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Calendar!

March 3rd
2018 – Green
Gala



Novi Educational Foundation



“One of the reasons that we are able to be successful is because we have tremendous community support.” ~ Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews

Green Gala

We invite you to attend our 12th Annual NEF's Green Gala. It will be held on March 3, 2018 at the The Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. It is our largest fundraiser of the year and our theme this year is "Be a Superhero for our Kids". We are expecting over 500 people in attendance. The evening includes dinner, silent and live auctions, a photo booth, a photographer, caricature artists and more. The entertainment once again will be provided by The Killer Flamingos. They have amassed a large following of devoted fans and have gained recognition as Detroit's most popular party band. Our master of ceremonies is 2009 NHS graduate and WDIV reporter Koco McAboy. The Green Gala will start at 6 pm and end at midnight. This year we are proud

to announce a VIP party starting at 5pm featuring Darren McCarty, 4 time Stanley Cup Champion. You can come for autographs, pictures and a conversation with this Red Wing Alum. The VIP party will be limited to 50 people. Please come and be part of a special, memorable and exciting night. The dress code for the evening is cocktail attire. Tickets are currently available on our website, novieducationalfoundation.org. All proceeds from the event are donated back to the students and teachers in the Novi Community School District, and will help pay for district wide programs, innovative teacher grants and student scholarships.



Community Financial

Community Financial Credit Union, a not-for-profit organization, made its annual \$4,000 donation to NEF teacher grants. CFCU has been donating to the Novi district since 2002 and to the NEF since 2006; the Board believes that helping the NEF enhance the lives of students through innovative teacher grants will lead to a more supported and connected community and enrich the Novi district. Past CFCU donations have gone to teacher grants supporting STEAM, leadership training, team building, and relationship building. In 2016, CFCU's generous \$4,000 donation was put towards the Novi Meadows Leadership Program, and in 2015, CFCU contributed \$3,500 to the Restorative Practices Program. In addition to supporting teacher grants through the NEF, CFCU enriches the school district through its

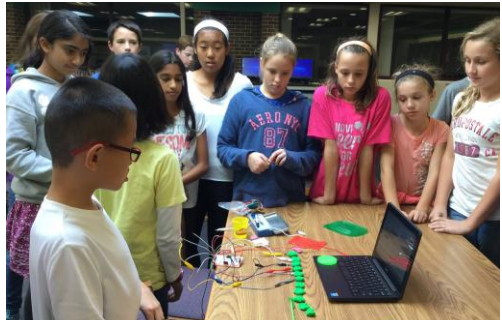
partnership with Orchard Hills. CFCU sponsors a student-led credit union at Orchard Hills, where students work as brand managers and accountants for other classmates. It's an initiative that is aligned with core competency skills designed to promote soft skills from an early age.



Innovative Teacher Grants

The NEF supports innovative grants that promote new perspectives, creative thinking, and leadership within our students. We believe that these grants promote leadership and academic excellence, allowing a strong foundation to be laid for Novi students. Two grants we are extremely proud of are Flannel Story Boards and MakerSpace. Flannel Story Boards are a tool that Orchard Hills kindergarten students use; they provide another way of experiencing, playing with and developing emerging communication skills that are needed as a precursor to writing. MakerSpace is used by Novi

Meadows students and three elementary classrooms. MakerSpace sessions are a time devoted to allowing students to explore their own ideas, utilize creativity and collaboration, and bring their ideas to life by physically creating new things. MakerSpace has resulted in students celebrating their own ideas, genius, and learning.



Alumni

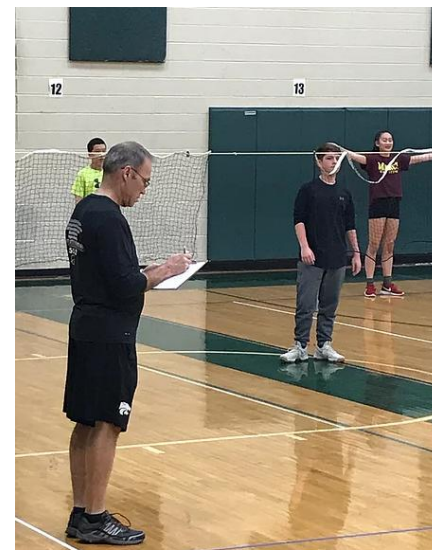


Koco McAboy, now a reporter for Local 4 News, graduated from Novi High School in 2009. Following graduation, McAboy went to college at Central Michigan University, focusing heavily on her broadcasting career. From CMU, she headed off to several internships, including Fox in Detroit and MBC in Los Angeles. She officially began her career at WOOD-TV in Grand Rapids, covering intense stories such as the Kalamazoo and Muskegon shootings. One of the stories she is most proud reporting on concerned the lack of minority representation in jury selection; the six months of hard work she put into this story led to a coveted Emmy nomination. Now, a reporter for WDIV, she has covered national events such as Hurricane Irma, but also news close to the community (Metro Detroit) she grew up in. McAboy attributes her ability to work in a team and her character to Novi High's encouraging teachers,

academic excellence, sports teams, and opportunities. She says that the support that she received at Novi helped her get to where she is now. Her biggest piece of advice for high school students is to never give up on your dreams and to always believe in yourself. She states that determination and dedication allowed her to become the reporter she had always wanted to be since she was young. McAboy will also be attending the Green Gala and will be acting as the emcee for the evening. She says that Novi did so much for her, so she wanted to do anything she could to give back to the district that helped her grow academically and personally.

Superintendent Sub Day

Our December winner was Wendy Whiteside, the physical education teacher at the Middle School. During her half-day off, Superintendent Dr. Matthews ran her afternoon class, playing games and instructing students. Whiteside used her half-day off to spend quality time with her family and make it home to have a "normal dinnertime" with her husband.



Dr. Matthews runs the badminton lesson for Middle School students



Get Involved

You can help the NEF support these supplemental opportunities for our students through financial donations or even just by creating connections. Our website has a link to donate; all proceeds go towards creating a more opportunistic and excellent district. Support for programs and special events such as Superintendent

Day and attending our Green Gala is incredibly beneficial as well. Joining our Alumni Association also creates a more connected and harmonious community; sign up on our website and get updates on all community news!

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