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Winter 2018

Happy New Year! I'm fortunate to be following an esteemed group of leaders as the new President of the BEF. I am looking forward to 2018 and some exciting enhancements to the Brookfield Education Foundation (BEF) presence in Brookfield!

The Board has approved some impressive grants in 2017 that we anticipate sharing progress on in 2018—a math lab at WMS, social emotional intelligence training at WMS (to be rolled out district wide), a string ensemble and a start up business funded at BHS. These are just a few of the exciting things going on in Brookfield.

As we look to 2018, we will unveil an updated, easier-to-use website and we will continue the tradition of celebrating our educators through the popular Honor an Educator program in May. We're pleased to announce our 2018 gala will be hosted at Candlewood Inn on November 16. Mark your calendars now as we prepare to host our best event yet!

We continue to be a source of funding for inventive and original program-based grants that wouldn't be so quickly funded through our town and school budget. None of this would be possible without your financial support, so we thank YOU for being a part of our mission to fund innovative learning for Brookfield residents of all ages. You're an essential part of what we do!

Kristen Joshi, President

School Major Grant *Social Emotional Learning at* *Whisconier Middle School*

Championed by WMS Principal, Deane Renda, the Brookfield Education Foundation has funded the RULER program for Whisconier Middle School. RULER is an approach to social-emotional learning that has been developed by the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. The program teaches and fosters emotional intelligence in classroom settings, as well as in other contexts including sports, the home and the community at large. It is the expectation that RULER will improve school climate and create a culture in which both students and adults know that "emotions matter." Students will learn the skills necessary to regulate their emotions in order to be more focused, productive and successful.



School Major Grant *Chamber Ensemble at Brookfield High School*

A Brookfield High School student, through a grant funded by the Brookfield Education Foundation, will create a String Ensemble that will initially exist through the current concert band program as a supporting section but also serve as an individual chamber ensemble at Brookfield High School. The new addition of a String Ensemble will benefit the students' education and character development. In addition to performing at Brookfield High School functions, the Ensemble can also compete at the statewide level by representing Brookfield. The long-term goals would include the spread of string programs into the middle and elementary schools and potentially the future creation of a Brookfield High School Orchestra.

SAVE THE DATE! The Brookfield Education 2018 Gala

The Brookfield Education Foundation is pleased to announce that their annual GALA fundraiser will take place on **Friday, November 16th**. We are thrilled to be hosting the gala at the **Candlewood Inn** in Brookfield. We hope you can join us!

**Learning is not attained by chance, it must
be sought for with ardor
and diligence.**
~Abigail Adams

Have an Idea for a Grant?

1. Review the BEF's mission.
2. Access the application at www.brookfielddeductionfoundation.org
3. Thoroughly complete all questions.
4. Include detailed pricing information as well as multiple quotes.
5. Provide any quantitative measures for the education element of the grant.
6. Email your grant request to the BEF by the last Friday of the month for review at our next meeting.
7. Once received, the grant will be discussed at the next BEF meeting. Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of every month (except July).
8. If approved, be willing to share outcomes with the BEF. What worked? What didn't work?

Types of BEF Grants

Major Grant

Grant request of \$500 or more

Mini-Grants

Grant request less than \$500

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School Major Grant

Tower Gardens at Whisconier Middle School

The Brookfield Education Foundation has awarded a major-grant to Whisconier Middle School for three aeroponic tower gardens. Championed by science teachers, Linda Bertozzi and Dennis Petrino, the goal is for students to be involved in year round growth of fruits and vegetables. Science teachers in 5th, 6th and 8th grades will utilize this innovative growth system for educational lessons and hands on learning by students.



*What we learn with pleasure, we never forget.
~Alfred Mercier*

School Major Grant

How to Start A Business at Brookfield High School

The Brookfield Career and Technical Education department developed a program that allows students to start and run their own business. Through the purchase of a Laser Engraver/Cutter, students will use the equipment to make their own products that they can then sell to other clubs, students and the community. Students will have to research, develop, create and market a product for their laser engraving-cutting business. They will learn about business structure, evaluating demand, calculating pricing, marketing, production and distribution and sales. The students will use the profits to help support participating clubs. This program emphasizes Brookfield High School's core values of research, critical thinking, communication, collaboration and active involvement.

