

PAXTON-BUCKLEY-LODA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

# IMPACT REPORT

JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

## Because of YOU

A couple of weeks ago, my 8 yr. old granddaughter (and PBL student) and I were watching a movie together. She asked me if I could pause the movie. The movie was being “streamed” from an online source and I didn’t have a clue how to pause the action. She took the remote from me and pressed a button - the movie paused. “How did you know what to do?” She shrugged and said, “I don’t know, I just know.”

This report will show you the enormous impact your gift has made for *all* 1279 PBL students who, like my granddaughter, have access to so much more – enrichment programs, the latest technology and books – than they would without you! You, and other Foundation donors just like you, are the reason our students, “just know”.

**BECAUSE OF YOU**, PBL students have additional opportunities “to know” and to be the best they can be!

Robin Niewold, Chairman - Paxton Buckley Loda Education Foundation

1400 +

*Number of students and staff who have benefited from Foundation donations.*

\$14,000

*Grant monies awarded to teachers during the last school year.*

\$45,000

*Foundation provided this amount to school district for technology initiatives (2017-2019).*

\$89,530

*This annual amount is needed to maintain and update technology in all classrooms.*

\$543,180

*Current PBL Endowment Fund Total.*



# PBL's 1:1 Initiative

By: Cliff McClure, Superintendent  
2003 - present

The phrase 1:1 for our District means *every* student attending Paxton-Buckley-Loda CUSD #10 schools will have access to a Chromebook or an iPad for our younger students.

Utilizing a phased-in infrastructure and professional development approach enabled our staff to get up-to-speed with all that Google has to offer for schools through their Google Apps for Education Suite.

Ultimately, our 1:1 landscape will give Pre-K–1st grade students access to iPads stored in carts in their classrooms. Our 2nd grade–8th grade students will use Chromebooks also kept in carts in their classrooms. And our High School students will each have a Chromebook assigned to them and will be able to take their device home with them.

***“As we move towards 1 to 1, I am excited to see how a personal device for each student will enhance their educational experience.”***

Dustin Franckey - Technology Coordinator

The 1:1 initiative provides staff and students with 21st century learning tools to aid us in providing a world-class education to ensure greater opportunities for *ALL* PBL students to be successful. We are extremely grateful to The PBL Education Foundation's leadership in establishing an Endowment Fund and making a long-term commitment to using fund income to help PBL keep pace with increased costs associated with rapidly changing technology. The income The Foundation is able to provide us (The District) will play a (large) part in our ability to keep pace with software and hardware updates.



One of our first grade classes love the new book, *Duck Bike*, you bought for them through the “Book-a-Month” Program.



Students enjoy appetizers before the Senior Award Ceremony & Reception.



A good school district makes a good community. Or does a good community make a good school district? What do you think?

This year, the Paxton-Buckley-Education Foundation pledged \$3000 to the Prairieland CEO Program. CEO is a nationally recognized leadership and business program of Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship and the acronym stands for **C**reating **E**ntrepreneurial **O**pportunities.

The Prairieland Program involves high school seniors from Paxton-Buckley-Loda, Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley and Fisher and is a Foundation-supported activity to compliment area economic development efforts. A facilitator for the year-long, 2-credit-hour, high school course has been hired by the local CEO board and local business owners will serve as mentors to students enrolled in the course.

- *strengthens local communities* •
- *is funded by local investors* •
- *utilizes area businesses as classrooms* •

How many businesses can you think of within Buckley, Clarence, Loda, Paxton, Roberts and Thawville that are owned by an alumni?

