

STARS Are Back and Shining – the perfect alternative to gift giving!!!

Looking for a great way to recognize or thank your child's teacher, specialist and/or any school staff member this holiday season? Support Wakefield Educational Foundation (WEF) today!

Our unique STARS program (School Teachers Are Really Special) allows donors to acknowledge those who continually make your child's education a success! Donate to WEF in that special person's name and they will receive a personal acknowledgement on beautiful white linen stock embellished with silver foil, suitable for framing!

Wakefield Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to providing support in the form of grants to the entire Wakefield Public School System. Run by volunteers, we are supported by donations from individuals, businesses and civic organizations in our community and also by the funds raised during several WEF fundraising efforts conducted each year.

WEF provides grants to the Wakefield Public Schools for innovative and creative programs that are not covered in the current year's school district budget. Teachers, school staff, principals and PTO's are all eligible to apply for grants. Grants are given to those individuals and groups whose proposals best exemplify initiatives that impact a broad number of students, have long-term creative and innovative educational benefits within our school system, and contribute to educational excellence now and in the future within the Wakefield Public School System.

Over the next few months, funds will be delivered to purchase new gym equipment, biotechnology equipment, art supplies and to support the Steps 2 Success program, Lake Quannapowitt water testing, AuthorFest 2014, "Weather or Not" program, in class field trips, cultural arts programs and more! This year over \$18,000 will be awarded to our staff and students! To date, WEF has donated over **\$175,000** in grants since its founding in 1989, and we are very proud of the educational benefits that the projects have brought to the Wakefield Public Schools!

We are always welcoming local, corporate sponsorship year round. Our end of year Celebration of Learning event will highlight students, staff and volunteers that take time out to celebrate the things that make our schools great! Please consider supporting this wonderful event today – our new website will proudly display your business logo providing direct access to your website year round!! Contact WEF for further details.

Your donation is a click away! Visit our website www.wakefieldeducationalfoundation.org and click on DONATE. Scroll to the bottom of the page and STARS recognition forms can be printed and mailed with your check made payable to WEF, P.O. Box 1752 Wakefield, MA 01880. Forms will be available December 2nd at each school or a click away via our website. Please submit by December 13th so we can deliver before winter break. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and your child no doubt will continue to benefit from WEF grants for many years to come.