The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation



2014 Newsletter & Annual Report

In Honor of Gail Rice



Gail's benevolent and loyal leadership inspired us, offering a steady, gentle reminder to be our better selves. Her keen intelligence, deeply considerate nature and kind heart made her an invaluable member of any team that was lucky enough to have her. Gail shaped the direction of so many wonderful initiatives in all three schools. Her life and work is a lasting gift to the whole Cape community, now and for years to come. We are humbled by Gail's life and memory; we all miss her so very much.

Everyone involved in CEEF over the past ten years mourns the loss of an inspirational founder and long-time board member Gail Rice. We celebrate the lasting legacy of Gail, who died on June 21, 2014 after a courageous two-year battle with cancer.

A founding board member of CEEF, Gail turned the vision of a strong education foundation into a thriving reality. As the original board sought to define itself and carve out its purpose, goals and procedures, Gail offered a voice of reason.

Her intelligence, integrity, quiet leadership and good humor helped the organization grow and flourish.

Gail, a wise and giving person, wanted to share our experiences with other towns in Maine, New England and beyond. She advocated strongly for education foundations and personally led the initiative to teach other communities everything that we had learned to ensure their success.

Gail left us all a legacy of leadership that challenges us to do and be for others, calling us to a higher, inclusive good. Since 2001, thousands of students have benefited from her efforts—and this will continue into the future. We all miss Gail so much, but we know that her legacy lives on through the enriched educational experiences she began.

Dear Friends,

Over the last few years, CEEF has reintroduced itself to the community, explaining who we are, what we do, and why our mission is so important. We've made new friends, reconnected with old ones, and celebrated exciting projects. Many of the grants we awarded over the years are now integral to the district's curriculum and programs. We thank community members who have dedicated money, time, vision and talents to keep this organization vital and relevant.

A few have been so central to our work, and hearts, that we extend a special thanks. Gail Rice, a dedicated, talented and beloved member of the CEEF family, is deeply missed by us all. Without Gail's vision of a foundation that would energize and inspire educators, CEEF simply would not exist. Likewise, Frank Governali recently retired after seven years on the board. A consummate community volunteer, Frank's strategic thinking offered us all a vision of CEEF's future as integral and vital to the Cape community.

And of course our teachers—inspirational professionals who work every day to expand student horizons, bridge gaps, and connect with kids in new and innovative ways. Whether it is a day of TEDx talks, a community partnership for Cape's 250th anniversary celebration, a new learning commons, or an advisory program in the high school, their goal is to provide a rich, effective, happy experience for every student.

As we look back on this year, we thank extraordinary people like Gail and Frank; we thank the people who support CEEF with gifts of time and talent; we thank our loyal, generous donors; and we thank every educator who ensures that our schools remain vibrant, innovative and exciting places for our children to learn and grow.

With gratitude, Jennifer Scarpitti-Nelson Michael Wood, Co-presidents

Grants in Action



"700 laminating pouches, 275 dice, 400 hanging bags, 4,500 colorful counting stackers, countless pieces of card stock and 10,000 green Bingo chips ... just some of the supplies that have been incorporated into the 300+ games being developed for the CEEF-funded Math Lab Lending Library at Pond Cove. I've always wished more kids could practice their math skills outside the classroom. Then along came Pond Cove parent Julie Merriam, who shares my enthusiasm, to help make the games! Now lots and lots of Pond Cove students will be having fun while increasing their math proficiency!"

Debbie Butterworth, Math Support Teacher



"I think advisory is off to a superb start. Advisories are definitely becoming more comfortable places for students to talk and share; they are bonding and starting to really engage and support one another."

Nathan Carpenter, CEHS Assistant Principal



"Len Cabral inspires me to get new ideas for writing. He also gets me thinking and imagining what the characters could do next."

Thomas Leopold, Fourth Grader



"I liked the STEM Fair because it opened new ideas and opportunities for jobs that I would've never thought were associated with math and science."

CEHS Senior



"We are deep into planning our TEDxYouth 2014 event at the high school and finalizing an awesome lineup of speakers and performers from around the state and country. We're all so grateful to CEEF for its generous grant to make TEDxYouth possible this December 5th!"

Benjamin Stanley & Daniel Menz, CEHS Seniors



"We were able to create amazing stop motion videos. It was so cool that we could integrate technology we use every day and then use it for art."

