

Kids In Motion: A Digital Experience In The Gym

Transforming Traditional PE Classes For Hundreds Of Students



An interactive dancing module keeps feet moving!

In June of 2022, Mr. Tanner DeLaurier, principal at Meade Park Elementary School submitted an endowment request to the Danville Public School Foundation for a Lü Interactive Playground System. The Foundation thought this was a fantastic idea, and so did District 118. At the time the District had “COVID” funds available to fund the Lü System.

The Lü System is a state of the art audiovisual system powered by a wide range of educational applications. Each Lü system includes a high definition laser projector, a movement detection camera, a powerful sound system and a fully automated multi-colored lighting system to create immersive magical environments.

The Lü System was a hit with both students and staff. This was something the Foundation wanted to provide for as many students as possible. In February 2024, the School Foundation approved approximately

\$65,000 to fund the Lü System for Liberty and Southwest Elementary School. In July of 2024 they approved an additional \$140,000 to purchase the Lü for Edison and Mark Denman Elementary Schools, Northeast Magnet School and the Kenneth D. Bailey Academy.

On October 8, Foundation staff got to visit Liberty Elementary School to see the Lü System in action by observing several of P.E. teacher, Mr. Dokey’s, classes. Basketball, dancing and interactive math problems were just a few of the themes Mr. Dokey selected.

“The Lü System has made it easier to run classes, especially on rainy days. There are educational units and traditional sports units such as soccer, volleyball and basketball.”

- Mike Dokey, PE Teacher

As with many projects, this takes a partnership with Danville School District to schedule the installation of each of these systems. Also the District’s Building



L to R: Sarah Funk, Mike Dokey and Stephanie Yates

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and Grounds personnel are working to prepare each school for its system.

"The Lü System is great for our students. Anything you can do to integrate technology helps bring our world into their world."

- Sarah Funk, Home Program Intervention Coordinator

This innovative technology provides new options for teachers to engage students in activities even during the winter months. Designed by educators for educators, Lü Systems include a diverse selection of



Solving math equations can be fun using the Lü System!

curriculum-based applications covering all subject matters, customizable for all age groups. It has completely transformed traditional classes for students and PE teachers with new energy and excitement.

Check out the [Danville Public School Foundation Facebook page](#) to see a short video clip of the kids at Liberty Elementary School in action!

Digital Solutions For DHS

The elimination of homeroom for the 2024-25 school year brought about a real concern. How can we keep students in the know, in real time with important announcements? Kara Hile, teacher in Career & Technical Education, took a very proactive approach by identifying a solution and reaching out to the Danville Public School Foundation with a classroom endowment request for eighteen 55" commercial-grade televisions to be placed strategically throughout the halls of Danville High School. Better yet, she utilizes students in her Multimedia Broadcasting classes to create all of the content using a software platform called Rise Vision to share information on athletic and performing arts accomplishments, school-wide events, extracurricular club meetings and important safety announcements. Students are used to



Mrs. Kara Hile models one of the 18 55" TVs

processing information digitally so this signage has been an effective way to reach them. Students are also active participants in making this project a success as it has become part of the multi-media curriculum. We thank Mrs. Hile for her forward thinking and for our donors for making this project possible!



New Look Same Mission



You may have noticed that our logo has changed to better represent all of the schools that we serve, but our mission of providing enhanced educational opportunities for the students attending Danville public schools has not. Since the Danville Public School Foundation's inception in 1989, we continue our support of providing innovation in education. Because of our generous donors, DPSF has been able to provide over \$1,000,000 to fund creative, innovative and fun educational programs. From Sparklers to Ridge Runners to Vikings, we hope to reach all students at all schools with new and exciting learning opportunities.

It is time to kick off our **365 Club** campaign for 2025. The premise of the **365 Club** is that our donors pledge at least \$1 per day in support of the Foundation's mission. Since 2010, the **365 Club** has been the Foundation's signature fundraising event bringing donations of \$1, \$2, \$5 per day or more to make a difference in educational opportunities for students.