(Hint: more than 40)

See the list of alumni business owners WE identified at:  
[www.pblfoundation.org](http://www.pblfoundation.org) (What We Do tab - CEO Program)

**Know of an alumni business owner we should add?**

Contact

[secretary@pblfoundation.org](mailto:secretary@pblfoundation.org) or call Lisa at 217-379-4715



Pictured (left to right) is the inaugural class of the CEO Leadership and Business Program: Dylan Raub, Emily Adwell, Daniegh Burke, Anastasia Campe, Emma Kurtenbach, Mackenzie Bruns, Levi Zbinden, and Nathan Daughenbaugh



The Foundation is proud to partner with the Paxton-Buckley-Loda Hall of Fame. The first class of distinguished members was inducted into The PBL Hall of Fame in 2014. Since the very beginning, The Foundation has provided financial support for this worthy program that recognizes outstanding achievements of our alumni. This recognition serves the dual purpose of spotlighting the

member's contribution to society while also serving as role models for today's students. Alumni who have excelled and contributed in education and/or work/military, made professional contributions, led in community activities, and have had an overall positive impact on society are considered for this honor.

**For a nomination form for the PBL Hall of Fame:**

[www.pblfoundation.org](http://www.pblfoundation.org)

(What We Do tab - Awards/Hall of Fame)

This year Kendra Workman Smiley, Paxton Community High School class of 1970, will join other distinguished alumni when she is inducted into the PBL Hall of Fame this September. She graduated from The University of Illinois (summa cum laude) and then obtained a master's degree at The University of North Dakota.

*Her accomplishments include:*

- \*Author of 10 books including 3 co-authored with her husband.
- \*Co-author with husband of monthly column, "Home Front", Prairie Farmer magazine.
- \*1000's of annual speaking events at both national and international conferences and retreats.
- \*Hosts a daily radio show, "Live Life Intentionally", WBGL, Champaign, IL and coast to coast on over 350 stations!

## Past PBL Hall of Fame Honorees

### 2014

Frank Drendel, Paxton, 1963  
Scott Garrelts, Buckley, 1979  
Sam Schweighart, Paxton, 1995

### 2015

B. Lynn Allen-Hoffman, Roberts-Thawville, 1970  
Tom Johnson, Paxton, 1977  
Angie Lee, Paxton, 1980

### 2016

Janet Guthrie, Paxton, 1967  
Randy Rieches, Buckley, 1969

### 2017

Dr. Walter Elrod, Paxton, 1980  
Pete Larson, Paxton, 1962  
Dr. Sally Peterson-Falzone, Paxton, 1960

### 2018

Carmen Gronewold, Buckley, 1976  
Tom Meents, Paxton, 1985

Throughout the 2018-19 school year, teacher IMPACT Grants were awarded to nine different projects impacting kindergarten through high school students in subjects ranging from physical education, science, music and technology.

Watch for news and smiling faces of staff and students when we regularly update our Facebook and website pages with pictures and quotes.

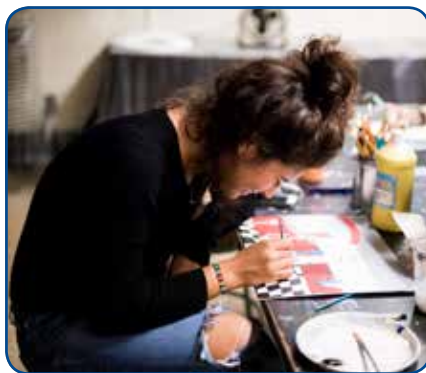


*Number of students impacted annually: 100*

Grant summary: Textbooks have pictures and explanations. Microscopes allow a hands-on approach to learning – students have the opportunity to both examine a single cell on a prepared slide but also prepare a plant cell slide by themselves.

*“Microscopes will give our students a ‘jump’ by promoting scientific thinking and the ability to better study cells in a prepared state.”*

Barry Wright, Principal



[illegible]

## A child is sitting on a purple, beanbag-like stool at a table, writing. The stool is a large, purple, cylindrical object with a blue circular base. The child is wearing a white t-shirt, blue shorts, and blue sneakers with white socks. The table is dark-colored, and the child is holding a pen and writing on a piece of paper. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and tables in the room.



