

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 at the end of this school year? 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, 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 past few months, funds were delivered in support of WHS Theater Arts, Museum of Science Traveling program, digital signage, AuthorFest 2016, enrichment / author presentations, an outdoor classroom and more! This year over \$28,000 was awarded to our staff and students! To date, WEF has donated over **\$250,000** in grants and we are very proud of the educational benefits that the projects have brought to the Wakefield Public Schools!

WEF would like to take this opportunity to thank our current corporate sponsors: Christopher J. Barrett Realtors, Breton Electric, Capozzi Construction Inc., Guida Law Associates PC, Hinchey Brothers Plumbing & Heating, Honey Dew Donuts, M&R Plumbing & Heating, One-On-One College Consulting LLC, Roberto Brothers Landscaping, The Savings Bank and Wakefield Co-operative Bank. We are always welcoming local, corporate sponsorship year round. Please consider supporting WEF today – our new website will proudly display your business logo providing direct access to your website year round!! Contact WEF for further details.

STARS forms will be made available at each school by June 1st or a click away via our website www.wakefieldeducationalfoundation.org. Please submit by June 10th so we can deliver before school closes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and your child no doubt will continue to benefit from WEF grants for many years to come!