



Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation *Class Notes*

Fall 2019

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NPSEF Grant Awards

The Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation is pleased to announce it awarded a total of over \$12,200 in grants to Norwich public school classrooms during the 2018-2019 school year. For the Spring Cycle, the Foundation awarded \$2,700 for new books for seven Norwich Public Schools elementary schools and two Early Learning Center libraries. The Foundation then awarded over \$3,100 for grants including supporting math concepts and science discoveries in NPS Early Learning Centers; Adding materials and tools to classrooms supporting students with autism; and Munch Madness, a school-wide event supporting health and nutrition education.

During the Winter Cycle, grants totaling \$6,400 were awarded. Grants included funding for an English as a Second Language Learning Center; Reading Comprehension materials; Repair and Purchase of Musical Instruments; a Breakout Education Technology Kit; and much more.

These grants would not be possible without the generosity of our individual donors, sponsors and community partners. Their support has enabled the Education Foundation to award over \$66,600 to Norwich Public Schools classrooms since starting in 2011.

Norwich Teachers Receiving Their Winter 2019 Grants



The NPS Education Foundation seeks to support Norwich Public School student achievement by:

- ❖ **Engaging the community in fundraising through mobilizing broad community support for public schools.**
- ❖ **Supporting district-wide learning initiatives.**
- ❖ **Encouraging teacher innovation and excellence.**
- ❖ **Responding to emerging educational needs.**
- ❖ **Fostering collaborative projects with community partners.**

President's Corner

I am proud to have served as president of the Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation. As president, I work with the talented and dedicated faculty and staff of the Norwich Public Schools as well as the volunteer members of the Foundation's Board of Directors. I can proudly say both groups are tireless advocates for all Norwich Public School students. I am also a witness to the tremendous generosity individuals, groups, and companies exhibit for the Norwich Public Schools community. Donors and sponsors of the Foundation understand the importance of the investment they are making.

The Foundation's role in advocating for Norwich Public Schools students is reflected in its Mission Statement in "providing a challenging and enriching educational experience that maximizes the learning potential of every student and prepares each student to succeed in the 21st century."

Since our inception in 2011, the Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation has awarded more than **\$66,000** to Norwich Public Schools classrooms. Funding has supported the reinstatement of instrumental music programs at both middle schools; an after-school competitive math team; student leadership training; materials supporting English learner; math; reading and writing; science; speech and sensory; and life skills curriculum.

Thanks to your continued generosity, we can continue to support our brilliant Norwich Public Schools students for future success.

Mark Cook

President, 2013-2019

NPS Education Foundation



Thank you to the Washington Trust Charitable Foundation, for its generous donation of \$1,000 to the Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation. Tim Konikowski, a Norwich resident and Assistant Vice President at Washington Trust, directed the donation to the Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation. We thank both the Washington Trust Charitable Foundation and Tim for their generosity and thoughtfulness. Each and every Norwich Public Schools student will benefit from this investment in the Norwich Public Schools community.



Hello,

I just wanted to thank you for awarding my nutritional program at Moriarty, **MUNCH MADNESS**, an Educational Foundation grant!! I am thrilled!!! The staff and students really look forward to this program every year, and I am amazed at how engaged they become in learning about nutrition during this fun filled month of activities. Please know that your generous donation will help continue this program and add new and exciting components to it.

Here is a picture of this year's winning fruit and class at Moriarty: **STRAWBERRY!**

Thank you again!!!

Mary Tramontozzi

Kelly Middle School's Band Is Back!

One major focus of the Education Foundation's major focuses has been to help reestablish the Instrumental Music Program in Norwich Public Schools., which had been discontinued in 2011 due to budget issues. We funded repair of existing instruments, helped procure new ones, and did whatever else we had to help the program start again. The reinstated program has been a resounding success! The Kelly STEAM Middle School Band marched again in the Norwich Memorial Day parade, and there was a terrific Winter Concert in January.

An interview with Band Director Allison Beit

How many students participating in total? Our program here at Kelly started in 2015 with around 35 students and this year I have a total of 180 students participating in band.

What year did the instrumental program begin? The program started here at Kelly in 2015.

What instruments have you added (like the baritone and xylophone) and what others would you like to add in the future? We started with only offering Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone and Percussion (snare and bell kits). To date, we have added Alto and Tenor Saxophones, Baritone horns, French Horns, and Tuba. We also added drumline instruments for the parade as well as a variety of percussion instruments including having an actual xylophone.

What is on your wish list if money were available? Instruments are always a need. In addition to more wind instruments I would love to buy more drumline drums along with more mallet instruments (marimba). We as of right now do not have enough band posture chairs for all students. Music is also a need we need more books and band repertoire.

What has been your greatest joy in leading the program? My greatest joy to date has been increasing our program number of students in our program here at Kelly. I also have to say last year our 8th graders were the very first group of 6th graders when the program started in 2015. It was amazing to see how they grew in their 3 years and all they accomplished. The majority of them have continued their music careers in high school.

What has been your biggest challenge? Just keeping track of the growing number of students and making sure they have everything they need including supplies and instruments.



Your Continued Support Allows the Foundation to Continue Its Mission

You've seen what the Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation can do to support NPS student achievement and enrichment, and now we need your continued support to **continue our important mission**. Please make a donation of any amount and the Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation will return that donation in the form of grants to NPS classrooms **in support of student achievement and enrichment**. You can send a check to 'NPS Education Foundation' at 90 Town St., Norwich, CT 06360 in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope, or donate online at: <http://www.npseducationfoundation.org/donate/>

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Students learning about the world through the gym-size National Geographic Map Grant.

Upcoming Events – Call 860-367-1812 or visit npseducationfoundation.org for tickets:

***Pasta Dinner
Billy Wilson's Ageing Still
Oct. 7, 2019***

***Sara Bareilles Concert-Mohegan Sun
Skybox
Oct. 12, 2019***

***Staff Follies
Kelly STEAM Middle School
Nov. 15, 2019***

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Statement from Incoming President, Kevin Saythany

I am greatly honored to continue the amazing work of NPSEF as the newly elected president. I am excited to see what lies ahead for the foundation and what positive impacts it will bring to our youths in NPS. No matter the fiscal restrains that lay upon education, the foundation will continue to be committed and to provide a challenging and enriching educational experience that maximizes the learning potential of every student and prepares each student to succeed in the 21st century. We cannot lose the moral ground in education. This is why I am stepping up to lead the foundation in supporting NPS and all students.



**Teachers' Memorial Global Studies Magnet
Middle School Band**

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