Zac Wellins, 7th Grader

CEHS STEM Fair

The STEM Career Fair linked members of the business community with Maine's next generation of entrepreneurs and business leaders. Over four-hundred high school students were introduced to career opportunities and skills required for jobs in science, technology, engineering and math. The dream team that made it all happen was CEHS teachers Roger Rioux (originator of the idea), Courtney Ferrell, Chris Newell, Ginger Raspiller and Evan Thayer.

Twenty-eight companies participated, representing the fields of engineering, manufacturing, medicine, finance, chemistry, technology, data management, statistics and math. The keynote speakers were Kerry Gallivan, CEO & Co-founder of Chimani.com; Dana Humphrey, UMO Professor and Dean, College of Engineering; and Marion Sprague, STEM & Manufacturing careers in Maine.

Said Principal Jeff Shedd, "I know two students who got business cards from participants at the Fair and now have summer jobs. In our mission statement under Core Beliefs, we added, 'where students are challenged to see real-life applications for their learning' — and that's exactly what the STEM Fair is about."

One student summed it up with these words, "I enjoyed the morning because it was fun. I wish CEHS did more career fairs."





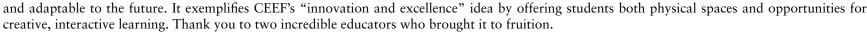
Library Learning Commons

A new Library Learning Commons (LLC) came from MS Library and Instructional Technology Specialists Amanda Kozaka and Jonathan Werner. They envisioned a flexible, creative learning space and set off to research possibilities by visiting other LLCs and attending conferences.

The new space, renovated over the summer, is flexible enough to support research, academics, multi-media presentations, and group study. Most important, in the words of Amanda and Jonathan, "It nurtures 21st Century education characterized by collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking."

As part of the of the design process, Amanda and Jonathan turned to students and teachers for input. Laura Ellis' fifth-grade math class developed and presented renovation plans for consideration. "It had practical value to it," Ellis said of the math project. "Students took their math skills and applied them to a real-life situation. They were very excited."

By partnering traditional methods with a collaborative, multi-media approach, the space has a new energy and vibrancy that is welcoming, flexible







"We have been thrilled with how the CEMS Community has responded to the renovated Library and Learning Commons. Exploration and self-directed learning are happening everywhere: sitting in comfortable chairs, gathered around a small table, exploring a favorite genre shelf, creating recordings in the new multimedia studio, conferencing with a teacher or cooperating with a group. We had hoped to nurture the four Cs: Creativity, Communication, Collaboration and Critical Thinking. Everything we hoped would be possible seems to be happening on a daily basis. We've never been so busy, or so happy, to be supporting all this teaching and learning!"

Jonathan Werner & Amanda Kozaka, Library & Instructional Technology Specialists

Kitchen Tour

The fourth biennial Maine Home+Design Cape Elizabeth Kitchen Tour, presented by Legacy Properties/Sotheby's International Realty, was held on September 20th. The event was a tremendous success for CEEF and the Cape community. Over 500 attendees enjoyed beautiful weather and the equally beautiful kitchens on display. This signature event, CEEF's largest and most successful, raised over \$35,000. Many thanks to the presenting sponsor Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty and to Maine Home+Design for their continued generosity, support and involvement. We are deeply indebted to the fourteen business sponsors, and we extend heartfelt gratitude to the twelve homeowners who generously opened up their kitchens—and in many cases, their entire homes—to benefit our children and schools. A shout-out to the cadre of volunteers and local businesses that offered invaluable support with donation of time and services. And we simply could not have made it through without Barbee Gilman's smiling charm and persistence.

This day helps fuel the innovation budget for the Cape Elizabeth School District. Profits fund lasting initiatives and experimental projects, as well as many academic support and enrichment programs and a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. To date, CEEF has awarded over \$1,100,000 in grants, thanks to the wider community's participation in successful events like the Maine Home+Design Cape Elizabeth Kitchen Tour. Thank you to all who make the day so wonderful!



Jo Miller in her kitchen with Ray Boshold and Russ Doucette



Representing the men's ice hockey team "Pizza Villa Portland Pylons" are Jason Lachance, Sean Roy Becker, Cade Blackburn and Scott Collins.

3rd Annual Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual Play for Education Golf Tournament and Auction took place on a gorgeous, sunny day in late June at Prouts Neck Country Club. Views of sparkling blue ocean, sandy dunes and lush green grass wowed the players, who enjoyed 18 holes of laughter and friendly competition. A silent and live auction offering up 46 items closed out the day with \$14,000 raised for our children, teachers and schools. A huge thank you to all who volunteered, played, and bid! Don't miss next year's tournament, scheduled for Thursday, June 11th.

