



Newsletter

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: REFLECTIONS

by Fay Brink (1969), Foundation President

First chartered in 2006, the Northeast Bradford Education Foundation is entering its 12th year! Many of the faces have changed over the years, but we continue to work hard at our fundraisers and take on new initiatives aimed at our mission.

We have been able to approve and fund a number of grants again this past year. We are currently at \$237k in supported grants. We could not have achieved this level of fulfillment if it were not for the generosity of the community throughout the year, those who participate in our various

be the school of choice, known for graduating highly prepared and successful students. I want to personally acknowledge and thank our current Foundation Board of Trustees. (*See below.*) We currently have an opening for one additional Foundation Trustee. We meet quarterly as an organization and each of us serves on a committee or two to work on fundraisers, publicity, etc. Please consider joining us if you have an interest in helping us achieve our mission.

The mission of the Northeast Bradford Education Foundation is to support the education of the children in the Northeast Bradford School District by promoting academic excellence at every level through the funding of educational programs, student activities, and improvements to the school.

We held our 11th annual Maroon & Gray Golf Tournament this past Memorial Day weekend at the Tioga Country Club, Nichols, NY. (*See Page 2 for details.*)

This was our 9th year of providing travel opportunities to our extended community through our annual travel fundraiser. We had 48 travelers on our 10-night, 11-day trip "Colorado by Historic Trains and the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta." Our 2018 trip already has 50 people booked to see The Canadian Rockies by Rail and the Calgary Stampede. Openings for the 2018 trip remain available until mid-December, 2017. (*See Page 4 for more information about these trips.*)

fundraisers, the Towanda Gun Club, the Cook's Pond Association, and our corporate sponsorships for the golf tournament. Thank you.

Our involvement with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library continues to enable us to provide a free book each month to more than 125 children under the age of 5 who reside within the Northeast Bradford School District. (*See Page 2 for details.*)

All these activities come together because we are a volunteer organization with a common goal of wanting to see Northeast Bradford

Check out the new Foundation webpages on the NEB website at www.nebpanthers.com. Membership forms can be found there for your convenience, as well as the last page of this newsletter. We are a 501(c)3 tax exempt status organization.

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Maroon & Gray Golf Tournament

by Jack Carr, Golf Tournament Committee Chair

The 11th Annual Maroon & Gray Golf Tournament raised over \$13,000 for the Foundation. Twenty-three teams played a Florida Scramble on a well manicured Tioga Club Golf Course. The team of Dennis Garges, Chris Garges, Tim Bardo and Ryan Bardo was the overall tournament winner for the second year in a row. Bill Abrams, PGA teaching pro and 1984 NEB alumni, presented a Putting Clinic, which was well received.

Seventy-nine sponsors provided money or prizes to this year's tournament. Gannon Associates (Major Sponsor) and First Citizens Community Bank (Corporate Sponsor) have been our lead sponsors for 12 years, and we thank them for their continued support. We had nine classes (57, 62, 63, 66, 68, 69, 74, 80, 84) sponsor a hole for \$100. (If your class is not listed, please consider sponsoring a hole this coming year.)



Bill, Bob and Dave Abrams on tournament day.

Plan on joining us for the 12th annual tournament on Saturday, May 26 at Towanda Country Club. Bill Abrams will once again present a clinic prior to the tournament. Look for details on the clinic and the 2018 tournament in the coming months. As always, we ask for your support by playing, sponsoring or helping out on the tournament day. Together we have provided valuable funds to our schools for purposes which the budget cannot support. Let's make 2018 a record year!

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

by William Clark, Acting Superintendent

With one full year under my belt as Northeast Bradford's Superintendent, I felt it was time to revisit some of the district's guiding principles, such as our mission, vision and goals. I believe it is imperative for administration and faculty to provide input and commitment to a renewed mindset that will prepare us for the future of education in terms of ideology and technology.

By developing new ways to approach instruction, discipline and administration, we challenge ourselves along with our students to embrace change.

