

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT AFE

Contribute to AFE

You can contribute to AFE in your own name or anonymously. Suggested contributions

\$25	Individual
\$50	Family
\$100	Contributing
\$250	Sustaining
\$500 or more	Grant Sponsor

Contributions of any amount are appreciated.

Appreciation and Memorial Gifts

You can contribute in appreciation or in memory of any person, teacher, administrator, staff person, school or organization. The person will be informed that a gift to AFE (without specifying the amount) has been received in honor of that person.

Grant Sponsors (\$500 or more)

Each gift of \$500 will support one AFE mini-grant. If you wish, you may specify that the funds be used to support a grade level (elementary, middle, high) or a particular discipline. Grant sponsors may elect to have their name, organization or company associated with the grant being awarded.

Endowment Gifts (any size)

Endowment gifts allow us to increase the endowment, thus supporting new grants year after year and sustaining our commitment to Excellence in Education. An endowment gift of \$10,000 will permanently endow one AFE mini-grant. Please consider remembering AFE in your will.

Spelling Bee Teams and Sponsors

You can also support AFE by participating in its annual Andover Spelling Bee either by registering as a team (\$200), or sponsoring the competition (\$250 or more).

More Information

For more information, please contact Anne Hinds, AFE Vice President, at 474-0981 or visit the AFE website: www.AndoverFundforEducation.org.

Contributions to AFE are fully tax deductible.

SOME RECENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY AFE

Project Title	Teacher(s) School, Grade
Bridge Engineering Project	Mr. Steve Tisbert, Grade 6, Wood Hill Middle School
Bay Circuit Trail	Ms. Dene Kouletsis, Wood Hill Middle School
The Brain is One Amazing Organ	Ms. Lana Reuss, Ms. Jane Anthony, Wood Hill Middle School
Aquarium Laboratory	Ms. Terry McNulty, Shaw-sheen Elementary School
Read to Succeed	Ms. Lynn Willey, West Middle School
History Alive	Ms. Suzanne Crowley, Sanborn Elementary School
Weather Station	Mr. Tim Harkins, Ms. Chapin, West Elementary School
Live Ocean Animals	Ms. Connie Barber, Ms. Ridley, Ms. Georgian, South Elementary School
AHS Green House	Mr. Ragnio, Andover High School
Preschool Sensory Day	Ms. Crystal Perez, Shaw-sheen Elementary School
Chinese Cultural Workshops	Ms. Wu, High Plain Elementary School
Learning to go: At Home Science Exploration Kits	Ms. Little, Bancroft Elementary School
Weather Station Update	Mr. Bistany, Ms. Ricker, Doherty Middle School

Andover Fund for Education



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Supporting Excellence in Education

founded 1991

AFE is a registered 501c3 non-profit tax-exempt organization

WHO WE ARE

Andover Fund for Education, Inc. (AFE), founded in 1991, is dedicated to enriching, enhancing, and supporting Andover's public schools by establishing, maintaining, and directing a substantial endowment fund.

Our members are interested citizens and businesses committed to a superior education for our children and to the concept that excellent public schools are essential to the social and economic health of the community.

AFE has seen the establishment and continued growth of the endowment fund. The interest from the endowment and monies generated from other annual fund-raising activities are disbursed to Andover teachers through mini-grants that complement existing school programs.

WHY WE EXIST

AFE addresses the very real challenge of maintaining excellence in our schools in the face of changing financial reality. The money raised is not a substitute or an alternative source of funding for the school budget. AFE intends to enhance the effectiveness of our public schools by providing grants to individuals implementing new and creative projects to enhance the core curriculum of the Andover Public Schools. We wish to encourage and support innovative projects and programs that enrich the curriculum, inspire students and staff, and expand the community's involvement in public education.



HOW WE DIFFER FROM PTOs AND PACs

A PTO or a PAC focuses on an individual school. AFE's focus is system wide. We fund grant proposals from all ten of Andover's public schools, and we especially encourage supporting projects and programs which can be developed, shared and replicated among schools.

