



LEAPing to Success

Eldon R-1 Schools Learning Enriched Afterschool Program

November 2018

Afterschool Works by providing a safe and healthy place for kids to assist working families and inspire learning.

Mark Your Calendars!!

November 15—LEAP Thanksgiving Dinner—Must RSVP—Doors open at 4:30

November 15—FLL Robotics Parent Night

November 16—6-8pm—Screenagers Movie at PAC

November 19 & 20—No LEAP—Happy Thanksgiving

LEAP Office is located at Eldon Upper Elementary

The Building of a Legacy—LEAP Robotics

How is a legacy built? At LEAP, we believe it is one day at a time and with each interaction we have with each other. Our former FLL Coach, Jerry Barsby, demonstrated care for each student, each day. We believe Mr. Barsby helped to start our robotics legacy, which many are continuing today, including partners we would like to recognize. Last spring, Sakelaris Ford's Jay Dunham, organized a Drive for Your School event to support the FFL team attending the FIRST World Robotics competition. These funds continue to assist our robotics teams.

In a very real continuation of Mr. Barsby's legacy, his parents, Vaughan & Carol, donated funds to our robotics teams to assist with whatever needs the teams may have.

We have also gained support from parents using company donations to support our program. Connie Davis has worked for Monsanto, now Bayer, in their corn research division. Connie chose LEAP Robotics as the organization to receive a company grant.

Our newest contributor to support our robotics legacy is Eldon alum Carl 'Sammy' Mosher. Sammy is a 1967 graduate of Eldon. After reading about Mr. Barsby and the incredible impact he made upon students' lives, Mr. Mosher decided to support the robotics and afterschool program with a \$25,000 endowment.

Whether it is time, money, or supply donations, LEAP staff and robotics students are thankful for all who help to build our robotics legacy.

Community Impact Events Teacher Hands-on & Heart Open Learning

Our LEAP Upper students continue to assist in a number of ways. With visits to the Rock Island Village Assisted Living and to Willow Creek Apartments, students are learning a variety of life skills from an older generation. During our visit to Willow Creek, students participated in a fall festival with residents. One resident gave each student a handmade winter hat. This is a gift the students will treasure. We are very thankful to these partners who help our students learn the art of conversation and ways to learn about someone you just met.

Students from LEAP Upper Community Club also helped the EHS Stuco with a trash pick-up at Mustang Memorial Park before Homecoming. Providing service to our school and community teaches students pride in where they are from and in themselves for the difference they are making.