## A photograph showing three young boys in a classroom. They are seated on bright green, adjustable, mushroom-shaped stools. The boy on the left is wearing a dark blue t-shirt and grey shorts, sitting with his back to the camera. The boy in the middle is wearing a black t-shirt and blue shorts, also with his back to the camera. The boy on the right is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and patterned shorts, leaning forward over a table. The table has a light-colored top and a dark metal frame. The floor is covered with a grey and white patterned carpet. In the background, there is a whiteboard and some papers on a shelf.

# What does IMPACT

## High School Robotics Team – High School

*Number of students impacted annually: ~35*

Grant Summary: The team's main goal is to build a multi-functional robot for competitive robotics events. So many students, both male and female, are interested in participating that a second competition team has been added. Students use math and computer coding skills, along with tool kits, to create a robot that is maneuverable.



Pictured to the left are High School Chromebooks charging.



## Learning Through Play! - Kindergarten Team

*Number of students impacted annually: 100*

Grant Summary: In the winter months and on inclement weather days, students are stuck indoors for recess. Magna-Tiles and MagFormers in each classroom will allow students to explore, create, problem solve and collaborate with each other in pairs,

small groups or even independently. These pieces will be a great supplement to the Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) curriculum adopted last year by PBL.



***"This grant will provide more STEM opportunities for our kindergarten students"***

Amanda Styck, Principal

[illegible]

## Emily Weber, Elementary Music



# DONORS

## *Annual Campaign*

Amsden, Dick  
Apland, Jeff  
Barbieur, James  
Basler, Renate  
Bastert, Susan  
Bauer, Sherm  
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Biggs, Jim  
Bixby, Bob  
Bluhm, Lloyd  
Boman, Beth  
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Cardinal, Rod  
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Carson, John  
Clump, Dee  
Cook, Connie  
Coplea, Jeff  
Cowgill, Deb  
DeAtley, Steve  
DLR Group  
Doug's Pharmacy  
Dowling, Dave  
Eckerty, Laurie  
Elson's Paxton Sanitary System  
Ennen, Gwen  
Eppelheimer, Daniel  
Federated Bank  
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Franzen, Patsy  
Fratia, Janet  
Frichtl, Edward  
Frichtl, Don  
Funk, Grace  
Gibson Area Hosp & Hlth Srv.  
Glazik, Steve  
Graham, Ron  
Graham, James  
Griffin, Mike  
Griffith, Addy  
Guthrie, Janet  
Guy, Mary Lynn  
Harweger, Jerry  
Hay, Judith  
Heicher, Robert  
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Hilgendorf, Ellen  
Hofer, Todd  
Houston, Douglas  
Houston, Mary Lou  
Houtzel, Joshua

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HydraFold Auger, Inc.  
Ingold, Bill  
Jarboe, James  
Jepsen-Popel, Judy  
Johnson, Allen  
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Kenney, Dolores  
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Kief, Alaina  
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Kietzman, Katie  
Kietzman, Bruce  
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Kroon, Darrel  
Krumwiede, Nancy  
Kummerow, Karen  
Lamb, Susan  
Larson, Bobby  
Law, Kate  
Lee, Ellen  
Lee, Angie  
Lee, Bill  
Leonard, Anne  
Lindgren, James  
Lithgow, Gail  
Livingston, Carol  
Ludlow Cooperative Elevator-  
Luhrsen, Dennis  
Market Street Dental  
Martensen, Robert  
Matson, Norma  
Matthias, Leah  
Meyer, Phillip  
Milburn, Tammy  
Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk &  
Miller Ltd.  
Morin, Tom  
Newsom, Robert  
Newsom, Andy  
Niewold, Wayne  
Niewold, Robin  
Ocean Reef Foundation  
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Parks, Phil  
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Plackett, Rod  
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PMA Financial Network  
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Pro-Type Printing, Inc.  
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Reed, Dorothy  
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Renken, Larry  
Rentz, Karen  
Reynolds, Theodore  
Reynolds, Theodore  
Rodeen, Kathy  
Ross, Connie  
Ross, Norman James  
Rowe, Wendall Lee  
Rueck, Greg  
Russell, James  
Sam's Janitor Service II  
San Diego, Dr. Anthony  
Sanders, Louis  
Sass, Jo Laine  
Satterlee, Steve  
Schneider, Dan  
Schofield, Sheila  
Schroeder, Alan  
Schumacher, Quentin  
Schweighart, Samuel  
Seibring, Carol  
Shaffer Tax and Accounting Ltd.  
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Shilts, Debra  
Signs & Designs  
Smith, Kurt  
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Sprehe, Robert  
Stine, Margaret  
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Swan, Jeff  
Swanson, Cynthia  
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Thompson, Ron  
Thorstenson, Robert  
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Turner, Marilyn  
Wagner, Tina  
Watkins, Rita  
Watson, Arcelia  
Weisenbarn, Diane  
Werner, Charles  
Wissmiller, Jean  
Wolken, Doug  
Wood, Charles  
Woodworth, Robert  
Workman, Noel  
Wylie, Bill  
Young, Karla

