – there are several District projects and events the Foundation is very proud to be involved with.

- Panther Foundation Sponsors the 2006 Staff Folleeez
- Panther Foundation participated in the Annual Homecoming Tailgate Party
- Panther Foundation with the Blaine/Ham Lake Rotary Club gave every third grade student a dictionary



**Grants  
Awarded  
by Site**

## Grants Awarded



### *Panther Foundation mission statement*

*Our mission is to acquire and allocate resources to enrich the educational experiences of students in Spring Lake Park School District 16.*

## Panther Foundation Members – it is up to YOU!

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Spread the good news of the Panther Foundation. For additional copies of this Annual Report please call the Panther Foundation line at 763-795-5155, or invite others to learn more at our website.

Panther Foundation is under "Community" on the home page of [springlakeparkschools.org](http://springlakeparkschools.org).



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