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# Novi Educational Foundation



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*

## Novi Educational Foundation

The Novi Educational Foundation is entering its 32<sup>nd</sup> year of enriching our students. The NEF aims to enrich the educational experience of each student and our community by supporting learning opportunities that require financial resources beyond our district's capabilities. The NEF is passionate about the non-academic skill set of our students that will

benefit them through their lifetime, including leadership, conflict management, and critical thinking. In the past year, we have experienced a change in our mission and vision, revising our goals and developing a new and improved logo.

## Our Newsletter

Our Novi Educational Foundation Newsletter will act as a connection between our community, district and families. We aim to inform students, parents, faculty, and other community members of how the NEF has been impacting our school district and our future plans. We will provide a comprehensive overview of the many activities, scholarships, and grants we

offer to those in our Novi school district. We believe interaction between community members and involvement in the school district is essential in creating an exceptional educational experience. To stay updated and involved, the NEF will publish a newsletter every two months for the whole community.

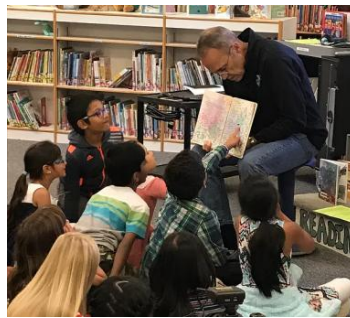


Dr. Steve Matthews fills in for Lisa Rice, a first-grade teacher at Village Oaks

## Superintendent Sub Day

Every month, the NEF holds a raffle to draw a lucky staff member to receive a half-day off. In their place, our Assistant Superintendent or Superintendent will substitute for them in the afternoon! Imagine them coming in to teach 3rd graders, answering calls in the office or shelving books in the library, all to give a lucky staff member some time to relax and enjoy! This is a chance to show our staff members your appreciation by

entering chances for them to win time off. Our September winner was Jenny Kramer, the media center specialist at Parkview. In October, Lisa Rice from Village Oaks won a free day off and in November, Kristin Franchi from the high school was our lucky winner! Instructions on how to enter and purchase tickets are available on our website.



Dr. Steve Matthews reads to elementary school students at Parkview



## Innovative Teacher Grants

Each year, the NEF awards money to innovative teacher grants to fund areas of the district that challenge students and open new perspectives. The NEF has supported grants to support creative thinking and challenging opportunities for students that promote leadership and academic excellence. Two grants we are extremely proud of are HOSA and Link Crew. The HOSA grant led by Emily Pohlonski and the Novi High school HOSA team has allowed high school students access to the proper materials needed to prepare for medical competitions. As the medical

field is expanding every year, our HOSA grant has allowed students to participate and learn more about medical careers. With Link Crew, the NEF helped launch a program that provides yearlong support to our freshman class. Entering high school can seem daunting, but with the help of Link Crew leaders, freshmen attend an orientation session and always have upperclassmen they can rely on. This program has created interconnection among our student body and created a more harmonious high school.



HOSA utilizing the resources the teacher grant bought





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## *Thanksgiving*

Thanksgiving is right around the corner on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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. Happy Thanksgiving!

## *Get Involved*

In order to continue educational growth, our community must rise together and support our students. We can do this through financial support and even just by creating connections. On the NEF website, there is a link to donate to this cause; our proceeds go towards creating a more opportunistic and challenging school district. Additionally, support for teachers and for innovative grants that benefit our students is essential. With our current program of Superintendent Sub Day, one can pay

just \$5 to make a staff members' day whilst also supporting the NEF and our mission. Another way to get involved is to support and attend our Green Gala. The evening is dedicated to celebrating our district and achievements improving it, with more information on our website. Finally, we encourage all alumni to join our Alumni Association. Go to our website and join by entering your name, graduation year, and email for more updates!

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