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The Hopkinton Education Foundation would like to share the following update with you...

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THANK-A-TEACHER, Spring 2017

Say "Have a Great Summer" and "Thank you!" all at the same time. The Thank-A-Teacher program is a great way to tell your child's teachers how much you appreciate the work that they do! Each educator honored by a donation receives a personalized card from the Education Foundation thanking them for their work, and includes the name of your child. Teachers LOVE getting this recognition from their students/parents and your donation goes back to the school to fund grants. The flyers were sent home last week in your child's backpack or you can download it

here:

[Thank-A-Teacher Spring 2017](#)

Donations are due back on June 13th.

Support Hopkinton Education Foundation!

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This solicitation is directed only to residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For residents of states other than Massachusetts wishing to donate, please contact us at

info@hopkintoneducationfoundation.org

Grant Spotlight - Standing Desks

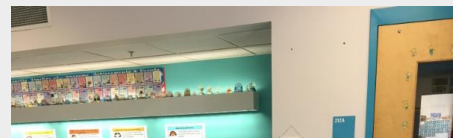
Standing Desks. It may seem like a simple solution, but in a grant funded last year, we provided 12 standing desks in a Hopkins classroom. Simple, yes. But effective! Just listen to the students!

"Compared to a sitting desk, I think that standing desks are very useful. One reason I like the standing desk is because of the fidget bar. Another reason I love the standing desks is because you can either sit or stand. I think that other teachers should have them too!"

"I think the standing desks can make people more productive and they are beneficial."

"I really like the standing desks. They help me focus a lot and I really like how it's a lot taller. I love the fidget bar too."

"I think the standing desks were very helpful because you can have a fidget for your feet without it distracting you from the lesson. I think every class should get them because it helped me a lot."





Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the end of the school year approaches, we invite you to take this opportunity to recognize your child(ren)'s teachers in a unique way -- by making a donation to the Hopkinton Education Foundation.

Each teacher honored by a donation receives a personalized card from the Education Foundation, thanking them for their work and including the name of your child (although not the amount of the contribution). Additionally, an acknowledgement is sent to each contributor for tax purposes.

Last year, we were delighted to recognize over 225 teachers for their outstanding contributions to our children's educations.

To participate in the Thank-A-Teacher program, please complete the bottom of this letter and send it, along with your contribution, to the Education Foundation at the address below. Please send your donation by **June 13** and be sure to complete ALL requested information to help us expedite the acknowledgements.

This year, the Hopkinton Education Foundation is celebrating 25 years of advancing innovation in the Hopkinton Public Schools. During that time, we have awarded \$1,200,000 to fund 330 grants, in all schools and in all curricular areas. We are delighted that the Thank-A-Teacher program both acknowledges great teachers and helps them to continue to bring innovation and creativity into their classrooms. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Chris Fredericks
Thank-A-Teacher Chair

Hopkinton Education Foundation - Spring 2017 Thank-A-Teacher Program

*Please mail donation and completed form by June 13 to the
Hopkinton Education Foundation, PO Box #109, Hopkinton MA 01748*

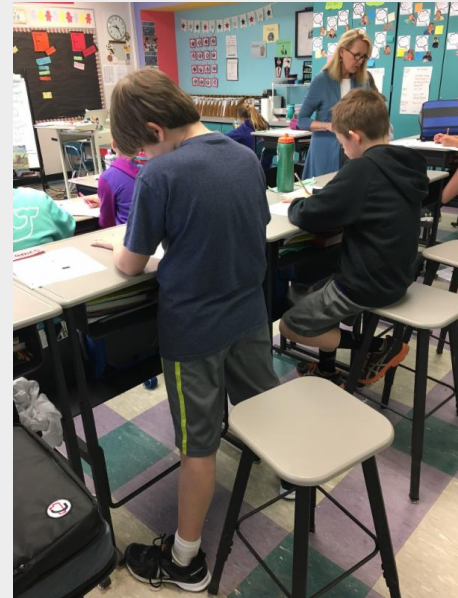
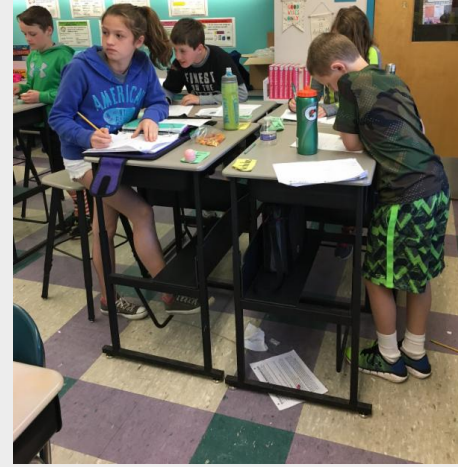
The enclosed contribution is made in appreciation of the named teachers.

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Name of student	Teacher Being Appreciated	School



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New Board Member Meetup - JUNE 19th

Join the Board of the Hopkinton Education Foundation on Monday, June 19th at [110 Grill](#).

Hopkinton, 1 Lumber Street we end our 25th year and begin to work towards the 2017-2018 school year. Join us for appetizers & cocktails to learn about volunteer opportunities (big and small) and helping us towards our goal of providing innovation in all Hopkinton classrooms!

Every little bit counts, can we count on you?

Check out our invite on [Facebook](#)

If you are interested in learning more, contact our Board President Alexis Miller at president@hopkintoneducationfoundation.org.

