

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation



2013 Newsletter & Annual Report

Did You Know

That your donations, partnered with our teachers' creativity, are the underpinning for educational innovations in our schools? Years of budgets growing barely above inflation, combined with shrinking state funding, have left precious few dollars for the new approaches to education that our teachers and administrators have imagined. But programs like the Achievement Center, Robotics, and the Math Lab were all started with grants from CEEF; they would not be in our schools today without the generous support of you, our donors.

You have allowed us to fund \$200,000 in technology equipment and learning initiatives; over \$120,000 in grants that support teachers' professional development; and another \$680,000 to create initiatives across the district such as Literacy Week, the expansion of music and art programs, World Affairs Council, and Chewonki. Your dollars have seeded lasting initiatives and experimental projects—investment that have been returned ten-fold in passion and knowledge.

Though CEEF's grants represent just a tiny fraction of the overall school budget, they are the lion's share of the "innovation budget," enhanced by the school board, administrators, and teachers as engaged partners. We ask you to continue supporting this creative and productive partnership so that CEEF can continue to be the incubator for innovation in our schools. And we hope you'll see in the pages of this report just how exciting, and important, this vision for our schools has become.



Will Depke explores his sense of smell before writing a story at The Telling Room



Pond Cove teachers prepare for the character parade during Cape Celebrates Literacy week



Students enjoy a performance of Alice in Wonderland by the Maine State Ballet

"During CEHS robotic's program infancy, CEEF recognized the importance of STEM related extracurricular activities and provided important initial funding. The program has grown from just a few to now nearly a hundred participating at each education level of our school system. The children are introduced to engineering, programming and project management in a fun and interactive way."

Kathy Barber - Cape Robotics Booster and Robotics Institute of Maine, Board of Directors

2012-2013 Grants

High School

TEDActive 2014 Membership	\$1,875
Safe Passage	\$600
National Mock Trial Team	\$500
TEDx Youth @ CEHS	\$1,000

Middle School

EUREKA!	\$1,000
Chewonki, 8th grade Outdoor Adventure	\$1,000
Language Immersion Course, Quebec	\$941
Teacher's College at Columbia University	\$700
Waste Management Mural	\$300
Haystack Workshop	\$485
Midwest International Band Clinic	\$120

Pond Cove

Building & Sustaining a Safe, Inclusive and Respectful Culture	\$7,562
The Telling Room	\$1,000
National Science Teachers Association National Conference	\$325
Book Writers & Illustrators Whispering Pines Retreat	\$525

District

Cape Celebrates Literacy	\$10,000
PC/MS Cafetorium Audio Refurbishment/Upgrade	\$9,600
School Climate Issue Identification and Improvement	\$6,000
Robotics K-5 Classroom Integration	\$5,900

Teacher Awards

Thompson Staff Award (Pam Vose)	\$2,000
Brownell Award (Cameron Rosenblum)	\$2,000



The Waste Management mural on the Cafetorium wall helps students to sort their leftover waste



Maine's first ever TEDx Youth day at CEHS, December 7, 2012



Max is ready to sail off through night and day

TEDx Youth@CEHS
x = independently organized TED event 12.7.12

SCHEDULE

Session 1
8:00-9:30
Kerem Durdag, CEO of Biovation
Libby Hoffman, Founder, Catalyst for Peace
Alan Lishness, Chief Innovation Officer, GMRI

Session 2
9:50-10:40
Raphael DiLuzio, Entrepreneur, Artist, Professor
Emilia Dahlin, Musician for Social Change
Steve Wessler, Director, Center for Preventing Hate

Session 3
11:05-11:50
Claire Hirschmann, Co-founder, Field Academy
Jean Maginnis, Founder, Maine Center for Creativity
Matthew Braun, Student, USM

Lunch
11:50-12:35

Session 4
12:35-1:30
Fritz Grobe, Founder, Eepypird
Zoe Weil, Founder, Institute for Humane Education
Surprise Student Speaker

Students Only
1:30-2:30
Wrap Up
Small Group Discussions

TEDx Youth nametag with the day's program

CEEF's large-impact grants flourish



Debbie Butterworth in the Math Lab



Mackenzie Leighton in the Achievement Center

Since 2002, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation has awarded close to one million dollars in grants throughout the school district—grants that enhance learning in every discipline, seed professional development and fuel after-school clubs and co-curricular activities. Many are already woven into the fabric of the community as lasting programs and spaces that benefit every single student in Cape Elizabeth.

