

Education Foundation of the Kennebunks and Arundel – PO Box 1531 – Kennebunkport, ME 04046

A Letter from our President



Dear Friends,

As a banker I can't help but quote Benjamin Franklin...
"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

The Education Foundation of the Kennebunks and Arundel has made great strides since inception in 2006 funding over \$715,000 in grants for creative and innovative programs, as well as, professional development within RSU21. We still have much work to be done.

During this year the Board of Directors conducted two retreats in which we completed a Strategic Plan - "2020 Vision". We established our future goals and major strategies to more deeply and extensively support and fund programs in the public schools of the Kennebunks and Arundel.

The plan calls for increasingly proactive marketing and communications strategies, broadening our support for funding and extending our outreach and connections with additional institutions and organizations. This outreach will help support school programs which use the capabilities and faculties of other community organizations such as the University of New England and Corning Co., where initial programs are already on-going. These community related programs contribute to a wider exposure and experience for

students and strengthen the Education Foundation's relationships within the community.

Our annual celebration of education, Catch the Wave, had a 40% increase in giving this year and our 5th Annual Golf Tournament was a great success thanks to the support of so many generous local businesses, community members, parents, teachers, staff and students. What a pleasure it is to work together for our children's future with so many talented and energized volunteers.

Collaborating with teachers, students, parents and the entire community is the spark that inspires and ignites young minds. Together we create enthusiastic lifelong learners making education creative, innovative and FUN! Thank you for helping to make a positive impact in the lives of our students, teachers and the entire community.

"Working together for our children's future"
Rhonda Hebert
President

Mission

Working with the schools of the Kennebunks and Arundel to inspire and ignite young minds by funding creative and innovative programs for students and professional development for teachers and other staff.

2013 - 2014 Grants

(Information for each grant can be found on our website)

- Lego Programming and Professional Development
- NSTA Conference
- Learning and the Brain Conference
- Pre-engineering Lab
- Makerbot Gen 5 Machine
- T-shirt Robot Kit
- Quadcopter Kits
- KHS Huntsman Marine Science Center Trip
- Snow Shoes
- Summer Acceleration Classes
- Camp Kieve Leadership School
- Educator in Residence (EIR) from Camp Kieve
- Boston Museum of Science Traveling Programs
- Musical Instruments
- Destination Imagination Travel
- Sport Stacking Kits
- Literacy Kits
- Artist in Residence
- Heartwood College of Art Immersion Program

Grants in Action

Collaboration enhances learning in Kennebunk High School

The engineering and science programs were structured this year to allow for an interdisciplinary approach with a single project. Topics were taught in tandem and reinforced by each teacher showing a theory and a practical application, in this case, a greenhouse. The engineering class designed and built the "smart" greenhouse with solar powered pumps to heat and water, while the environmental science class handled the planting.

"Students from different disciplines can collaborate for diverse learning results. The success of the greenhouse shows us it is a model we should build upon."-Alan Carp, STEM coordinator, KHS



"I always want to learn more to help my children grow. Literacy is such an important component to student success. The literacy basket has been a fantastic tool, and my son has been so excited to use it."- Kindergarten's parent



Kindergarten Literacy Baskets

Last fall all of RSU 21 Kindergarten students received a Literacy Basket filled with a book, magnetic letters and a magnetic board with magnets and erasers to work on at home. This basket was an initiative from the Literacy for ME Collaborative for Arundel, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport and sponsored by EFKA and the United Way of York County.

Camp Kieve Leadership School

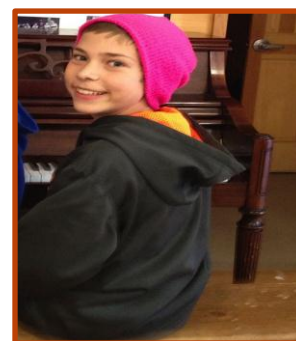
For the fourth consecutive year, seventh grade students from the Middle School of the Kennebunks attended the Leadership School at Camp Kieve in October to work on team building, decision making, communications, environmental stewardship and other self-development skills.

"While at Camp Kieve, I learned about leadership, teamwork, respect, bravery and how not to judge a book by its cover.

Twelve years old is the perfect time to go away on a trip like this.

My experience at Kieve taught me so much - about myself and others - and I will never forget it!"

- Owen



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Grants: 2013 - 2014



Professional Development - 27%
Creative and Innovative - 36%
Experiential Learning - 37%

Core Values

We inspire and ignite:

- Student aspirations through creativity and curiosity
- Teachers through professional development
- Community Collaborations
- Risk-taking
- Experiential learning
- Leadership and entrepreneurship
- Enthusiastic lifelong learners

86 cents of every \$1.00 raised is invested in student programming and professional development grants

\$80,000 invested in our schools this year alone

\$715,000 in grants funded since our inception in 2006