Zakoian, Rosemary  
Zimmerman, Barb

## *Facebook Giving Tuesday*

Bachman, Tina  
Bertan, Ashlee  
Boyer, Dale  
Burnett, Denise  
Buss, Diane Kingren  
Cardinal, Troy  
Cole, Vicki Corning  
Daro, Stan  
Deany, Susan  
DeOrnellas, Kyla Kuipers  
Dettmering, Brittny  
Doss, Renee  
Dowling, Laura  
Eckerty, Laurie Kingston  
Funk, Grace Niewold  
Geiken, Cordelia  
Gentzler, Clarissa Vaughn  
Glazik, Rita  
Gooden, Amanda Vance  
Herges, Stephanie  
Herges, Jill Seibring  
Ingold-Cottrell, Leslie  
Jancola, Dana  
Jones, Amy  
Jordan, Sue Scott  
Kaufmann, Rhonda  
Kief, Alaina  
Kietzman, Lori  
Knuth, Lori Gehrt  
Koebel, Lou Ann  
Krumwiede, Shelley  
Langley, Sandy  
Lewis, Josh  
Mareci, Judith  
Marquis, Linda  
Miller, Linda  
Miller, Mary Ellen  
Nelson, Mike Amanda  
Newnum, Keri Anne  
Niewold, Greg  
Niewold, Robin  
Nuss, Elizabeth  
Peden, Laura Wilkins  
Piatt, Denver  
Reinhart, Mandy  
Rosenbeck, Melissa  
Ross, Connie  
Rubarts, Thomas  
Rueck, Theresa  
Savage, Kelsie

# DONORS

Schuler, Kris  
Scott, Sheri  
Shell, Suzie  
Shinsky, Sarah Fox  
Stamm, Brenda  
Styck, Amanda  
Swan, Justin  
Tolley, Ashley  
Veatch, Jacob  
Victoria, Payton  
Whitaker, Cherin  
Wurmnest, Shannon Mareci

## ***Harvest for Tomorrow Grain Donations***

Boman, Terry & Beth  
Jarboe, Jeff & Gigi  
Nelson, Rick & Pat  
Short, Mike & Candy

## ***Memorials***

Anonymous  
Biggs, Jim  
Brown, Wayne  
Brown, Susan  
Camp, Carl & Carol  
Carson, John  
Dimond, Tom & Jolene  
Funk, Brian & Grace  
Hartig, Carol  
Hudson, Carl & Janet  
Hudson Drug Shop  
Johnson, Blake & Patti  
Lee, Tony & Ellen  
Lee, Angie  
Loschen, Rod & Connie  
Martensen, Robert & Sue  
Meessmann, Yvonne  
Niewold, James & Robin

PBL CUSD #10  
Pool, Joyce  
R & C Loschen Farms, Inc.  
Ross, Ron & Tammy  
Ross, Jay & Connie  
Schanks, Tara  
Seibring, Richard & Peggy  
The Frederick Comm. Bank  
Vaughn, Thomas & Frances

## ***Scholarships***

Eidson, Brandon  
Farmers-Merchants Bank of IL  
Graham, James  
Kingston, Rod & Jane Quinlan

## ***Sponsorships***

Adam Gooden Concrete  
Cynthia Swanson

Farmers-Merchants Bank of IL  
Gibson Area Hosp & Hlth Srv.  
Gilbane Building Co.  
Pro-Type Printing, Inc.