To this end, we have decided to embrace a "growth" mindset in which we promote the constant evolution of our students, staff and organization beyond the status quo. When educators embrace a growth mindset, they believe all students can learn, and they acknowledge that learning is a partnership between themselves and students. When students embrace a growth mindset, they are rewarded for their efforts and learn to face their challenges head-on with grit and perseverance. They learn to view their failures, as well as their successes, as part of the learning process.

The Foundation is a valuable resource as we move forward with this renewed mindset. We have already received funding to implement innovative ways to improve learning environments; address growing technological needs; and enhance cultural experiences for students. Your continued support is critical and greatly appreciated.

Hurley's Supermarket Sweep Fundraiser

by Jenn Schultz, Chairperson

The Foundation held its first annual Hurley's Supermarket Sweep this year. Tickets were sold by NEB staff and Foundation board members. The winning tickets were drawn at the NTL Cross Country Coaches Invitational on Saturday, October 14. Our grand prize winner, NEB math teacher Melissa Tewksbury, had her choice of a two-minute shopping spree with a cap of \$1,250 in groceries or a \$1,000 Hurley's gift certificate. Mrs. Tewksbury elected to take the \$1,000 gift certificate and graciously donated a portion of her winnings to the Panther Pantry and Hands Across Northeast programs. Second place winner, Laurie Vanderpool, won a \$250 Hurley's gift certificate, and third place winner, Ginnie Schoonover, a \$100 gift certificate. Thanks to Hurley's Market in Towanda, as well as all those who bought tickets or helped sell the tickets. With support of our community we raised \$1,945, and we hope to see this event grow in future years.

PANTHERS

NEB TRIVIA

1. When polled for yearbook, what song got the most votes for favorite song in 1975?
2. What class had the largest wrestling team?
3. In 1978, who was the first NEB student to qualify for State in Cross Country?
4. Who were the yearbook advisors in 1966?
5. What year did the 6th grade Rome Elementary class have to attend the high school because of overcrowding?

(Answers on page 5.)

SUMMARY OF GRANTS ISSUED 2007-2017

YEAR	TOTAL ISSUED
2007.....	\$8,498.97
2008.....	\$6,527.79
2009.....	\$1,198.94
2010.....	\$15,100.00
2011.....	\$29,319.42
2012.....	\$37,462.27
2013.....	\$9,752.68
2014.....	\$23,624.75
2015.....	\$33,418.37
2016.....	\$40,807.71
2017.....	\$21,218.67*
TOTAL.....	\$236,929.57

*As of 10/17/17

2016-2017 GRANTS ISSUED

2016 GRANTS

1/4/16	Stage Curtain	\$5,220.00
1/4/16	Lighting for Stage	\$2,999.63
1/5/16	Dollywood Foundation	\$2,500.00
2/23/16	Cube Organize	\$ 41.30
3/20/16	Intervention Materials	\$ 784.34
3/20/16	T-15 Calculators	\$ 386.70
4/4/16	Archery Equipment	\$2,112.00
4/4/16	Kitchen Appliances	\$5,750.00
4/18/16	Faucet/Microwave Life Skills	\$ 298.00
7/13/16	Sound System - Elementary	\$1,499.00
7/13/16	Physics Grant	\$1,632.51
7/13/16	Keystone text/workbooks	\$ 467.54
7/13/16	Promevo Samsung tablets	\$6,343.47
8/23/16	AG lab donation-Yoachims	\$ 100.00
9/20/16	Channing Bete AED Trainers	\$ 826.22
9/29/16	IXL Learning Licenses	\$2,025.00
9/29/16	Balance Kits	\$ 37.00
10/5/16	Literacy Footprint system	\$7,785.00
	TOTAL	\$40,807.71

