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THE LEARNING FUND FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE SCIENCE INITIATIVE KICK-OFF ON APRIL 14th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The Learning Fund Foundation (LFF) will hold its Science Initiative Kick-Off on Saturday, April 14, 2012, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Daniel Wright Junior High School cafeteria. This complimentary district-wide event, hosted by District 103's educational foundation, is open to all School District 103 families and the entire community.

The Science Initiative is the latest project of the LFF to enhance the learning experiences for District 103 students (grades K-8) in the classroom, as they relate to both science and technology. Through extensive research, as well as parent, teacher and administration input, the Science and Technology Initiative was identified due to its importance in the 21st Century learning framework and because it supports goals identified by the Federal, State and District 103 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) directives.

The highlight of the Science Initiative Kick-off will include a fun, action-packed show by "The Dancing Scientist," who has been seen on "America's Got Talent" and has been featured in the Chicago Sun Times. The Dancing Scientist and his show, "So You Think You Can Do Science?" provide an unforgettable combination of education and high-energy, inspiring entertainment.

Guests are welcome to tour the new Daniel Wright Junior High School science laboratories, view science demonstrations by Daniel Wright students and visit Science Sensory Stations. Additionally, a "Science Registry," created by District 103 science and technology teachers, will be online at the event featuring desired science and technology equipment. Interested guests may purchase science and technology equipment from the registry. After the Kick-Off event, this registry will continue to serve as the central fund-raising vehicle for the LFF's Science Initiative. Additionally, Corporations and organizations interested in supporting this effort will contribute to the registry.

With the generous support of District 103 parents, community, corporate and business partners, the LFF has funded several major projects for the school district. Some of these include the following:

- Most recently, the Digital Classroom Initiative, completed in early 2011, integrated new digital tools into 76 teaching spaces in District 103 schools. Today, the Smart Boards purchased by this LFF Initiative enable teachers to empower and engage students with technology. Students and teachers alike report delighting in the discovery, newness and fun that technology holds.

- Establishing Rivershire Park Nature Center as an environmental education facility for District 103 students and as a community resource. This was accomplished through an intergovernmental agreement between the LFF, School District 103 and the Village of Lincolnshire.
- The Health & Fitness Initiative included the opening of the All*Star Fitness Center at Daniel Wright Junior High School and playground improvements at Half Day School.

The School District 103 Learning Fund Foundation was incorporated as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) educational foundation in March 1996. The LFF enables District 103 to expand and enhance educational opportunities and programs for students at all levels in each of the three schools: Laura B. Sprague School (EC - 2), Half Day School (3 - 4) and Daniel Wright Junior High School (5 - 8). These programs are designed to extend beyond the everyday curriculum and normal operating budget for District 103 to enrich the educational experience of the children. School District 103 administration and staff develop project concepts, which are presented to the Learning Fund Foundation Board of Directors for consideration. Once an initiative by the LFF is completed, projects are integrated into the curriculum in areas such as science, fine arts, and technology.

Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103, a nationally recognized elementary district for excellence in education, is located in Lake County, Illinois and includes Laura B. Sprague School, Half Day School and Daniel Wright Junior High School. Half Day School and Daniel Wright Junior High School are recognized as 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education. The district serves approximately 1,600 students from the communities of Lincolnshire and Prairie View and portions of Buffalo Grove, Vernon Hills, Mettawa, Riverwoods and Lake Forest. The administrative center for the school district is located at 1370 Riverwoods Road in Lincolnshire, Illinois. For more information about District 103 and its award winning schools, contact (847) 295-4030 or visit www.district103.k12.il.us.

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