## ***Pillar Campaign***

Anonymous Donor  
Drendel, Frank  
Gibson Area Hospital &  
Health Services  
Hudson Drug Shop  
Niewold, James & Robin  
Niewold, Wayne & Janet  
Pacey, Steve & Brenda  
Swanson, Cynthia  
Sweet, David  
Sweet Jr., Philip



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## PBL EDUCATION FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

### Income:

Annual Fundraising Campaign .....	\$45,147.22
Book Fair Sponsorships .....	\$5,800.00
Endowment / Pillar Campaign .....	\$475,000.00
Facebook Giving Tuesday Donations .....	\$2,475.00
Harvest for Tomorrow Donations .....	\$1,678.00
Interest Received.....	\$247.13
Market Gain/Loss on Investments .....	\$25,057.86
Memorials & Honorariums .....	\$4,690.00
Scholarship Administration Income .....	\$1,837.00
Senior Awards Night Sponsorship .....	\$1,000.00
Student of the Month Sponsorship.....	\$450.00

**TOTAL INCOME** ..... \$563,382.21

### Expenses:

Administrative Expenses: .....	\$23,275.78
Program Funding:	
Book A Month (Facebook Giving Tuesday).....	\$2,591.00
Book Fairs .....	\$7,059.00
CEO Program .....	\$1,000.00
Grants .....	\$30,683.58
New Teacher Gifts .....	\$1,000.00
Senior Awards Night .....	\$999.71
Student of the Month .....	\$450.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES** ..... \$67,059.07

**Net Income** ..... **\$496,323.14**

### 2019-2020 Paxton-Buckley-Loda Education Foundation Board of Trustees

**Robin Niewold, Chairman and Development Committee  
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Jr. High students work on writing code that will allow them to control movement of "The Digital Ball"

H.S. "Shop" students build a bench



A whiteboard or digital "blackboard"



Hall of Fame wall located in the High School



One of our 4th grade teachers opened a book cafe for her students. The teacher served as the chef and the students were provided with different book "tastes" to sample. According to the chef, "just like you should fill and fuel your body with different types of foods, you should fill and fuel your mind with different types of genres! It helps your brain to grow strong, just like food can for your body."

## PBL Endowment Fund TOPS \$500,000

In 2017, The Paxton-Buckley-Loda Education Foundation realized a 20-year goal when they created an Endowment Fund. It is the Board's intent to preserve the principle and use the investment income to distribute to the district to fund technology-based equipment and programs.

Gifts from Hall of Fame inductee Frank Drendel and local businessman Nick Fiorillo's estate were used in 2017 to create The PBL Endowment Fund.

Then, last fall Development Committee members, Carl Hudson and Robin Niewold were contacted and asked for information about The PBL Endowment Fund. Plans were already being made for a Pillar of Giving Campaign to "jumpstart" the Endowment Fund so this information was shared with the interested party.

Two weeks later, Hudson and Niewold met with the interested party. The meeting ended with The Foundation pair being handed a personal check for a \$250,000 anonymous donation to The PBL Endowment Fund!

***"I am humbled that someone would believe so much in our Foundation and PBL Schools that they would make a generous forever gift to generations of future students and staff". - Cliff McClure, Supt.***

The amount of the anonymous gift of \$250,000 represents the amount specified in The Fund's spending policy as the minimum balance necessary before earned income will be distributed to the school district

These early Endowment Fund gifts are the backbone of the current Pillar Campaign! With The Fund minimum now met, donors are assured we will make a difference immediately and well into the future.

