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Major Saver helps Kokomo schools

The Kokomo Public Schools Education Foundation is once again offering Major Saver cards for sale through Kokomo School Corporation elementary and middle schools. Students received their packets Thursday, Dec. 1, and Friday, Dec. 2. From Wednesday, Dec. 7 through Tuesday, Dec. 13, Kokomo students will be selling the \$15 discount cards.

In 2015, the Education Foundation and participating Kokomo School Corporation schools raised more than \$20,000 through the sale of Major Saver cards (an annual Education Foundation fundraiser). Each school received 50 percent of the amount fundraised by students, while the other 50 percent of fundraised dollars was donated to the Kokomo Education Foundation to support student scholarships, teacher enhancement mini-grants, and the foundation endowment fund.

The 10 participating schools (Bon Air Elementary, Boulevard Elementary, Elwood Haynes Elementary, Lafayette Park Elementary, Pettit Park Elementary, Sycamore Elementary, Wallace Elementary, Bon Air Middle, Central Middle, and Maple Crest Middle schools) sold 2,705 Major Saver discount cards in 2015, and raised a total of \$10,200 for their schools.

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The money schools raised through the fundraisers supported many unique and varied projects. For instance, Maple Crest STEM Middle School's \$525 was used to purchase new and updated calculators for students.

Sycamore International Elementary School students sold 515 Major Saver cards. Principal Anne Wiles noted that the \$1,950 raised through the card sales helped school officials purchase additional items to support Sycamore's International Baccalaureate program. Sycamore used a portion of the money to rent a large National Geographic floor map that was laid out on the gym floor to provide more opportunities for interactive learning.

Lafayette Park International Elementary School's Major Saver funds were used to purchase intervention and support materials, as well as medals and certificates to recognize students at the end of the school year.

Central Middle International School students sold 148 Major Saver cards, and earned \$550 for their school. The money was used to buy potting soil, pots, and petunia seeds to grow flowers for Mother's Day... a project school officials hope to make a yearly tradition.

Technology Academy at Bon Air Middle School students sold 59 Major Saver cards, and earned \$225 for their school. That money was used to renew the school's subscription to SumDog.com, a website that offers interactive math games to increase students' fluency in math facts and operations. Principal Amanda Landrum said Bon Air used grant funds to purchase the subscription last year, but those grant funds had expired.

"We loved the program and wanted to continue using it in Bon Air classrooms," Mrs. Landrum noted. "We are so thankful for the Major Saver funds, which have allowed us to continue using this program that helps our students enjoy learning."

Both the Technology Academy at Bon Air Elementary School and Boulevard STEM Elementary School used their Major Saver funds to purchase supplies for their new Makerspaces, which are areas where students can explore, tinker, and create their own learning. Makerspaces facilitate critical thinking, develop problem solving skills, and promote higher order thinking. Bon Air Assistant Principal Lyndsi Smith added that students love working in this space.

"The Major Saver fundraiser has been a win-win for our foundation and each individual school in our system," Education Foundation Board Member Ron Barsh said. "Last school year we raised more than \$20,000 for the foundation and schools. The discount cards, which support local businesses, have been very well received by those who have purchased them."

Major Saver cards can be purchased via cash, check, or online at www.majorsaver.com. The online sale can be credited to a particular student and school. All cards purchased online will be mailed directly to the customer.

The 2016 participating restaurants/establishments include: Food Precinct, Marie's Car Wash, Kokomo Jackrabbits, Cook McDoogal's, Culver's, Texas Roadhouse, Dog n Suds Drive In, Wings Etc. Grill & Pub, 3 Amigos Mexican Grill, Papa John's, Popcorn Café, Half Moon Restaurant & Brewery, Foxes Trails Restaurant & Pub, Charleys Philly Steaks, Hardees, Jim's Pizza, Orange Leaf, Jiffy Lube, Gabettas, and McDonald's.

Mr. Barsh added: "I believe the Kokomo Jackrabbits, Wings Etc., and Foxes Trails are great additions for this year's cards. I know I will use all of those and more. I'm looking forward to great sales in Kokomo."



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