The Pond Cove Math Lab was launched through a large impact grant in 2007. Each year, over 300 K-2 students visit the lab to enhance their skills, gain self confidence and develop a love for math.

Since 2005, the Achievement Center has been providing individual academic support to students at Cape Elizabeth High School. Students of all abilities use the AC for extra help, Plato reviews, small group work, writing conferences, peer tutoring, or just a quiet space to concentrate.

The first Robotics grant was awarded in 2005 as seed funding for a small team of passionate kids. Over the years, Robotics has expanded into all three schools through a greatly expanded club and K-4 curriculum integration.

The World Affairs Council, funded in 2006, now takes over 100 students each year to participate in three Model UN conferences where they sharpen skills in research, public speaking and diplomacy. This year's students will travel to Brown, John's Hopkins and Dartmouth campuses.

Over \$200,000 in CEEF grants have gone towards partnering in technology initiatives throughout the district. These include funding of SmartBoards, digital cameras, computers, clickers, iPads for teachers, an updated PC/MS Cafetorium sound system, and most recently, a planned reinvention of the MS Library into a Learning Commons space.

“Due to your support, Cape Elizabeth Middle School has been able to build in several meaningful extensions and enrichment opportunities to our core teaching and learning initiatives. We are continuing our work with Steve Wessler on School Climate; he will lead a professional session with our staff and offer other ongoing training this year. Cape Celebrates Literacy was a great celebration of reading across content areas and launched our summer reading program for all of the middle school students. We are grateful for the generous support that CEEF provides—without your help most of these opportunities would not be possible. Thank you on behalf of CEMS!

Middle School Principal Michael Tracy



Robotics enthusiasts work on their project



The CEEF Red Apple enjoys AuthorFest

“World Affairs Council is a great platform for anyone interested in learning about and discussing international news. It’s been a phenomenal way to meet students from other schools who are passionate about the state of the world, to exchange ideas and explore possible solutions with them.”

CEHS Senior Omar Khalidi



Camden Woods has fun in the Math Lab



Diane Schisler and Alex Thayer get inspired at The Telling Room

“Thank you to CEEF, the major contributor of the PC/MS Auditorium sound system refurbishment, an organization that works to support the students and staff in our schools in too many ways to count. Until recently, I served as the MS educator representative on the board of directors; I count that experience as one of the most rewarding in all my years as a teacher. Thank you CEEF for the care and focus with which you provide so much to our schools and community through your many events and continued financial support.”

Steve Price, Education Advisor (2010-2013)

“The impact that CEEF and its generous donors have had on bringing innovative educational opportunities to Pond Cove School has been extraordinary. Reflecting on my involvement as a CEEF education advisor in its early stages ten years ago, I was immediately struck by its phenomenal growth and the central role that it continues to play in supporting Pond Cove when I returned as principal of the school last year.

Reviewing our grant history, there has not been one area of Pond Cove’s curricula that CEEF grants have not enhanced. Our current CEEF grant implementation of “Building and Sustaining a Safe, Inclusive and Respectful K-4 Culture” is a particularly meaningful initiative this year. As principal, I know I speak for all of us at Pond Cove that the work we do to cultivate such a supportive culture for our students is essential to their learning and well-being. Thanks to CEEF, Pond Cove has been provided the resources to establish and sustain the conditions for an optimal, positive school environment that we now refer to as ‘Peaceful Pond Cove’ during one of the most important stages in a child’s development.”

Pond Cove Principal Kelly Hasson



Characters from Maine State Ballet greet students after the performance

Fueling innovation and excellence in our schools

CEEF Award Presentations

Alumni Award

On Sunday June 9, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation recognized Joan Benoit Samuelson as its first annual Alumni Award recipient during graduation ceremonies held at Ft. Williams. The newly formed CEEF Alumni Award seeks to identify recipients who, through their dedication and perseverance, have made significant contributions to their communities, professions or society. The recipient of this award is intended to be a role model for current high school students and motivate them to seek excellence in school-related pursuits and in their careers, families and communities.

Upon accepting the award, Joanie brought a book she was given at her CEHS graduation entitled *I Dare You*, referencing it as she challenged the class of 2013 to be successful as they move forward in life. She also mentioned “honors that are received closest to home are the most meaningful of all awards. Local awards tend to inspire awardees to continue to do additional good deeds.”

The award will be given each year at graduation and the recipient’s name will be displayed on a plaque in Cape Elizabeth High School.



