



"Pointing the way to excellence"

Hickman Mills Educational Foundation

# Partners in Education

*"A community giving back"*

Fall 2009

## WELCOME BACK C-1 STAFF

The Hickman Mills Educational Foundation (HMEF) is looking forward to a great partnership with the C-1 School District to continue to *Point the Way to Excellence* for our students. With the challenges that our district will face this year with budget cuts, it is more important than ever for us to work together to ensure that our students will have the same opportunities that students in other districts have. With your help, the Educational Foundation will continue to provide supplemental funding in the form of teacher grants.

The HMEF Board of Directors has been working hard over the summer to raise money and to develop a plan to ensure the survival of the HMEF for decades. Continuing to provide Grants and Scholarships relies not only on a solid foundation and plan, but on you as well through your payroll donations.

If each staff member donated \$1 per paycheck, the Foundation would receive \$31,200 annually! Your own students or school could benefit from this money via a classroom grant in 2010-2011. Just think about the possibilities.

*Rene Purtee*

President, HMEF

*Remember, when we all do a little, we all do a lot.*

The Hickman Mills School District and the Hickman Mills Educational Foundation (HMEF) will begin another great school year together with great enthusiasm. The Foundation's goal is to provide resources to students of the district in order to improve student achievement. We will accomplish this by growing the foundation's dollars despite the hard economic times. We Believe in Success.....do you? You will hear us, see us and know us better this school year. We promise!

Sincerely,

*Regina Taylor*

Executive Director, HMEF



HMEF President Rene Purtee and Executive Director Regina Hill Taylor



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## Foundation Awards \$38,000 In Scholarships & Grants For 2009-2010



Superintendent Dr. Marge Williams and 2009-2010 Scholarship Recipients (Photo By J. Baccala)

On April 14, 2009, thirteen "Class of 2009" graduating seniors were awarded scholarships (totaling \$18,000) by the HMEF. The recipients included Antonio Higgins, Donathan Morgan, Jonathan Morgan, Stevye Freeman, Patricia Burge, Tim Battle, Christina Burge, Rachal Young, Gabriel Seals, Matthew Uppman, Andrea Goering, Cara Carter, & Shakea Parks.

In addition to awarding \$18,000 in Student Academic Scholarships, the Educational Foundation also implemented and awarded

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two Student Leadership Awards totaling \$2,000. HMHS underclassmen Reggie Miller (People To People) and Austin Richards-Strassle (Georgetown Junior Statesman) were recognized as the District's first leadership award recipients.

Finally, fifteen District employees were awarded a total of \$18,000 in 2009-2010 funding by the Foundation. Successful

grant proposals were submitted by Rick Whitell, Melody Gibeson, Itasha Goodwin, Cynthia Welsh, Chris Rupperecht, Holly Phillips, Lisa Kucera, Kent Stewart, Richard Bellotti, Christy Murphy/Lisa Medrow, Kim Martin, Dr. Terita McCauley (2), and Joan Hinkebein (2).

The grant proposals included, to name a few, Robots Rock (HMHS), Science Fair Club (Ingels), Duke Talent Search ACT

(C.O.D.E.) and Storytime Cooks (Santa Fe).

In addition to receiving grant money to purchase science fair materials and supplies, grant recipient Cynthia Welsh is also excited about conducting the after school Ingles Science Fair Club sessions in the recently renovated Ingels' library.

## 2009-2010 Board of Directors

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## HMEF Net Assets Remain Flat

The HMEF began its 2008 Operating Year with \$166,700 in total assets, but ended the year with \$160,300. Similar to other area & national non-profits, the HMEF's ability to secure the donations necessary to meet the financial goals of its newly created Five-Year Plan has been significantly impaired by a struggling economy. The stock market collapse and lean economic conditions have continued to cut into donations and fundraising opportunities. Looking ahead, the total assets at the end of 2009 is expected to be slightly lower than 2008. However, the HMEF Board of Directors wishes to continue awarding significant grants & scholarships, but will prioritize and manage other funding categories to offset lower-than-anticipated donations. The short-term HMEF financial goal is to manage & keep the net assets flat.

## HMEF & Derrick Thomas/Neil Smith Third and Long Annual Celebrity Golf Classic

On June 8th 2009, the Derrick Thomas/Neil Smith Third and Long and Hickman Mills Educational Foundations hosted the annual celebrity golf classic. Proceeds of \$18,000 will be divided between both organizations. Thomas started the tournament and after his death in 2000, Smith, an All-Pro Defensive End with the Chiefs during the 1990s and two-time Super Bowl champion with the Denver Broncos, jumped in to keep his friend's dream alive. The primary mission for Third and Long is to support and improve reading and learning abilities of disadvantaged school children throughout the Kansas City area. The Educational foundation raises, manages and distributes funds for educational programs that benefit students and staff of the Hickman Mills C-1 School District.

