



Grants in Action

LEEF Grant Award Presentation

LEEF Awards \$50,664 in Grants to the Longmeadow Schools



All of us at LEEF are committed to providing the teachers and administrators of the Longmeadow schools with as many opportunities as possible to foster and enhance their creative and innovative ideas and visions

in the classroom. November 26, 2012, was a very special day for us at LEEF, it was the culmination of a year's work. In the library of LHS we celebrated the awarding of 16 new grants in the amount of \$50,664. (pg. 2)

LEEF Mission Statement

The mission of LEEF is to create and maintain a fund that provides grants for innovative education and enrichment programs beyond the tax-supported budget for the benefit of Longmeadow public school students. The foundation is an autonomous, long-term institution that strives to ensure the excellence of Longmeadow Public Schools and promotes a proprietary sense of ownership and pride within the community.

For information on how you can help LEEF further its mission, please contact Justin Dion at info@goleef.org.

ENGINEERING IS ELEMENTARY

There will not be a shortage of Longmeadow graduates studying Math and Science in college if the Longmeadow School District continues on its current path.

First Grade teacher Rebecca Powell of Wolf Swamp Road School wrote and received a grant from LEEF enabling the district to purchase a

science kit, Engineering is Elementary, from the Boston Museum of Science. The kit is designed for grades K-5 and contains twenty different elementary science and engineering projects and will be implemented in other Wolf Swamp classes as well. Each unit features a real world engineering problem. Through a (pg.2)



LEEF GRANT AWARD PRESENTATION

(cont. from pg. 1) These awards bring the total number of grants awarded to 252, in the amount of \$871,100, since LEEF's beginning in 2002.

LEEF grants are awarded to teachers and administrators in all grade levels and cover all subject areas in all of our schools. The money needed to fund these grants has been raised as a result of the dedication and tireless work of the LEEF board of directors, many volunteers in our community and our very generous donors. Go to the Grants section on goleef.org to read more about each grant.



ENGINEERING IS ELEMENTARY

(cont. from pg. 1) hands on engineering design and construction unit the children were challenged to use their knowledge of math and science, problem solving skills, creativity and their ability to work in a team. This specific project involved windmills and came to a culmination while being observed by members of the LEEF Board, a reporter from the Longmeadow News and Marie Doyle, Superintendent of the Longmeadow Schools. The success of the project could be judged by the fact that the children were fully engaged in the project for almost an hour,

worked methodically and respectfully together or just by the fact that all of their windmills worked!





2012 GALA RAISES \$65,000



Thank you for supporting the 11th Annual LEEF Gala held October 20, 2012, at Twin Hills Country Club! It was a great night for a great cause, with over 300 guests enjoying a fun evening with friends, wonderful food and entertainment, and bidding on an amazing collection of auction items donated by over 150 families and friends of LEEF.

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For more information find out about 2013 Gala volunteer, donation, and sponsorship opportunities, please send email to gala@goleef.org. Thanks again for your commitment to extraordinary public education!

LEEF Calendar

April 8-10

6:00-8:00 Phoneathon

November 2, 2013

12th LEEF Gala - Basketball Hall of Fame

November 1, 2014

13th LEEF Gala Twin Hills Country Club

Phoneathon

Last Spring, thanks to generous donations from families across Longmeadow, the LEEF Phone-a-thon fundraiser raised over \$30,000 to benefit Longmeadow Public Schools!

From 6:00 to 8:00 pm Apr. 8, 9, 10, a group of parent, student and teacher volunteers will be making calls to ask for contributions from Longmeadow residents. If your phone rings during the Phone-a-thon, please answer the call and make a pledge. If you prefer to make a donation online, please visit www.goleef.org and use the PayPal option. If you would like to volunteer for one or more evenings please contact Evan Robinson at info@goleef.org.

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HONOR THY TEACHER

Honor Thy Teacher is an opportunity to donate to LEEF and recognize a teacher, administrator, friend or loved one who has been an inspiration to you or a family member. This fundraising campaign lets parents and students honor someone who has had a profound effect on a student's life. It's a way to say thanks to our fine faculty and staff or that special someone for a job well done. "In Memory of" are also accepted. Honorees are sent a card from LEEF with the donor's name. A copy is also sent to the principal and superintendent. Go to www.goleef.org for more information.

2012-2103 Honorees

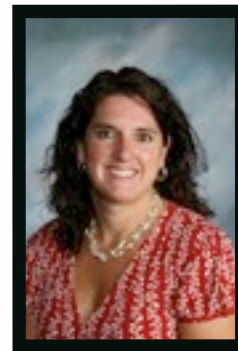
In Memory of:

Mary Kloster, Center School

In Honor Of:

Pam Novak, Glenbrook

Susan Bertrand, Pupil Services



MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND DAY



On March 7th, musicians from Williams Middle School and

Glenbrook Middle School went to the High School for a half day of tutoring by the teachers from the Community Music School of Springfield and an opportunity to all play together.

This Grant has been awarded to the Middle Schools seven times, meaning all of our current LHS Band members, that played for the middle schools, have benefited from this LEEF grant.

This grant provides a different element to the musical program that would not otherwise be available to our students through the tax supported school budget.

The Grant for Band Day was written by Dan Albert.

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