Tim Thompson, Nancy Thompson, Pam Vose, Elaine Brownell, Cameron Rosenblum, and Jen Scarpitti-Nelson



Joan Benoit Samuelson and Brian Guthrie

Teacher Awards

Following past traditions, CEEF’s annual teacher awards were announced at the welcome back breakfast in late August. The Thompson Award was given to Pam Vose for going above and beyond the expected in mentoring her students. Nancy Thompson praised her as having a “kind and easygoing manner that has helped her become a trusted friend for any student that might need assistance. Throughout the years she has helped develop critical social skills that will carry students into adulthood.” Next came the Brownell Award to Pond Cove Librarian Cameron Rosenblum in recognition of her outstanding CEEF-grant implementation. Cameron chaired and inspired the committee that organized Cape Celebrates Literacy in honor of CEEF’s 10th anniversary. Cameron said “It’s a special honor to have been on the committee that worked to celebrate CEEF’s ten years of innovation and excellence in our school system.” She described a first-grade boy who, as he stood in his class line, suddenly looked up at her and unprompted said, “Well, now I’m totally inspired!” “It was like he was a plant or something. He could not see my heart flutter, but it did.” Congratulations to these amazing educators who inspire our students every day.

Cape Celebrates Literacy Week



Ella Butterfield enjoys the character parade

In honor of CEEF's 10th anniversary, and in recognition of a decade of partnership and collaboration with the school district, the CEEF board of directors awarded a \$10,000 grant to fund a community-wide program that fit CEEF's mission. Rising to this challenge, Superintendent Meredith Nadeau created a collaborative team of community partners (including the Thomas Memorial Library, CELT and Nonesuch Books) ably led by Pond Cove School Librarian Cameron Rosenblum, and Cape Celebrates Literacy was born.

This team met regularly for several months, with enthusiasm, dedication and ultimately great success. The goal was to celebrate and explore the many different forms of literacy: writing, journalism, storytelling, illustrating, puppetry, drama, dance and more. The hope was to bring excitement about learning and literacy to all three schools and the Cape Elizabeth community.

Highlights of the week included: story walks through Robinson Woods; workshops at each school with visiting authors and journalists including Bill Nemitz, Tom Allen, Scott Nash and Len Cabral; presentation by the Maine State Ballet; evening presentations for the general public; and a multi-generational read with seniors at Village Crossings.



Paige Long gets in character during Literacy Week



Pond Cove joins in the literary fun

The week culminated on Saturday afternoon with AuthorFest, when thirty authors and illustrators gathered in the high school gym to read excerpts, sign books and mingle with Cape students and their families.

The week was a huge success and truly representative of what the CEEF and school district partnership seeks to do: provide exciting and creative ways to inspire teachers and children through collaborative partnerships within the Cape Elizabeth community. Thank you to all those who participated and partnered in this wonderful event!

"Literacy week was an incredible opportunity for students and staff in all of our schools and community members to interact with artists and authors and others employing literacy skills in their professional lives. AuthorFest in particular was a spectacular event and one that we hope to continue to offer in the future. CEEF was an incredible partner for this event, and we were grateful for their support to make the many events during the week possible."

Superintendent Meredith Nadeau

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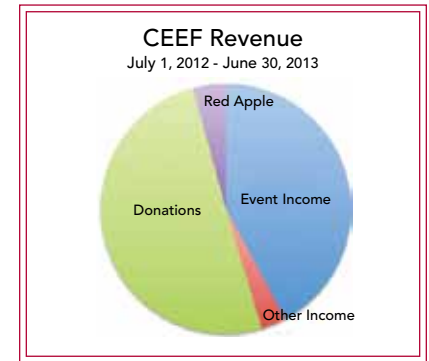
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Author, counselor and anti-bullying expert Stan Davis, fully funded by CEEF, speaks with Pond Cove students at lunchtime on September with 4th grade teacher Kate Whipple. Mr. Davis had a fruitful interactive exchange with students on what they noticed that helps them enjoy each other's company and what they notice that could be inclusive of others.