2017 GRANTS (as of 10/17/17)

2/22/17	Electric powered bike and kit	\$ 892.05
1/3/17	Girls BB Trophy case	\$ 243.00
1/31/17	West Branch Arts Consortium	\$3,500.00
4/3/17	Learning support materials	\$ 870.01
5/17/17	Heritage Youth Sojourn	\$ 475.00
4/11/17	Flexible Seating	\$ 798.56
5/15/17	Top Ten Banquet	\$ 916.90
6/7/17	Lenovo Tab 10 Tablets	\$ 719.19
6/8/17	Dorney Park Trip	\$1,880.39
7/12/17	Yoga 4 Classrooms	\$ 542.00
8/29/17	Sweetwater Sound Equipment	\$ 885.24
9/26/17	Mansfield Summer Leadership	\$2,500.00
9/26/17	Padded Sensory Room	\$ 946.00
10/16/17	Career Cruising to find a career path	\$3,050.00
10/16/17	West Branch Arts Consortium	\$3,000.00
	TOTAL	\$21,218.67

**THANK YOU TO OUR FOUNDATION MEMBERS,
DONORS AND SPONSORS!**

The Treasury Note

by Martha D. Young, Treasurer

Thank you all for the support you give to the NEB Education Foundation! This year to date, we have raised over \$32,000. The golf tournament has faithfully been our largest and most successful fundraiser, raising over \$12,000 this year. Thank you to the golf committee and all the golfers and others that make this event happen! The trips are also a favorite fundraiser, for the travelers and the foundation, bringing in \$7,950. We have also been blessed with some generous donations this year, totaling \$8,600. Cook's Pond Association dissolved and gave \$4,000 to the foundation, among many others. We also sold raffle tickets for a grocery shopping spree, which should bring in a profit of over \$1,800. In the spring, we hosted a Pro Musica concert, which is always a treat, and proceeds were \$565. Coming in December is our annual holiday show, which is always enjoyable!

This year, we had \$120 in memorials, and memberships total \$380 to date. (We hope to have more by the year's end.) AmazonSmile donations were \$73.10. If you shop on Amazon, please use AmazonSmile and select NEB Foundation. We receive 0.5% on all of those purchases (50 cents for \$100 spent)... pennies turn into dollars!

We appreciate all of your generous support to provide special purchases that enhance our students' educational experiences.

Teaming with Dolly Imagination Library

by Pat Brink, Retired Elementary Teacher

The Northeast Bradford Education Foundation (NEBEF) recognizes parents as a child's first educator and early learning begins in the home environment. The Dolly Imagination Library (DIL) program also couples parents as teachers engaging their attitudes and behaviors that drive a child's outcome. Together NEBEF and DIL are providing free monthly books to NEB preschoolers from birth to age 5.

How exciting is it to get mail as a child! Well, many NEB preschoolers are receiving a free book each month in the mail. We sponsor this program to inspire families to read more together no matter what income level they are. If in the Northeast District, parents just need to sign up their child, age 0 to 5, online at imaginationlibrary.com or complete a DIL registration form available throughout the district. Then just read together with your child every day.

We currently send age-appropriate books to 139 children monthly. Forty-eight have already graduated from the program at age 5. DIL mails out over 1.7 million books each month and has graduated over 2 million children. Your support is greatly appreciated as we proudly impact children by improving their literacy environment at home.

2017 & 2018 FUNDRAISER TRIPS

by Fay Brink, Foundation President

We departed on Sept. 30, 2017, with 48 travelers on our 10-night, 11-day trip "Colorado by Historic Trains and the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta." Nine of these travelers were on their first trip with the foundation. It was an excellent fundraiser for us as we raised \$7,950. Arlene LaBarre served as the AAA escort.

We flew into Denver (elev. 5280') and after an overnight stop and a city tour, we rode the Georgetown Loop RR. We traveled by bus to Breckenridge, then, passed through Vail during a light snow just hours ahead of a significant snowstorm that closed the very road we were using. We realized at that time that our string had ended at 10 consecutive trips with near perfect weather. We stopped that night in Glenwood Springs (elev. 5700') where many of us spent time in the hotel's hot springs. After bussing to Silverton (elev. 9300') and touring that nostalgic western town with one paved street, we rode the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge RR. It was a very scenic four-hour trip with both enclosed and open air cars. During a two night stop in Durango (elev. 6500') we visited Mesa Verde National Park to see Sun Temple and the cliff dwellings, Cliff Palace and Spruce Tree.