We will begin our campaign November 1. Stephanie Yates and Bob Richard will once again be calling to ask you for your continued support. They will also be reaching out to potential new donors who wish to be part of a generous group of individuals and businesses who are making a difference. Did you know gifts can be made online? You can [CLICK HERE](#) to join the **365 Club** today. We hope we can count on you to help us reach our goal of \$85,000!

We will celebrate the campaign at our **365 Club** Breakfast on April 17, 2025 with the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation returning as our Title Sponsor.

WE ALREADY HAVE SOME 2025 365 CLUB MEMBERS!

**Ameren DHS Class of 1974 Danville Lions Club Michael Gourley
Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation Meijer Chuck & Cheryl Schroeder Edward Strahl**

For those who prefer mail, please use the form below.

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Donor Spotlight

THE HALLORANS

The Danville Public School Foundation exists to provide enhanced educational opportunities for students. When we witness individuals in the community identify a need and step up to finance improvements to programs and curriculum personally, we think that is worthy of recognition.

In September, Dr. Tom and Darlene Halloran provided additional microphones and portable lighting for the Danville High School Drama Department. This equipment will be available for all performing arts at Danville High School. It was ordered so it could be available for the Drama Department's October performance. The Halloran's contributions over the years, including a portable LED backdrop for musical performances, have provided a state-of-the-art experience for students.

"There's something quite magical and life changing to perform on the stage at Danville High School. We have an obligation to protect and continue that heritage. To keep the level of excellence that we enjoy, we must all do what we can to support them. This includes financial support and attending their performances to reward their hard work."

- Darlene Halloran

Danville's rich history in the performing arts, particularly music and theater, has always been important to the Hallorans. Having performers from Bobby Short to Dick and Jerry Van Dyke get their start on the Danville High School stage is truly remarkable.

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS!

- Nov 30** - Madrigals 50th Anniversary Reunion Alumni Concert at St. James
- Dec 3, 4, 5** - Madrigal Dinners at St. James
- Dec 16** - Holiday Concert at DHS



Top: Danville High School Drama Performance



Right: Aidan Cox, their grandchild, is a gifted performer.

Music is a vital component in education and for most students involved in the music program, there is a strong correlation with high academic achievement. Students who may struggle academically find their involvement in the music program highly motivational to push them in their studies and keep them on track with their attendance.

"Quite selfishly, I get so much joy and entertainment attending Showchoir performances and theater productions. Our theater program is worlds above a high school level. We have some very talented students." - Darlene Halloran

If you identify a need for resources for a particular program that would enhance its quality or ability to reach more students, it is possible to contribute directly through the Foundation. These investments can help preserve programs for future students. We thank the Hallorans for identifying a need and making it happen.

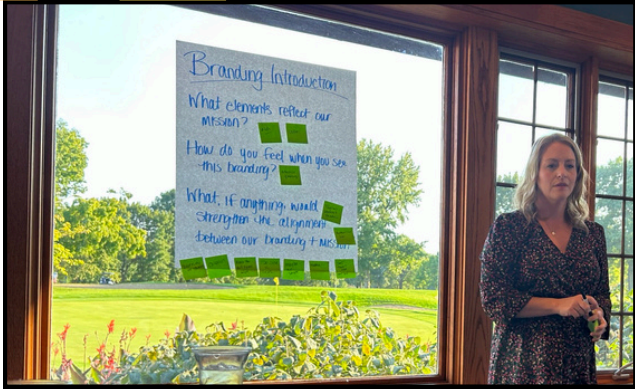


Top: Danville High School Drama Students
Right: The Halloran's grandchild, Allie Cox, has been performing from a very young age.



A Focus On The Future

Danville Public School Foundation Holds Fall Board Retreat



Annie Monyok, of Monyok Leadership, facilitates the September Board Retreat.



The Danville Public School Foundation's Board of Directors is comprised of 15 dedicated volunteers representing a broad cross section of the community they serve. They are responsible for setting strategy and ensuring the gifts provided to the Foundation are used in support of our mission of providing enhanced educational opportunities for the children attending Danville Public Schools.