2017 Grant Awards

Hopkinton Education Foundation Announces 2017 Grant Awards *Foundation to Fund Grants Valued at \$28,260* *For Elmwood, Hopkins, Middle and High Schools*

HOPKINTON, MA - May 16, 2017 - The Hopkinton Education Foundation (Ed Foundation) awarded 6 grants totaling over \$28,260 to schools in the Hopkinton Public School system. These 6 grants were chosen as their ideas best met the foundation's criteria for innovation and positively impacting the Hopkinton Public School System. After today's announcement, the total funds awarded to the Hopkinton Public School system are nearly \$1.3 million

The grants awarded in this cycle support a wide range of disciplines including critical thinking skills, science, diversity & empathy, English language arts, and mathematics. "This year we funded a big variety of new curriculum tools for the teachers. Introducing collaboration and diversity in a fun way to an early age is very exciting. It is also great to see new ways of teaching things like math and grammar", said Alexis Miller, Education Foundation President.

This year's award recipients are:

- **Break Out of Traditional Learning awarded to Lauren Mack at the Elmwood School for \$750 - Stephen Gray Innovation Grant**

-This grant funds six EDU Breakout Boxes on which second and third grade students will work collaboratively to solve a series of critical thinking clues in order to open a locked box. These activities can be tailored to reinforce or learn any aspect of content curriculum in a fun and engaging way.

- **The STEAM Powered Classroom awarded to Laura O'Malley at the Elmwood School for \$10,000 - This exciting grant will enable instructors from Science from Scientists to**

come to 3rd grade classes and teach engaging, hands on, STEAM based lessons that tie to the new science standards while focusing on critical thinking skills and collaboration. Teachers will also receive lesson instructions for future use.

- **Celebrating Neurodiversity through Bibliotherapy awarded to Mariel Calnan at the Hopkins School for \$500**

-Students often ask teachers "Why do you teach them differently? Why do they get to do that?" This grant funds a collection of books on various disabilities and struggles that children may face. This library and its associated lesson plans, will help teachers explain the hidden differences in learners. Teachers will incorporate these books and lessons into morning meeting and other parts of the school day helping students learn to understand both themselves and their peers.

- **Membean awarded to Noreen Sloan at the Middle School for \$5,100-**

This grant funds a web-based multimodal vocabulary system that uses brain-based research on learning to improve vocabulary retention and ultimately improve reading comprehension and writing. Homework is automatically differentiated and appropriate for each student. All middle school students will use this new vocabulary program.

- **NoRedInk awarded to Noreen Sloan at the Middle School for \$8,000 -**

This grant funds a program designed to help teachers differentiate grammar practice while keeping students engaged. Ultimately this project will increase the quality of a student's writing across content areas by providing him with high interest content and adaptive, differentiated instruction in grammar.

- **Building a Thinking Classroom awarded to Kathy Campbell at the High School for \$3,910 -**

This grant allows two math teachers to set up their classrooms in a collaborative way so that all students (225) can be "at the board" at once and work together on solving problems. Teachers will use a strategy called Cuethink, an innovated application to improve



critical thinking skills and math communication using 4 phases. This will result in a truly "Thinking Classroom."

"Congratulations to all of the grant recipients for their hard work and outside of the box thinking," said Maureen Belger, Ed Foundation Grant Committee Chairperson. "We are proud to be a catalyst for innovation motivating our educators and students."

About the Hopkinton Education Foundation

The Hopkinton Education Foundation provides funding, ideas and professional development to help Hopkinton educators deliver innovative educational experiences that inspire students to strive for excellence and become lifelong learners. Since its inception in 1992, the Foundation has made 334 grants valued at nearly \$1.3 million. For further information, visit www.hopkintoneducationfoundation.org, or the Foundation's [Facebook](#) page.

The Education Foundation partners with businesses, individuals, and other organizations for funding that will promote awareness of the Education Foundation's mission, vision, goals, and successes. It is generously supported by DELL/EMC, Middlesex Savings Bank, Phipps Insurance, Richmond Group, Kidsborough, Elizabeth Blake Orthodontics, Chapman Educational Services, The Dental Place Hopkinton, Compass Project Management, Putnam Pipe Corporation

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Golf Ball Drop Coming in August 2017



Annual Golf Ball Drop:

We will be hosing our annual golf ball drop in **AUGUST** as a back to school event this year. We will post more details once it gets closer.

Searching for Volunteers



Interested in joining the Hopkinton Education Foundation? We would love to have you on our team! If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, contact our Board President Alexis Miller at president@hopkintoneducationfoundation.org.

Communications -

Work as part of Communications team. Create annual communications strategy for events, grants and programs, and write related articles. Create Constant Contact, Facebook, Twitter and other communications, and ensure content updated across media. Serve as contact with the press.

Event Team Members -Looking for team members to help in executing the details of events.

Our Vision:

The Education Foundation strives to be the primary independent catalyst that energizes Hopkinton Public School educators to deliver innovative educational experiences that inspire students.

Our Mission:

Our goal is to provide funding, ideas, professional development and other resources to educators so they can promote innovation that motivates students to become lifelong learners.

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The roles are varied and include managing the guest list/ticket sales, organizing venue layout and decor, auction coordinator.(procuring, tracking OR packaging auction items)

School Liaisons - Maintain relationships with the principals and teachers to promote grant awareness, answers questions relating to grant applications, facilitate the communications committee viewing and promoting past grants. Generally, to be the Ed foundation/School connection.

Donate to Help Advance Innovation



Ways to Give to the Education Foundation

Donate Directly:

Donate directly to us at www.hopkintoneducationfoundation.org, or by sending a check to the Hopkinton Education Foundation, P.O. Box 109, Hopkinton, MA 01748.

Please contact Alexis Miller at president@hopkintoneducationfoundation.org if you'd like additional information on the ways to donate noted above, or if you have questions.

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DO YOU MATCH?

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions or volunteer hours made by their employees. You can **DOUBLE** or **TRIPLE** the impact of your donation with a **MATCHING GIFT!**



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Hopkinton Education Foundation