The Fund is growing daily and, as of the printing of this report, The PBL Endowment Fund has a balance of:

**\$543,180.00 – over halfway to our million dollar goal!**

*As the end of the year approaches, perhaps your gift will create a tax benefit to you. We hope you will consider contributing now and, also consider planned giving for the future. In either case, your contributions will become part of your legacy of support for our schools and our communities.*

***You will truly make a difference for many future generations.***

Contact either Robin or Carl for additional information.

***www.pblfoundation.org - (How You Can Help tab)***

## PILLAR CAMPAIGN

### **Purpose of The Pillar Campaign:**

To jump-start The PBL Endowment Fund

**Goal:** \$1,000,000

### **Current Campaign Total:**

\$531,000

**Timeline:** During the PBL Homecoming 2020 weekend we would like to recognize campaign participants. This is the same weekend new PBL

Hall of Fame members are inducted. Additionally, guests will be given the opportunity to tour the new 3rd-5th grade addition to Clara Peterson Elementary School, which will have been in use for a full year. This recognition timeline is dependent on reaching all interested donors before fall 2020. Throughout this campaign to jump-start the PBL Endowment Fund, donors will be kept informed of our progress and made aware of recognition announcements and events.

**Permanent Recognition:** Donors participating in this campaign will have their names placed on a plaque to be embedded in a boulder placed at Clara Peterson Elementary, home to grades K-5. Multi-family gifts, (different members of the same family join together to make one gift) may have each participating family's name listed on the plaque. (Example: John Adams, Paul Adams, Mary Adams-Smith) In addition, each donor or donor family group will have the opportunity to place up to 5 pages of family and/or business history, including pictures, in a time capsule that will be buried under the boulder. This time capsule will be unearthed in 2070 (50 years) and the contents will be shared with the school district community. ***In 2070, our students, teachers, and our communities will still be benefiting from the generous gifts made to the PBL Endowment Fund.***

### **Gifts:**

- Minimum \$25,000
- One-time gift or multi-year pledge (up to 5 years)
- Gifts of cash, grain, stock, real estate will be accepted
- Check with your personal tax advisor when determining the most advantageous giving method for you.

### **Want more information?**

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Carl Hudson, Jr.  
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# Class Reunions

*Let The Foundation Help!*

If you were a class officer, no doubt you have been charged with the task of organizing one or more of your class reunions. This may involve finding your classmates, securing a venue to host the reunion, accepting reservations and payments. What about contacting a photographer to take a group photo and many other details involved in planning the event?

The PBL Education Foundation is here for **YOU!** Let us help! The very first thing you should do is contact The Foundation's administrative secretary, Lisa, at [secretary@pblfoundation.org](mailto:secretary@pblfoundation.org) or 217-379-4715.

Lisa will be able to look at our database to let you know how many of your classmates are already listed. IF **you** have contact information for some we do not, we can add those new contacts and help you with: emails announcing events, suggesting local venues, accepting reservations and (secure) online payments.

\* We will even show up to your event to take a group photo, and return prints before your event ends. Free photo given to alumni who have registered on The Foundation's website: [www.pblfoundation.org](http://www.pblfoundation.org) (*Alumni & Events tab*)

***We encourage all*** Buckley, Buckley-Loda, Loda, Paxton, Paxton-Buckley-Loda, Roberts, Roberts-Thawville and Ford Central alumni to take advantage of the opportunity:

- To be included in class reunions, register at:  
[www.pblfoundation.org](http://www.pblfoundation.org) (*Alumni & Events tab*)
- To "like" the Foundation's Facebook page for current alumni and district news

When information is shared with us, we share immediately on The Foundation's Facebook page!

***Last year The PBL Education Foundation celebrated 20 years of service to our school district. We thought it was about time to give back to YOU, our alumni, for all you do to give our students the opportunities they need to become the best they can be.***

***THANK YOU to all of our loyal alumni!***

\* Note: database information will ONLY be used for Foundation purposes and will never be shared publicly.

## SAVE THE DATE!

***2019 PBL Homecoming & Hall of Fame Events  
Thursday, September 26th & Friday, September 27th***

