

LEAF Kickoff/Welcome Back Luncheon

The annual Kickoff/Welcome Back Luncheon is held in August of each year. All seniors that participated in a student activities program (arts, academic, music or athletic) as juniors are invited to a free luncheon in their honor. The purpose of the Kickoff/Welcome Back Luncheon is to recognize the effort of these students and their coach/advisor/director as well as to share the mission of the LEAF organization with them. We also want to have some fun and give away some great prizes. The event has been a great success with well over 225 kids, coaches and community members in attendance.

Each year the Luncheon committee selects a speaker to be the keynote. The speaker must be a graduate of either Apollo or Tech High School, have had a successful career and have been involved in volunteer activities in the St. Cloud community. Each speaker has been a great role model of the attributes that will lead our current students to be successful citizens. Our guest speakers have included the following:

2008 Wayne Schluchter
2009 Mike Faber
2010 Don Watkins
2011 Mark Bragelman
2012 Judge Vicki Landwehr
2013 Bill Mund.

The mayors of all communities in District 742 are invited as well as local legislators and business leaders. Although this event has not been a fundraiser for LEAF, table sponsors are sought to offset the costs.