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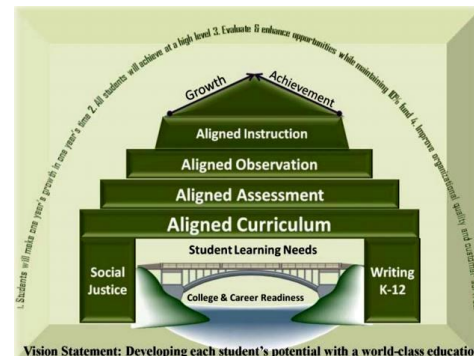
November 30 –
AirTime
Fundraiser from
1-11pm



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

Annual Campaign

The NEF’s ability to make an impact is directly based on your contributions. Generous contributions this past year have allowed us to preserve Leader In Me initiatives in all elementary schools, institute Mindfulness Training, award \$15,000 in teacher grants, and give out \$19,000 in student scholarships. To continue and expand our level of giving, our 2018-2019 campaign goal

is to raise \$50,000. If every household gave \$100, we would be able to continue “to enhance the social, emotional and behavioral well-being of our students and staff!” as stated by Novi High School Principal, Nicole Carter. Together, we can make an impact!



MAKE

CREATE

EXPLORE



Fall Grant Cycle

With the introduction of a second teacher grant cycle in the year, the NEF has just funded ten new classroom grants. Fun Friday: Functional Communication & Social Groups, a \$350 teacher grant awarded to Cassandra Griffin, Lori Garner, Katie Elliot, and Karen Wilkinson at Parkview Elementary is aimed at developing 21st century communication skills in their elementary school students. Every Friday, these teachers will hold a group that is focused

on using highly motivating, hands-on, multi-sensory activities like cooking, music, and reading to develop the students' functional verbal communication as well as their use of assistive and augmentative communication devices.



With the NEF's emphasis on social skills, a classroom grant, Wildcat Wellness: Fostering Social-Emotional Learning in the K-4 Classroom, was awarded to Christina Sauchak at Deerfield Elementary. The "Wildcat Wellness" library will support social-emotional learning opportunities as

\$550 will be spent on a collection of picture books that illustrate the themes of self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision making, social awareness, relationship skills, coping skills, mindfulness, meditation, growth mindset, empathy, and more.

Superintendent Sub Day



Every month the NEF holds a drawing for two lucky staff members to get a half-day off, and either our Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent will act their substitute. Our October winners were Lauren Carlini, a teacher at Novi Woods and Jane Funfgeld, a teacher at Novi Woods as well. Superintendent Dr. Matthews answered questions like: “Did you build Novi?” and “Are you the mayor of Novi?” while Ms. Carlini was able to enjoy a nice dinner at home.

Dr. Webber completed his first ever Superintendent Sub Day at Ms. Funfgeld’s first grade class, helping a student find her shoes and teaching math and science as Ms. Funfgeld was able to spend quality time with her father. Congratulations as well as to our November winners, Brent Pohlonski, who teaches at the high school, and Amy Hepp at Novi Meadows. A special thank you from the NEF to all who participated and contributed!

AirTime Fundraiser

On November 30, the NEF will be holding a fundraiser full of fun at AirTime Trampoline Park in Novi. With an entrance price of \$14, \$5 per jumper will be donated back to the NEF to support programs, grants, and scholarships. All ages are

welcome for 3 hours of fun anytime from 1 – 11pm. Just bring a filled-out e-waiver online at the AirTime website to enjoy an afternoon of fun at 44255 12 Mile Road, Novi MI 48377.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all that we have. Novi has a phenomenal school district with a multiplicity of educational opportunities for all our students. Our students grow to become bright leaders in the future because of our community support. We are thankful for the support from teachers, faculty, families, and

businesses that help spur the innovation that powers Novi Community School District. You can help the NEF support these supplemental opportunities for our students through financial donations or even just by creating connections.

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