



A WINSTON KNOLLS  
EDUCATION GROUP  
PROGRAM

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Advancing our Mission

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that the Winston Knolls Foundation will be hosting the “Light Up the Night for Autism Gala” on the evening of Saturday, October 26th.

The Gala is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Foundation. The proceeds from this event directly benefit our supported organization’s students, contributing to academic experiences, therapeutic programs, creative opportunities, classroom needs and innovative technology. Employing several talented faculty and outstanding curriculum, The Winston Knolls School is poised to soar to new heights. And, we need your help to do so. Please see page 5 for details on this premier event.

As always, we invite you to visit The Winston Knolls School at Hoffman Estate Campus to learn more about the other services and programs we offer.

Sincerely,

*Val Belmonte*

President & CEO




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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**Robert Lee, Principal**

It's hard to believe that Fall is already upon us! Students are settling into routines and staff are revving up the engines to dive deep into programming. We have started off the school year with several different groups being run in most or all of the classrooms. These include social skills groups in collaboration with our speech-language pathologists, occupational therapist and clinical psychologist; and life skills groups with our transition and classroom teachers. Continuing from the summer, our transition teacher has opened the coffee shop daily in the Life Skills Center with upper grade high school student workers. Event-wise, we held our annual Parent Open House on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. This was an opportunity for new and old families alike to meet some of our new teachers and related services as well as see their child's classroom and some of the work they have accomplished so far in this school year. Going forward into October we will also begin many of our community-based instruction such as visits to Grand Sports Arena, Goebbert's Farm, and NWSRA outings.

Sincerely,

*Robert Lee*



## New School Clubs!

A new program begins this month that focuses on the extra-curricular interests of our students. Students can participate in groups on cooking, sports, the arts, music and gaming. There will also be a sixth club called STEAM which stands for science, technology, engineering, art and math.

Students will participate in all groups to gauge their interest. This will be a great way for the students to interact socially with other teachers and students they may not know from other classrooms.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## YOU Can Help Make Our Playground a Reality!



The Winston Knolls Foundation is embarking on an initiative for The Winston Knolls School to build a playground specifically designed for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This will provide the students outdoor play space offering life skill experiences and therapeutic programming.

Children with Autism have a difficult time socializing and rarely interact successfully with other children in free play situations without a great deal of work. The playground is the perfect place to practice

skills: social skills, balancing, how the body relates to the space around it, and how it reacts to height and speed. Many children with Autism are in therapy programs to learn to deal with these situations. The playground offers them a fun place to practice what they learn. The playground can be a space to better understand one's own ability to regulate input and practice socialization.

Your assistance with a gift will make a life changing and profound impact on special needs children and their families for years to come. Please visit [crowdise.com/wkplayground](http://crowdise.com/wkplayground) to make a gift.

### Make an impact with your gift!

Those that are able to make this playground possible will have their name displayed proudly in one of several ways.

#### Playground Naming Rights:

\$125,000

- Name prominently featured on signage at the playground
- Name listed on all promotional materials for the playground

#### Lead Gift:

\$50,000

- Name displayed on signage at the playground
- Name listed on all promotional materials for the playground

#### Equipment Naming:

\$20,000 (4 opportunities available)

- Name displayed on signage at the playground

#### Friends of the Playground:

\$10,000 to \$19,999 Bancroft Level

\$1,000 to \$9,999 Kirk Level

\$100 to \$999 Guardian Level

- For all Friends of the Playground Levels, name displayed on signage at the playground

In addition to signage at the playground, donors of all levels will have their name displayed on the donor wall in The Winston Knolls School Lobby.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LIGHT UP THE NIGHT FOR AUTISM GALA

Saturday, October 26, 2019

6:00 p.m. cocktails  
7:30 p.m. dinner

Rolling Green Country Club  
2525 East Rand Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004



Join the Winston Knolls Foundation  
as we Light Up the Night for Autism!

Music by James Pedicone Band

Your support of our premier fundraising event will help us to deliver our vision  
of providing children with Autism every opportunity to achieve their best life.

Join the Winston Knolls Foundation for our premier fundraising event. An evening of dinner, drinks, silent auctions, raffles, music, magic and so much more! RSVP by October 11 at [events.wknollsfoundation.org](http://events.wknollsfoundation.org).



# Extended School Year Celebration

More summer fun photos  
on Facebook!

@winstonknollsschool



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **WINSTON KNOLLS FOUNDATION BENEFIT GALA – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019**

Help raise funds and awareness for the ASD community at our premier fundraising event. RSVP by October 11th.

- **COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY – MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019**

No school. Administrative offices closed.

- **VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

No school. Administrative offices closed.

- **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – NOVEMBER 27 – 29, 2019**

No school. Administrative offices closed.

- **WINTER BREAK – DECEMBER 20, 2019 – JANUARY 3, 2020**

No school.

*For any questions about our upcoming events, please contact:*

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