We also stayed two nights in both Old Town Santa Fe (elev. 7200') and Uptown Albuquerque (elev. 5300'). During our trip to Santa Fe we stopped at the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge and traveled through the Santa de Cristo Mountains. A trolley car gave us a tour of Old Town Santa Fe where we saw such sights as the Loretto Chapel and its miracle staircase, as well as the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, and many other historic sights. We also had an excursion to see the Santurio de Chimayo chapel and had lunch in a century old adobe home, Rancho de Chimayo. For most people the highlight of our trip was attending the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, the largest such festival in the world with 500 to 600 hot air balloons. We attended the Morning Glow, Dawn Patrol, and Mass Ascension of Balloons, returning later in the afternoon for the Night Glow event.

During our return bus trip across Colorado, we stopped at the Royal Gorge Bridge, the highest suspension bridge in North America, with the Arkansas River 1000' below. Our final destination was to Colorado Springs to



ride the Cog Railway, climbing 14,110' up to the Summit of Pikes Peak. Unfortunately, weather conditions were such with ice and limited visibility that we stopped the climb at 12,100'. Afterwards we stopped at Garden of the Gods and the USAF Academy, en route to Denver for a farewell group dinner. We flew home the next morning, 48 friends and seasoned travelers.

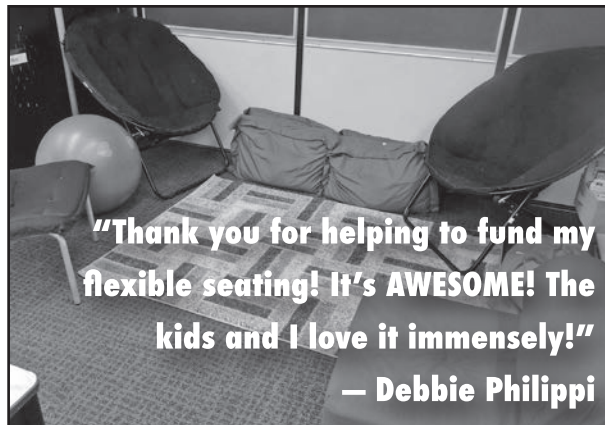
Looking ahead to 2018, we have 50 travelers booked on the "Canadian Rockies and the Calgary Stampede" trip. The cost is \$5,081 per person, based on double occupancy, with a deposit of \$600 to hold your space. The tour includes Vancouver, Jasper's lakes and canyons, the Icefield's Parkway, Lake Louise, the scenic drive "Land of the Sleeping Giants," ending at the Calgary Stampede. It is an 8-night, 9-day trip, starting July 4, 2018. If you want to receive more information, please contact me at 570-247-7685 or fbrink@cableracer.com, Joyce Roof at 570-744-2664 or joar@epix.net, or Arlene LaBarre at 570-247-7690 or alabarre@aaanorthpenn.com.

NORTHEAST BRADFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S
ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOW
LET'S WRAP IT UP!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 3 PM
NEB HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
DONATION AT THE DOOR

Flexible Seating for Fourth Graders

This year, the Foundation purchased flexible seating furniture and accessories for Debbie Philippi's fourth grade classroom. "Why Flexible Seating?" you may ask.

CHOICE | To prepare students for the real work, they need to be placed in a responsive, dynamic environment that reflects life outside of a traditional classroom. Students are allowed to responsibly choose where they will work each day. This simple choice is a precursor to more difficult decisions they will make in their lives. Empowered students are students who are excited about learning.



COMMUNITY | Flexible seating encourages children to share their space and supplies with others. It allows students to interact with different classmates and make new friends. The new seating also encourages students to collaborate with one another and take turns in different locations with various seating options.

MOVEMENT | Research suggest physical activity, in the form of moving, stretching and walking, can enhance the learning process. It's no secret children need to move. When they are unable to move, students can become distracted and potentially disruptive. Flexible seating allows students to sit, stand, kick, fidget, twist, bounce, roll, kneel, and learn to compliment how they learn best.

