



CEEFF

2016 Annual Report

dream big



Dear Friends,

At CEEF, we wanted to make our annual report a gratitude report; a thank you to you for stepping up and helping our children in 2016! As you look through this report, I hope you are proud of all that has been accomplished, and know **you made big dreams happen**. Your support built dreams with hope and passion making our schools a brighter place. We hope you know, **you made the difference**, and we can't do it without you!

Warm regards,



Ellen R. Jordan, Executive Director

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Because of your help, CEEF provides the adventure of a lifetime. . .

Imagine yourself at five years old.

It's your first day of kindergarten. Everything seems so big. You make friends, learn to read and get to work in the Math Lab. CEEF grants help widen your opportunities every day; you visit the newly renovated PC Library and Technology Center, make a mural for the school entrance, and record a video book report in the Green Room. You discover school isn't so scary – it's an adventure!

Now you are 10 years old.

Middle school has begun, and CEEF is there along the way to broaden your classroom experiences. You try an idea in the Maker Space, do research for an assignment in the Library and Learning Commons, or complete a project-based assignment in 7th grade.

A blink, and now you're 14 years old.

Cape Elizabeth schools have given you a strong base, so you and your friends begin to explore new interests; robotics, a theatre production, or an original composition of music in band. CEEF grants offer you the opportunity to explore and discover your passion.

And then? You're 18 years old.

Graduation Day. You have been given opportunities to explore and stretch beyond the standard curriculum. You're excited for the journey ahead, and we are proud knowing you're ready for any challenge.



2016 GRANTS The CEEF Grants Committee has the distinct pleasure of previewing grant proposals, listening to grant presentations, and recommending the approval of grant requests that fall within the guidelines of the CEEF mission. That mission is to award grants that are innovative and have great impact, those that bring something new and “outside the box” thinking to our schools. Grants that have a significant impact will benefit not just a handful of students, but a great many students and most likely will continue that benefit beyond the current year. Whether it is creating the Achievement Center, hosting the inaugural TEDxYouth@CEHS event, or renovating the Middle School library into a dynamic and fluid Library & Learning Commons, innovation and impact is ever-present in Cape Elizabeth schools. With each grant cycle, we are reminded how lucky our town is to have such dedicated and inspiring teachers and staff.

Columbia Teacher’s College Reading Institute: The First-grade team received a grant to attend the Columbia Reading Institute to support the Pond Cove reading curriculum.

Festival of Curiosity STEAM Fair: CEMS Principal Mike Tracey, faculty team leaders, in collaboration with CEMS parents Samantha Lowe and Jil Abrahamson, received a grant to present a day - long Festival of Curiosity. Science, Technology, Engineering and Arts and Math projects will be featured throughout the day for all CEMS students.

dream collaboration

Pond Cove Library and Creation Station:

Cameron Rosenblum and Tom Chaltray received a large impact grant to renovate and create a 21st century library and media center at Pond Cove. The space allows for teaching in a new, collaborative and cross disciplinary way, whether children use the space to create video book reports in the green room, or 3-D printing a creation in the new lab. The new space provides 21st century skills to Pond Cove students.



dream awareness

Sexual Assault Awareness Day: A group of five students, several teachers and parent advisors received a grant to facilitate a day-long off site seminar to raise awareness and provide strategies for the prevention of sexual assault. A variety of expert guest speakers, including the Violence Prevention Network, discussed tools to navigate sexual assault and define healthy relationships in college and beyond. There was an evening seminar offered for parents on how to discuss sexual assault with their children.

Learning Commons Upgrade: Carolyn Young and Jonathan Werner received a grant to incorporate moveable library shelving and furniture into the upgraded CEHS library so the space may be used to increase flexibility in the space, allowing better collaboration and communication among students.

Middle School Project Based Learning: Laura Ellis and the seventh-grade team were awarded a grant for project-based learning. Teachers will work with a consultant to offer three project-based learning initiatives during the year, then introduce and educate faculty and staff to a new learning model.

Music Production Studio: The CEHS Music Club, in coordination with teacher Tom Lizotte, received a grant to create a music production Studio. Students will be able to create, record and edit their original or band composition with professional equipment and sound.

Robotics: Evan Thayer and the CEHS Robotics Team received a grant for a 3D printer, laptop computer and software to improve the efficiency of the engineering prototyping process, and to more authentically replicate a real-world engineering experience by incorporating 21st century design technology.



dream solutions

teacher awards

At the beginning of each school year, faculty and staff gather at a district wide breakfast; CEEF is pleased to have the opportunity at this breakfast to present two awards to faculty and staff.

THE THOMPSON AWARD, in honor of Timmy Thompson, son of Nancy and Tim Thompson, is given to a teacher or staff member who reaches out to students in lasting and meaningful ways, going above and beyond the norm with students. The 2016 recipient of the Thompson Award was David Brown. Mr. Brown has been a beloved school bus driver in Cape Elizabeth for 32 years and epitomizes what the Thompson Award stands for. One of the nominations we received summed him up, "Mr. Brown makes sure his bus is inclusive, fun and safe for each and every child. He teaches and reminds our children what a special community they are growing up in. As a mother, knowing my children start and end their school day positively with someone who truly cares and has watched out for their well-being meant the world to me." Mr. Brown goes above and beyond. Always with a smile, a wave and always wearing his shorts!



