

WEF's School-Year Calendar Now Available!

Beginning September 14th, the Wakefield Educational Foundation (WEF) calendar is available for \$20 through our distribution partners: Hart's Hardware, Honey Dew at the Lake, The Wakefield Co-operative Bank, and The Savings Bank's Greenwood and downtown branches. You can also order your calendar through a link on the WEF01880.org homepage, for pickup to be coordinated at your child's school.

The 13 month calendar features the Wakefield Public School schedule including vacations, holidays, staff development and the beginning of the hybrid instructional model schedule. Finalizing and printing the calendar was delayed this year due to the uncertainty of the school schedule and instructional model given the regulations and restrictions related to the pandemic.



Featuring artwork by many talented student artists from each of Wakefield's public schools, the calendar cover is filled with self portraits in a "Zoom gallery" format.

Throughout the calendar, the theme of adjusting to life during this pandemic is apparent, and little symbols of hope start to show up after the new year.

A special thank you goes to Joy Shilling, Wakefield Memorial High School Visual Arts Director, and all the art teachers in the Wakefield Public Schools for their continued support of the calendar project. WEF also thanks all of our 2020-21 WEF Partners whose generous support benefits WEF fundraising efforts year-round:

National Honor Society: North Star Realtors, Wakefield Cooperative Bank

High Honor Roll: Christopher J. Barrett Realtors, Breton Electric, Dance Studio of Wakefield, Farmland, Hart's Hardware, Hartshorne and Curley Insurance, HD Physical Therapy, Honey Dew by the Lake, The Savings Bank, The Scholarship Foundation

Honor Roll: Arbor Tree Service, Keith's Tree Service and Removal, and Dr. Mickey's Pediatric and Orthodontic Specialists.

Patronizing these businesses supports your local community.

All calendar sale proceeds support WEF grants for innovative enrichment programs in the Wakefield Public Schools. Last year alone, over \$30,000 was awarded, the most in WEF's 31 year history. This year, WEF has taken a unique grant approach: to serve the broad needs of remote learning engagement, WEF has made a \$25,000 gift to the Wakefield Public Schools for the purchase of 40 portable Video Collaboration units, which teachers can leverage in the classroom or at home.

To support the grant process, WEF receives generous funding from key local business partners, private donors, and a series of annual fundraisers including: WEF's Wakefield Public Schools Calendar, showcasing student art; the S.T.A.R.S. program, recognizing exemplary WPS staff; Chocolate Roses; and the Adult Spelling Bee. WEF has awarded over \$400,000 across the Wakefield Public Schools district since 1989.

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