SENSORY INPUT | Flexible seating options stimulate a student's sense of touch. This can help students focus and process information. Sensory input is especially helpful for students with ADD and ADHD. Flexible seating provides clear boundaries for students who struggle with self-regulation during whole group instruction.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Low Table

- Cushioned Chair
- Stool
- Pillow
- Wobble Cushion
- Yoga Mat
- Bean Bag Chair

Tables and Desks

- Doubles and Triples
- Traditional Chairs
- Stability Balls
- Stools (metal or cushion top)
- Wobble Stools
- Beach Chairs

Bench Area

- Bench
- Yoga Mat
- Throw Rugs

Rug

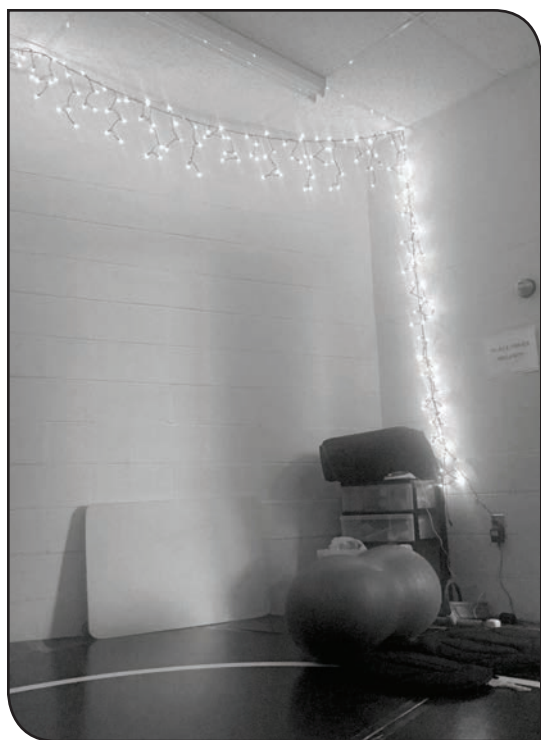
- Lapboards or Clipboards
- Yoga Mat

Stand-up Desk

- Stand or use High Stool
- Swing Bar for Feet

Conversation Pit

- Pull Out cushion
- Round Chair
- Carpet
- Pillows



Making a Multi-Sensory Room

A multi-sensory room is a therapeutic, dedicated space. It is designed to block out noise and commotion, and regulate temperature and light. It's a place where students can relax and calm themselves. It's also a space where they can stimulate their senses.

Thanks to the contribution of the Foundation, the Elementary School now has a multi-sensory room. The Foundation purchased all of the floor mats and some of the wall mats. The PTG also contributed to purchase to the rest of the wall padding.

"I personally want to say thank you for your donation on making this happen," said Jessica Schwenk, Life Skills teacher. "It has taken me 9 years to finally get a safe place for the kids to go on a scheduled time."

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. "The Bitch is Back" by Elton John
2. Class of 1983
3. Jackie Hutchinson
4. Mr. Jenney and Mr. Driscoll
5. 1969

JOIN THE FOUNDATION!

Northeast Bradford Education Foundation invites you to become a member to support NEB students, and to show your Panther Pride. To activate your membership, fill out the form below and include a check made payable to NEB Education Foundation (if applicable). A receipt will be sent to you.

Donations are tax-deductible.

FOUNDATION MEMBER | \$20 annual dues

PANTHER FOR LIFE CLUB | Minimum pledge of \$50/year for life

MAROON AND GRAY CLUB | Pledge \$1,000/year for 5 years, or \$5,000 at once. Perfect for individuals, groups or businesses!

NEB LEGACY CLUB | Include the NEBEF in your will, estate, insurance policy or other deferred plan.

ONE TIME DONATION | Donate any amount at any time.

NORTHEAST BRADFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Foundation Member Panther for Life Club Maroon & Gray Club NEB Legacy Club One time donation, \$_____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Year of Graduation, if applicable _____

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