2016 Thompson Award: (L to R) Nancy Thompson, Dave Brown, and Tim Thompson



2016 Brownell Award: Freshman Academy

was the brain child of Jeff Shedd and Nate Carpenter and carried out by Nate Carpenter, Ben Raymond and Tom Kohan to enhance and support the transition to high school, and provide the necessary skills for success. "We have seen firsthand the growth academically and emotionally of the participants and peer tutors. This program has instilled a strong sense of community in all. They have also learned a lot about themselves which would not have happened without this program. As a freshman advisor and knowing these upper classmen, I have seen the effects of the freshman academy firsthand."

THE BROWNELL AWARD

is given in honor of retired math teacher Elaine Brownell to a teacher or group who did an outstanding job implementing a CEEF grant in the previous year.

The 2016 recipient of the Brownell Award was Freshman Academy. Freshman Academy

alumni award

Success of an academic institution is best exemplified by the positive impact of its graduates. This award seeks to identify recipients who, through their dedication and perseverance, have made significant contributions to their communities, professions, or society as a whole. We hope the recipient will motivate graduates to seek excellence in school-related pursuits and in the future in their careers, families and communities.

The 2016 Alumni Award recipient is David Weatherbie. "As a business owner, a track & cross country coach at CEHS, a former CEEF Board member, or as President of TD Bank Beach to Beacon for 16 years, the advice I pass along today to you today, is regardless of where you are in the world and your chosen profession, keep the following values in mind:

1. Work Hard & Play Hard. Life is a gift – embrace it. Don't wait until you retire to have fun!
2. Make a difference in the life of a child and in the community in which you live.
3. When you achieve what you set out to accomplish, thank those who helped you to get there, and then turn around and help the next one in line.



2016 Alumni Award: David Weatherbie



You can go as far as you dream, think and imagine.

– Lailah Gifty Akita

We value and welcome your input on teacher and alumni awards. If you know of an alumni or teacher you would like to nominate for either the Thompson or the Alumni award, please contact the CEEF office at info@ceef.us

events



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR EVENTS with your sponsorships and attendance. Our inaugural Laugh for Education evening nearly sold out. Join us in October 2017 for our second annual Laugh for Education! Your support helped to propel new innovation and opportunity for 2017 and beyond.

Left: Bob Marley at CEHS, 2016

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, October 5th

Bob Marley came to Cape Elizabeth High School for some serious laughs. It was a great night and we are pleased to say he will be returning again in 2017.

Watch for more information to come!

 **CEEFLAUGH!**
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with comedian
BOB MARLEY
New England's King of Comedy!

BEACH TO BEACON Saturday, August 5th

As a past beneficiary of TD Bank Beach to Beacon, CEEF has 25 slots available for the 2017 race. With a \$200 donation to CEEF, we have a bib for you!

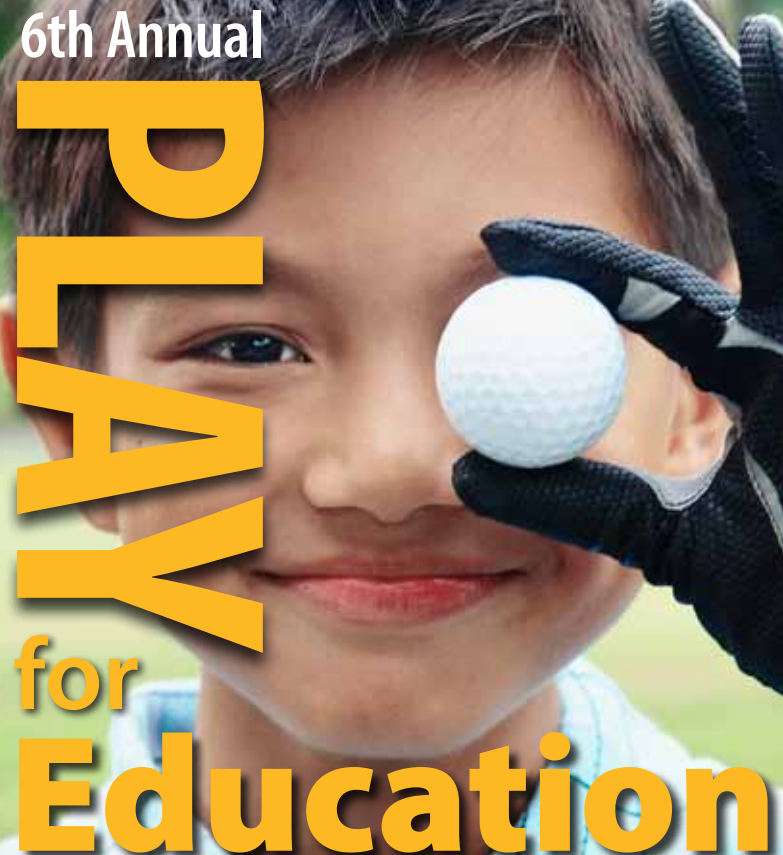
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In 2016 the tournament sold out! Support CEEF by playing in the 6th Annual Play for Education Golf Tournament & Auction. Don't miss the opportunity to play this beautiful course and enjoy a fun-filled and rewarding day of golf.

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