

**A newsletter created to keep you, our generous contributors, updated on recently awarded grants.**

The BEF would like to thank all of the Brookfield Education Foundation donors, whose generosity has made possible funding for 4 major programs over the past 6 months:

## **Rachel's Challenge**

Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School April 20, 1999. In her honor, Rachel's Challenge was created. This program is based on her 6 diaries as well as her many acts of kindness and compassion that she was known for. The mission of Rachel's Challenge is to create a safe learning environment for all students, improve academic achievement by engaging students and stimulate a positive change in the way students treat one another. Rachel believed one act of kindness could start a chain reaction. This program will serve to reinforce the discipline and bullying policy while continuing character education. The program will be held at Whisconier Middle School and was spearheaded by the guidance department.

## **Interactive Response System for the Smart Board Learning System**

This grant provides support to the Smart Board Learning System used in the First Grade at Center Elementary School. Interactive response clickers will be added to each classroom to increase student engagement. The addition of this tool will enable teachers to collect, evaluate and organize assessment data.

## **Testing and Education Reference Center (TERC)**

The Testing and Education Reference Center (TERC) is an online resource for a plethora of practice tests such as AP classes, SAT, PRAXIS, civil service, GRE, military as well as career search and scholarship information. There is also information on 2- year and 4-year colleges. TERC will be available to everyone with a valid library card from the Brookfield Public Library. It can be accessed through a link on the Library's website and therefore can be used at home, school, work or at the library.

## **Joseph E. Baker Book Collection**

In memory of our fellow board member, the Joseph E. Baker Memorial Grant has been awarded for the creation of a collection of books pertaining to topics and interests Joe enjoyed. These books will be available, in age-appropriate formats, at all Brookfield Public Schools and at the Brookfield Library. These collections aim to ignite interest in and increase knowledge of the aviation-related topics that Joe Baker so enjoyed.

## **Previous/Ongoing Significant Grants:**

A major grant has funded the installation of a garden shed, several raised garden beds, fencing, and supplies at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School, with the potential future installation of a greenhouse. This organic garden has enabled countless hands-on educational opportunities for the entire Brookfield community, and produced fresh vegetables for the Social Services Food Pantry.

**Thank you for enabling the creation of these innovative educational programs that benefit the entire community!**