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Wherever the classroom,
CEE is there!



Dear Friends and Supporters,

This past year was one of familiar rhythms and personal firsts for me. After many years serving on CEEF's Board, I stepped into the role of Executive Director, and what a year to witness the creativity and commitment of Cape's educators up close. Both our golf tournament and our first-ever Secret Supper brought together longtime friends of CEEF and new faces alike, all in support of our grants.

This year, CEEF funded 13 grants across our three schools, each one shaped by educators finding inventive ways to deepen learning. Second graders tapped maple trees and boiled sap into syrup, learning firsthand about Wabanaki tradition and the math (and weather) of a good harvest. Sixth graders raised and released brook trout in our local watershed, mentored by seniors who once did the same and now used that experience to enrich their own biology work. High schoolers gained hands-on experience with real-world tools: new sewing machines for fashion and 3D design, and large-format printers for architectural work.

None of this happens without the vision of our educators and the generosity of this community. CEEF is proud to be part of it.

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2025-2026 GRANT IMPACT

13

Impactful Grants

\$68k+

Funding for Innovative Ideas

1000+

Est. Students Impacted

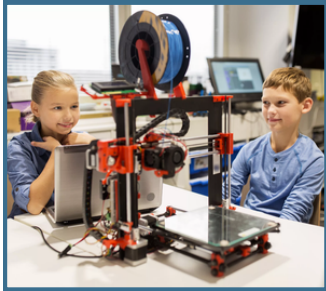
CEEF is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of community members committed to fostering excellence in Cape schools by funding initiatives that fall outside the school budget, partnering with the school district to help achieve its vision and building community-wide support for the benefit all Cape Elizabeth students.

2025-2026 GRANTS



Pond Cove Sugaring

2nd graders learn the full sugaring process — tree identification, tapping, boiling, and finishing — while exploring its origins with the Wabanaki people



Mobile Maker Space

Three new 3D printers, mobile storage carts, and materials traveling between science, math, and humanities classrooms at CEMS



7th Grade Human Project Retreat

A full-grade, immersive retreat at the Ecology School, in partnership with Maine Boys to Men



Risograph Duplicator

Expanding access to contemporary printmaking at CEMS producing vibrant, layered prints and available across the entire district



Boston Freedom Trail

Trip for Class of 2027 AP U.S. History students, who missed the experience in 5th grade, reinforcing AP U.S. History themes



Sewing Machines for Fashion & 3D Design Class

Supports the launch of a new Fashion & 3D Design course, teaching sewing, textile design, and wearable art



CEMS Math Competitions

Funds three teams (grades 6–8) for math competitions, building mathematical skill, confidence, and enthusiasm



Large Format Printer

Supporting professional practice such as architectural drawing classes and shaping how students and educators approach digital work and assessment



Chewonki Outdoor Classroom

Effort to keep the annual 6th-grade trip's out-of-pocket cost around \$250 per family



Telling Room Residency

4th graders work with writing mentors in residency over 12 sessions to craft original pieces published in a professional chapter book



Visiting English Authors

Writer Alexander Chee (Cape grad) discussed the writing process and deepened students' understanding of what it takes to produce good writing.



Water Testing

Funds equipment for CEMS and CEHS to sustain hands-on, place-based water quality and environmental stewardship programs, including TroutKids



ChangeMakers: CEMS Leadership

A capstone transition project for the CEMS 8th graders in partnership with Rippleffect

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AWARDS

Thompson Award

2025 Recipient: David Shields



Established by Tim and Nancy Thompson, in memory of their son Timmy, the award honors a faculty member who goes above and beyond, providing a lasting and meaningful impact on Cape Elizabeth students.

Brownell Award

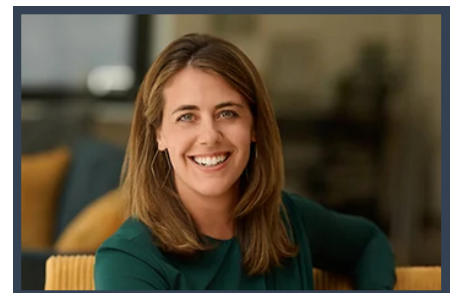
2025 Recipient: Dave Croft



Given in honor of retired CEHS mathematics teacher Elaine Brownell, this award recognizes a faculty member who did an outstanding job implementing a CEEF grant during the prior year.

Alumni Award

2026 Recipient: Lisa Kaplan '09



The CEEF Alumni 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 value and welcome your input on awards! If you know an alumni or teacher you wish to nominate, please contact us at info@ceef.us