WHAT OUR GOALS ARE

The focus of AFE is threefold:

- The funding of outstanding creative and imaginative projects which are beyond the scope of the regular school budget but are consistent with and complementary to existing school programs,
- The cultivation of enthusiastic support to initiate and expand community involvement with the schools, and
- The continued growth of the endowment fund through contributions of individuals, organizations and corporations.

WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT US

Your support demonstrates your recognition that a superior public school system is important to you and to your town of Andover.

Your contribution allows us to support programs beyond the scope of the regular school budget -- programs which nurture the creative and innovative ideas of our teachers and add richness and excitement to our children's education.

The Andover community has the financial and intellectual resources necessary to meet this challenge. Community support and involvement are essential.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

We will focus the energy, the enthusiasm and the intellectual resources of the community on Andover's public schools. In cooperation with the administration, the professional staff and the public, we will develop a system which will be the best in the nation. We will not do this today, or tomorrow, or even the day after, but we will do it.

- Fred Fitzgerald, Founder of AFE

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Andover Fund for Education is an essential resource for the Town of Andover and its schools. Like so many local education funds now established in the Commonwealth, the Andover Fund is dedicated to instructional leadership, sound ideas and creativity. Surely, these are the basis of a vibrant school system, an informed citizenry, and a secure future. I look forward to supporting the Andover Fund in any way I can and would urge all citizens to do the same. A donation to the Andover Fund for Education is an investment in the future. Please lend this worthy organization your fullest support.

- Claudia Bach, Superintendent of Schools



Enclosed is a tax-deductible contribution payable to the Andover Fund for Education (AFE)

\$25 Individual \$50 Family \$100 Contributing \$250 Sustaining \$500 Grant Sponsor \$ _____ Other

Name: _____ Address: _____ Telephone: _____

If your employer has a matching gift program, please submit the necessary information.
This gift is in honor of the following Andover educator(s) or in memory of the following person(s):

Teacher's/Person's Name _____
1) _____
2) _____
School/Organization _____

PLEASE SEND TO: Andover Fund for Education 36 Bartlet Street Andover, MA 01810 Thank you!



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Dear Friend of Public Education:

Since 1991, the Andover Fund for Education (AFE) has been providing grants to Andover teachers for innovative projects that enrich the curriculum, inspire students and staff, and expand the community's involvement in public education.

AFE grants have allowed students to build sophisticated science projects, create books through "image making," know the joy of being published in newly created literary magazines, discover new cultures through the travels of a globe trotting bear, put foreign language skills into action as bilingual tutors, experience the Industrial Revolution through interdisciplinary activities, apply the principles of physics by designing and building marshmallow-loaded catapults and gravity-defying rockets, and learn about soil cycles by creating and analyzing composting areas, just to name a few.

Many new teaching ideas in use today got their start as a pilot project funded by AFE. In fact, more than 15,000 students and every public school in Andover have benefited through projects supported by AFE. Not a substitute or an alternative source of funding for the school budget, AFE funds provide teachers with the resources to implement new and creative projects which ultimately enhance the core curriculum of the Andover Public Schools.

AFE relies on concerned citizens like you to provide such funds to ensure that our public school students continue to receive the highest quality education. As the end of the year approaches, won't you consider contributing to AFE with a tax deductible donation?

If you wish, you may make your donation in the name of an Andover teacher, and AFE will inform the teacher (without specifying the amount) that you have made a donation in his or her name. Memorial gifts are also possible. The enclosed brochure explains more of who we are and what we do. If you have questions, we would be happy to talk with you. Just give our vice president, Anne Hinds, a call at 474-0981. More information is also on our website: AndoverFundforEducation.org.

Thank you for helping us to sustain a tradition of excellence in our town's public schools.

Sincerely,

Jim McConaughy
President

P.S. Mark your calendar for our Tenth Annual Spelling Bee on Friday evening, March 30, 2007 at Wood Hill Middle School starting at 7 p.m.