

# In Touch

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The Littleton Public Schools Foundation is dedicated to funding innovative school programs that inspire creative learning and improved performance for students in the Littleton Public Schools. Since its founding in 1992, the Littleton Public Schools Foundation has funded over \$1.2 million in student enrichment programs, benefiting tens of thousands of LPS students in every school.

## 2007 Spirit of Littleton Celebration School District Going Wireless With Help Of The Foundation

Just six hours before the start of St. Patrick's day, the great work of the event team, the support of corporate partners **Echostar** and **Lockheed Martin**, and a little "luck of the Irish" paid off for the LPS Foundation's annual "Spirit of Littleton Celebration" fundraiser. Through the generous participation of all who attended, the Foundation raised more than \$75,000, to be used for the Littleton School District's project of installing hubs for wireless computing in all the schools (see story on page 2) and for the Foundation's annual scholarships and grant funding. Foundation President Mary McGlone stated that, "It's all part of the Foundation's 'Technology Tools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' program, which supports the math, science, and technology goals of the district."



**Steve Spangler**, that "science guy" on 9NEWS (KUSA-TV) and the Emmy Award Winning Science Host of NBC television's News for Kids, entertained his hometown audience, demonstrating the importance of science education for the future of our country and challenging teachers to make science exciting for their students. Steve even recruited Superintendent Scott Murphy

to become a reluctant participant in some of Steve's "experiments". Steve is a grad from Littleton's own Heritage High School.

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### Spirit of Littleton

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Even the Silent Auction went high-tech (no more bid sheets and pencils), with digital display notebooks showing all of the items up for bid. Guests could make bids from any of the notebooks placed throughout the auction area, even at the dining tables, and could check on the status of all their bids at any time. The designers of the system, Auction Automations, also produced the Audio/Video displays, showing "Did You Know?" fact sheets about the school district and the foundation and showing live, silent auction updates throughout the evening. Harpist **Hannah Jackson**, 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at Arapahoe High School, provided music for the Silent Auction guests.

The live auction, lead by auctioneer **Dave Weldon**, included bids for a cocktail party at the Sculptured House (featured in the Woody Allen movie "Sleeper" and the personal, private residence of Mr. **Michael Dunahay**), a bi-lateral lasik surgery package donated by **Spivack Vision Center**, a six day safari trip from **African Eyes Travel**, and the opportunity to purchase "shares" in the "Technology Tools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" program.

To see photos and the "Did You Know?" fact sheets from the "2007 Spirit of Littleton Celebration", to purchase "Technology Tools Shares" and receive a free gift, and for more information about the Littleton Public Schools Foundation, visit [www.lpsfoundation.com](http://www.lpsfoundation.com) or contact us at 303-347-3478.

### With The Help of LPSF, Wireless Computing Is On The Way

Computer networks are a great enabler; it's all about being connected. And the Littleton Public School District has one of the best networking infrastructures in Colorado school districts. This is primarily due to a fiber optic network provided through a partnership with the City of Littleton and Comcast Corporation, the nations leading provider of cable, entertainment, and communications products and services.

However, connection to this network had been limited to wall-mounted plug-in outlets. The next step, which was started last year to better serve the students, is the project to provide wireless service in all of the schools, including the ESC and Transportation buildings.

Pilot installations are already working in several schools and teachers have access to "wireless carts" that include 20-30 laptops. On-going efforts seek to ensure data security, install devices for internet filtering, and confirm performance criteria. When completed, the wireless network will also serve other devices, such as keyboard devices that aren't full computers.

Unlike the wireless components designed for home use, the commercial grade equipment needed for this project requires a budget in excess of \$150,000. Funding has come from previous innovations grants, the re-purposing of IT budget items, and also from the two LPS Foundation's "Technology Tools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" auctions. The monies raise from these two events has provide, to-date, nearly one-fifth (\$28,000) of the project cost.

You can help complete this move to wireless by purchasing "Technology Tools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" shares (see certificate photo) from the LPS Foundations. Just give us a call at 303-347-3479.

#### Technology Tools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

*This certificate acknowledges that the individual shown below is the purchaser of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of the Littleton Public Schools Foundation's 2007 Technology Tools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund Raising Program, held on March 16, 2007, and that this purchaser agrees to donate to the Foundation \$100 for each share purchased.*

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## Fund a Grant and Be A "Friend of LPSF"



It's really easy. Go to [www.lpsfoundation.com](http://www.lpsfoundation.com) and click on Grants-On-Line. Here you'll find all of the grant requests that have been submitted by LPS teachers who are in need of funding for their special programs.

Since the LPSF was founded in 1992, the number of grants requests submitted each year by LPS teachers has exceeded the Foundation's ability to fund them all. Through Grants-On-Line, these requests are now open to funding by the greater Littleton community and beyond, providing the opportunity for all LPSF partners - individuals, businesses, and corporations - to join us in our grant funding mission and to also become a "Friend of LPSF".

Visit [www.lpsfoundation.com](http://www.lpsfoundation.com) today and make a gift that directly benefits the future of our LPS students.

The Littleton Public Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and all donations may qualify as deductions for tax purposes.

## 2007 LPSF Golf Classic

*Spring has sprung.*

*The grass has riz.*

*I wonder where the golfers is.*

*Author unknown.*

### IT'S ON MONDAY, JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>! THE RIDGE AT CASTLE PINES NORTH!

- A beautiful and challenging golf course.
- Choose either a scramble or best ball format.
- Plenty of on-course "challenge" games.
- Lots of prizes:
  - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place scramble teams
  - 1st place best ball team
  - men's and women's longest drive
  - men's and women's longest putt
  - "Hole-in-One"
  - worst score
- The entry fee, \$225 per player, includes box lunch, practice balls, golf cart, 18 holes of golf, player gift, and an hors d'oeuvres buffet.
- An additional \$25 Winner's package includes 1 hole-in-one entry, 1 putting contest entry, 1 mulligan, and 1 closet-to-the-pin entry.
- Up to two extra mulligans may be purchased for \$5 each.
- Invite someone for dinner only (no golf), just \$35 per guest.

### IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS!

Go to [www.lpsfoundation.com](http://www.lpsfoundation.com) for additional information and entry form.



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 You Have To Plant Acorns*

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## Have You Seen This Car At The ESC Building?



Lori's new car

When LPS Director of Human Resources, Lori Kinney, bought her new Chevy Trailblazer, she knew she wanted to include the special, Public Schools **"SUPPORT EDUCATION"** license plate. All she had to do was visit the [www.SupportColoradoSchools.org](http://www.SupportColoradoSchools.org) website and register on-line for the \$20 DMV certificate. At the same time, she chose the option to have LPSF receive this \$20 donation.

You, too, can join Lori and the many others who have already put this special plate on their cars. Before you renew your plates or purchase a new vehicle, get the certificate and choose LPSF. All proceeds from this program will be used to support Foundation projects focused on student learning.

### Put These Dates on Your Calendar!

Monday, **July 23**: LPSF Golf Classic  
 Sunday, **November 4**: Littleton Stride  
 Friday, **March 14, 2008**: Spirit of Littleton Celebration  
 Go to [www.lpsfoundation](http://www.lpsfoundation) for details