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Alumni Award

The CEEF Alumni Award seeks to identify recipients who, through their dedication and perseverance, have made significant contributions to their communities, professions or society. The recipient of this award is intended to be a role model for current high school students and motivate them to seek excellence in school-related pursuits and in their careers, families and communities.

On Sunday, June 9th, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation recognized CEHS graduate Luke Holden as its second Alumni Award Recipient during graduation ceremonies held at Fort Williams. After high school, Luke attended Georgetown University and then spent a few years in investment banking before deciding to follow a dream and open up Luke's Lobsters restaurant. He now employs 275 people in the 15 Luke's Lobster restaurants he has opened on the East Coast. All of the seafood sold at his restaurants is processed in Maine.



A 2003 graduate and a two sport captain, Luke was admired by classmates, teammates, faculty and staff for his optimism, involvement, and kindness. Mr. Shedd described him as, "...one of the finest young people in terms of character and integrity to ever graduate from CEHS during my tenure. He got along with everybody, from our most struggling students to our brilliant athletes and finest scholars."

Upon graciously accepting the award, Luke reflected on his education, experiences, and most notably, his decision to follow a passion and persevere. He encouraged the graduates to "reflect on the various decisions you make, and the cause and effect of those decisions, and learn from them. Celebrate the good decisions, and study the bad. Whatever decisions you make, make them with passion. Figure out what your passion is, and let that govern and drive the direction you want your life to take. Without passion there is no rudder."



CEEF Teacher Awards

On August 28th, the school year kicked off with the annual welcome back breakfast hosted by the Cape Elizabeth School district. In keeping with tradition, CEEF presented its Brownell and Thompson teacher awards. The Thompson Award, given to a teacher who serves as a special mentor to our children by going above and beyond the norm to offer guidance and support was presented to Scott Shea. Scott's "...willingness to spend time with teens, and in doing so, impacting their lives in immeasurable ways..." didn't escape notice of his colleagues and peers who nominated him. Nancy Thompson, former board member and mother of Timmy, whose son the award is named after, commented that Scott is "a mentor who builds confidence while helping our kids to develop a love for the outdoors. He teaches how to create a healthy lifestyle and develop a strong work ethic all while having lots of fun. He is always going above and beyond the call of duty by giving of himself and helping students and adults achieve important life skills".

The Brownell Award is given annually to the teacher or staff person who's exhibited exemplary implementation of a CEEF grant. This year's recipient of the award was Betsy Nilsen for her ability to embrace change and welcome new ideas—a quality that led her to volunteer on the steering committee for the first TEDxYouth event in the state of Maine. Noting that Betsy was the heart and soul of the committee that launched the first TEDxYouth@ CEHS on December 2012, Ginger Raspiller, who presented the award, commented "Since this first event, Betsy has attended a national TED conference in Whistler, British Columbia, returning with even more enthusiasm and new ideas for a second event to be held this December 5th. In addition, she has created and is supporting a TEDx Club, the critical group of students who will provide the infrastructure to develop and steer this second event." Congratulations to these amazing educators whose dedication and passion is evident in their commitment to our students every day!

Nancy Thompson's Tribute to her Son Timmy:

"It is with great pleasure that I am here with you today. Unfortunately, my husband, Tim, was not able to join me at the podium because of his work schedule, but I thought I would bring my son Timmy along instead. I brought this picture of Timmy with me because as I was putting my thoughts together for this very special award, I couldn't believe that this marks the 10th year without him, and I wanted to show the newer members of the Cape Elizabeth staff his picture so you could really see who Timmy Thompson was. As I stand here in front of you, I can't help but think of all of the positive things that have been done in his memory over the last 10 years, such as this special award, along with a Cape lacrosse scholarship given every year, in his name, to "keep his spirit alive for all of us."



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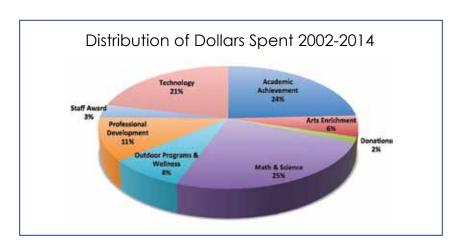
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Middle School Library and Learning Commons	\$27,750
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