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Steve Price Brian Guthrie
 Julie Nickerson Susan Leighton
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CEEF is excited to welcome new members to the board (l. to r): Jim Britt, Patrick Keniston, Liz McEvoy, Sheila Mayberry, and Michael Wood (Mary Ellen Carignan not pictured)

And welcome to our new board members & advisors

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Bri Gallagher, guidance counselor at Pond Cove

Annual Golf Tournament



Prouts Neck Country Club was the setting for the 2nd annual **Play for Education Golf Tournament**. On June 13th enthusiastic golfers gathered on a sunny morning to play 18 holes of golf in a spectacular setting—and raise \$12,000 towards programs benefitting the Cape Elizabeth schools. Many thanks to our sponsors, including the Title Sponsor Bath Savings Institution; Cart Sponsors Remax Oceanside, Port Property Management, F.L. Putnam, Port Printing Solutions; and Hole Sponsors Ainsworth, Thelin and Raftice, Baker Newman Noyes, Guaranteed Rate Mortgage, Key Bank, Lewis Brothers Landscaping, O’Hearn Insurance, Olympia Sports, Time Warner Cable, The Mortgage Office, Coldwell Banker (Jen Desena), Oakhurst Dairy, Pape Chevrolet. Community members and local companies contributed about 30 items for the auction as well. Thank you to all who made the event a resounding success! Next year’s tournament is on the calendar for June 19, 2014. The event sold out a month early this year, so we are looking forward to another successful tournament this spring.



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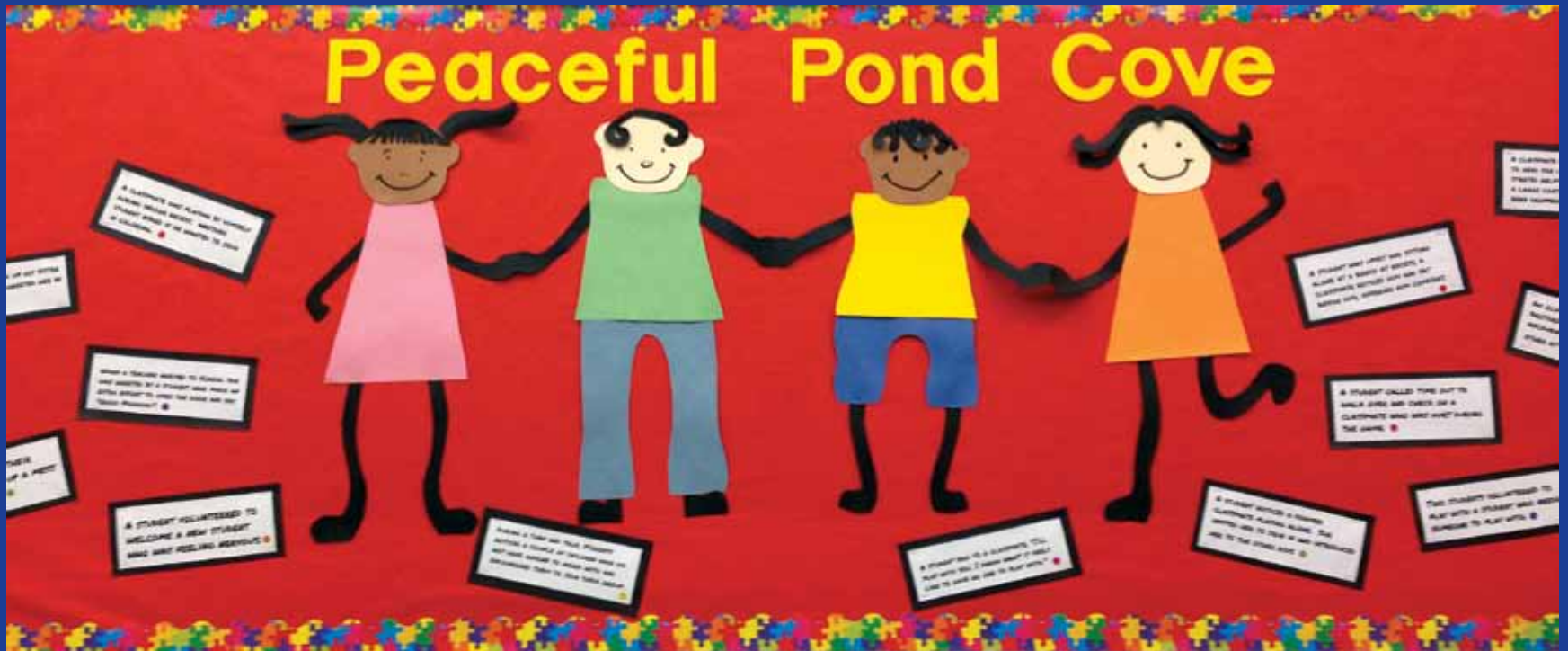
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