



Established in 1998

Annual Report to the Community



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Who?

Established in 1998, the **Wildcat Foundation** is the K-12 educational foundation for the Mechanicsburg Area School District. Our mission is *to strengthen the educational, cultural, wellness and athletic programs of the Mechanicsburg Area School District.*

Comprised of a volunteer Board of Directors and a part-time, paid Executive Director we are a group of individuals vested in strengthening our schools and community.

Photo of Board

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I write this, I am preparing to cede the Board Presidency to the very capable hands of John Duggan, Esq. I have been honored to be a part of the Mechanicsburg School District community for most of my life. Educated in MASD and active in band and — while a student, I am a proud, 1979 MASH alumni, as are my wife and two grown sons.

Serving on the Foundation Board since 2013, and as its President since 2013, with donor help and support, I have seen the Foundation accomplish great things: Continued growth to our endowment and annual financial support has allowed us to distribute valuable grant funds used to enhance our students' educational experiences; support for our scholarship fund, enabling the Foundation to provide crucial financial support for graduating seniors; continued community support of our special events and programs!

It has been a tremendous pleasure and honor to serve the Foundation. I hope that, with your support, the Wildcat Foundation will play an even greater role in strengthening our schools and community.

Warm regards,
Rich Heeter

WHAT?

Through donor contributions, fundraising and special events, the Foundation raises money that is, in turn, distributed as student/teacher grants. Last year (this would be 2016, correct?), the Foundation awarded funds to support the following

2016 PROGRAM FUNDING SUMMARY

	GRANT		
Environmental Center Weatherbug	\$1,029	Lacrosse Booster Club	\$510
Environmental Center signs	\$5,606	Boys Volleyball	\$500
Junior Achievement 8th grade	\$2,750	MASH Model UN	\$1,000
Junior Achievement 6th grade	\$6,800	MASH Fall Play	\$1,125
MASD Technology Student Association	\$1,000	LEARN grades 8-11	\$256
Elementary Gifted Support	\$1,205	Literary & Arts Magazine Club	\$500
MMS Explorers Team	\$350	Literacy Night ages 1-5	\$2,564
MMS Career Exploration Center	\$811	Art Dept Traveling Exhibits	\$3,000
Kindergarten Academy Magic Boards	\$3,515	Family Arts Nights grades 1-5	\$700
Upper Allen 3rd grade	\$2,286	Broad grades 1-5 Summer	
MASD Wellness Project	\$500	Reading Program	\$500
CPR 6th grade	\$735	Student Aid Fund grades 6-12	\$1,500
Broad K-5 Swing Frame - Playground	\$1,777	Operation Wildcat	\$1,000
MASH Anime Club	\$500	Indoor Guard Program grades 5-12	\$1,750
Gay Straight Alliance	\$535	MMS artwork	\$500
		Elmwood Life Skills	\$1,054
		Northside multicultural month	\$890
		TOTAL AWARDED:	\$46,748.00

In addition, the Wildcat Foundation also provided financial support to the following:

Artisan / MASH Alumni Association / Mechanicsburg Area Chamber of Commerce
Mechanicsburg Basketball Club / Torch / Wildcat Football
Wildcat Productions



2016 recipients, pictured L-R:

Finally, with continued and generous investments made by The Mechanicsburg Club, the **Wildcat Foundation/ Mechanicsburg Club Scholarship** has awarded 23 student scholarships, totaling ___, since ___. Any graduating senior attending an accredited educational institution (two or four-year college or university, or a vocational or technical school), is eligible to apply. Typically, four recipients are selected to receive \$4,000 each!

WHERE?

The Wildcat Foundation works in tandem with District administrators, staff and students to strengthen our schools and community. Quote here...something like...and who can we credit it to

With a lengthy history, the Wildcat Foundation may be unique among some other school Foundations in the collaborative relationship that allow the Foundation and District to work in tandem, providing support for our students, faculty, staff and schools.



In the Words of our Superintendent

A strong investment in our children is a hallmark tradition of the Mechanicsburg area that continues to pay valuable dividends for both our students and the community. The Wildcat Foundation and the Mechanicsburg Area School District partner to bolster and improve opportunities for our children. Despite the fiscal realities of a public school system, our educational team's innovative ideas flourish due to the Foundation's investment in student and teacher programs and projects. The grant program, scholarships for students, support of community activities, and athletic facilities are just a few examples of the positive impact of this extraordinary organization. The continues strength of our proud partnership is dependent upon your investment. Together, we will inspire our students to create a brighter future.

Yours in education, Mark K. Leidy, Ed.D.

District at a Glance

INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND STATE RECOGNITION

- ⇒ **College Board's Advance Placement (AP) District Honor Roll** for significant gains in student access to AP courses and present of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exam
- ⇒ **Exceeds state averages on PSSA Exams**
- ⇒ **Nationally Recognized Music Program:**
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- ⇒ **Students' artistic abilities recognized**
 - 2 honorable mentions for essays
 - 1 Gold Key, 2 Silver Keys and 3 Honorable Mentions for drawings, photography, paintings and ceramics
- ⇒ **Competitive athletic teams** at the state, regional, and local levels

16.1 Square Miles

28,664 Total Populations

4118 District Enrollment

⇒ **Schools:**

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| • Kindergarten Academy (extended day program) | • Northside Elementary, Grades 1-5 |
| • Shepherdstown Elementary, Grades 1-2 | • Upper Allen, Grades 3-5 |
| • Broad Street Elementary, Grades 1-5 | • Mechanicsburg Middle School, Grades 6-8 |
| • Elmwood Elementary, Grades 1-5 | • Mechanicsburg Area Senior High, Grades 9-12 |

How

How You Can Help.



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