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Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation Announces Annual Ball

OCONOMOWOC, Wisconsin – The Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation (OPEF) is excited to announce that its annual ball will be held at the LaBelle Golf Club on Saturday, October 22nd. Entertainment will be provided by Crazy Man's Basement. Over 200 of Oconomowoc's movers 'n shakers and just plain fun-loving OPEF supporters are anticipated to make this year's event a night to remember. With your support, the money raised at this event will help us continue our mission to award much-needed grants to our teachers.

All proceeds from the ball will go to OPEF, which funds grants for materials, equipment and projects to enhance classroom education and innovation. The Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation was created to offer education-minded citizens a way to support the Oconomowoc area public schools with private, tax-deductible contributions. Through various collaborative projects, OPEF seeks to encourage leadership, foster excellence, and nurture community in the Oconomowoc public schools.

The OPEF Annual Ball is the major source of funding for grants such as:

- **Drug Testing as a Prevention Tool** - Oconomowoc High School, Silver Lake and Nature Hill Intermediate
- **Plastic Bottle Reduction Project** - Oconomowoc High School
- **Fitness through Pedometers** - Silver Lake Intermediate
- **UDL Classroom** - Nature Hill and Silver Lake Intermediate
- **MakerSpace on the Move** - Summit Elementary School
- **Creating a Library to Explore** - Meadow View
- **The Inside Music Project** - Meadow View

The Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation's (OPEF) grants give educators in the district the opportunity to creatively enhance curriculum. We encourage risk-taking, pilot programs, and thinking outside the box. OPEF has given over \$350,000 for classroom grants since 2007 but there is still need for more grant programs in our schools. With your help, we can increase funding for the many grant applications OPEF receives each year from teachers in our school district!

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