In September, the Board gathered for a retreat to review the Foundation's mission, donor outreach and branding. The Foundation contracted with Annie Monyok of Monyok Leadership to conduct the retreat. Directors shared ideas and offered suggestions to help strengthen the Foundation. All were in agreement that the Foundation's donors are the key to the Foundation's success and appreciate all that the donors have done to help support our efforts.

The Foundation Directors are: Curt Ellis, President, Mark Lindvahl, Vice President, Lisa Campbell, Secretary, Mark J. Denman, Treasurer with Directors Adam Brown, Jim Christison, Mark A. Denman, Dr. David Fields, Emma Forrest, Trinidad Hernandez, Debi Hosch, Todd Lichtenberger, Lester Potts, Alex Rosdail and Patti Rull. We thank all of these directors for their dedication and service.

Thank You Judy!

Judy Myers completes 17 year tenure on the Foundation's Board



Judy Myers

After 17 years of enthusiastic and dedicated service as a member of the Danville Public School Foundation's Board of Directors, Judy Myers has "retired" from the board. The last 17 years have seen major changes to the Foundation. It has flourished both in the enhanced educational projects provided for the children attending Danville public schools, and in its financial development, which Judy and her husband Mel have supported. Judy is and always has been a strong advocate of the public school system and her leadership has been very much appreciated. Thank you Judy!

Welcome Alex!

DPSF welcomes the newest Board Member, Alex Rosdail of Longview Bank!



Alex Rosdail

The Danville Public School Foundation's Board of Directors welcomes their newest Director, Alex Rosdail. Alex attended Danville Public Schools K-12 graduating from Danville High School in 2007. Alex is the Tilton Branch Manager at Longview Bank. He has a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business Management from Illinois College. Alex has a deep appreciation for Danville District 118 as he believes he owes his successes to the education that he received from Danville Public Schools. Welcome aboard Alex!

RMD's and Retirement Accounts: What To Know

Recently a Foundation donor recommended that we should make sure people are completely “in the know” about Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) on their retirement accounts as it relates to charitable giving. Shortly after that meeting, some valuable information crossed our LinkedIn Feed from a donor who is an advisor with Morgan Stanley Financial. We felt the information worth sharing. However, since we are not in the position to offer financial advice or recommend any particular financial adviser we recommend that if you have questions about RMDs **you contact your financial advisor for information that best fits your financial situation.**

The article stated that generally at age 73, federal tax rules require you to take RMDs annually from tax-qualified retirement accounts such as an IRA or 401K plans even if you do not have an immediate need for the funds. Working with your financial advisor allows you to consider your options for RMDs and plan for them. There are strategies to help you manage and reduce the negative impact

of taxes while enabling you to provide philanthropic support to the charities that mean the most to you!

The extra income from these distributions could create a “tax drag” on your portfolio’s growth and can be taxed at a higher marginal rate”. On the flip side, if you do not withdraw by the due date, it may be subject to a 25% excise tax. What should you do?

You have the ability to lower your overall tax liability by making a donation to a charity of your choice, such as the **Danville Public School Foundation**. Being at least age 70½, allows you to make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA directly to the Foundation or another eligible charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying the annual RMD requirement for the year, up to the limits established by the IRS and neither you nor the charity receiving the donation are taxed. This allows you the opportunity to give more than you normally could through donation of cash or other assets.

3 Financially Smart Ways to Take Money Out of Retirement Accounts, May 1 2024, by Dan Hunt, Senior Investment Strategist Morgan Stanley Financial



Brick by Brick - Walk of Honor

Judy Myers

In Honor of 17 Years of Service on the
Danville Public School Foundation's Board of Directors

Did you know that you can honor someone by purchasing a brick for the Foundation's **Walk of Honor** located at Danville High School? The cost of a brick is \$150 and this includes an inscription of up to three lines with 17 characters per line (sorry spaces count as a character.) You can [click here](#) to order online or contact the Foundation office at 217-444-1044.



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