

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

WHO ARE WE?

We are a small volunteer board of parent, community, and corporate members, committed to serving all of Bedford's public schools. We welcome new board members.

HOW DO WE FUND GRANTS?

Fundraising events:

- * Whole Foods 5% Day
- * Barnes & Noble Book Fairs
- * Annual Reception & Silent Auction
- * Bedford's Got Talent

Corporate Sponsorships

Private Contributions

Donations from Area Businesses

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT?

All full- or part-time teachers and administrators from any of Bedford's four schools are eligible to apply during three annual grant cycles.

WHAT IS THE HIGH SCHOOL BOARD?

The BEF High School Board is comprised of student volunteers engaged in activities similar to the adult BEF board and provides students with leadership opportunities. Students elect officers, hold meetings and plan and hold fundraising events throughout the year. They accept grant requests from the four Bedford schools and award grants to teachers at the end of the academic year.

"By helping our teachers to realize a myriad of instructional innovations, the BEF makes possible exceptional learning opportunities for all children. It gives me great pleasure to endorse the foundation's ongoing efforts to fund these initiatives."

— Jon Sills
Superintendent,
Bedford Public Schools

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- **Volunteer on our committee:** We need your help! To volunteer, please contact randy@bedfordeducation.org
- **Keep informed:** Bookmark our website bedfordeducation.org to learn more.
- **Participate** in our fundraising events throughout the year!
- **TD** Become part of **TD Bank's Affinity program** to support the BEF.
- **Donate:** Checks payable to *Bedford Education Foundation* can be mailed to:

Bedford Education Foundation
97 McMahon Road
Bedford, MA 01730

or you can donate electronically via PayPal at bedfordeducation.org

The BEF is a registered 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.



*Supporting Teachers' Dreams
to Inspire Every Child*

OUR MISSION

The Bedford Education Foundation (BEF) promotes classroom innovation and empowers teachers and students to meet the growing challenges of the 21st century.

Through direct grants to individual classroom teachers and school administrators, the BEF is dedicated to enhancing **creativity and innovation** in the Bedford Public Schools.

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SUPPORTING TEACHERS' DREAMS TO **INSPIRE** EVERY CHILD

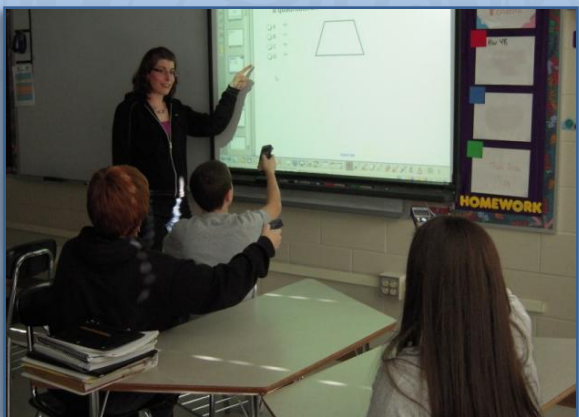
DAVIS SCHOOL

The BEF funded the initial costs of the school's **herb and vegetable garden**. The garden continues to flourish year after year. (\$625)



JOHN GLENN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hand-held Senteo Response System devices send students' answers to a teacher's computer, where the information is used to guide both the class and individual students' instruction. (\$1,500)



*"The students love using the technology."
—Ms. Burstein*

LANE SCHOOL

GPS devices for outdoor orienteering and geocaching, map and globe skills, and town geography (\$320)



"We had fifth graders mentor a third grade class and they really enjoyed working as a team." —Ms. Post

BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

SMART Slate Wireless slates allow students to use the classroom SMART Board from anywhere in the room. (\$1,050)



*"The slates have allowed us to better circulate through the classroom and help reach all students. I use the slate during every lecture."
—Mrs. Morrison*

BEF DOLLARS AT WORK

Since our inception in 2008, we have raised over \$80,000 to provide 92 teacher grants. We fund innovative and creative grants for all disciplines.

Some of the grants we have funded are:

DAVIS SCHOOL (K-2)

- * LEGO Robotics activity sets
- * Audubon Guides for Great Meadows visit
- * Photo books for emergent readers
- * Raz-Kids online leveled books
- * Bal-A-Vis-X program for before school

LANE SCHOOL (3-5)

- * Flip Camcorders for creating documentaries
- * Digital microscopes in the library
- * Native American Three Sisters Garden Project
- * iPod touches
- * Robotics Team Kits
- * Bedford postcards for a nationwide exchange

JOHN GLENN MIDDLE SCHOOL

- * Bone Clones early human models
- * Bananagrams board games
- * Dolls for use during Babysitting elective
- * On-site interactive Shakespeare performance
- * World Drumming drums
- * Body socks for theater club

BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

- * Kindle Reader and classic literature downloads
- * Global Voices web camera
- * Green screen for video production studio
- * Kurzweil reading scanner
- * Visit from poet laureate Robert Pinsky
- * Engineering class materials for developing a solar water heating prototype

"Thanks for granting the funds to pilot the Evernote program to capture student work and reflections. This new approach to understanding student learning is the wave of the future."

—Rob Ackerman, Lane School Principal