

STARS Are Back and Shining – A Unique Gift Giving Alternative !

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

"STARS" (School Teachers Are Really Special) allow 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! This program offers a unique alternative to gift giving, as current law prohibits a public employee from accepting gifts worth \$50 or more without providing disclosure in writing.

The ***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 awarded 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.

Just this year over \$17,000 has been rewarded to our staff and students. Grants for the Farm Street Café, EduWebLab Science program, Steps 2 Success, 2011 Science Olympiad Summer Institute program, Museum of Science Traveling program, Holocaust Survivor speaker, Hippotherapy sessions, "Bach to Rock" cultural arts, AuthorFest 2011 and many more have been delivered! To date, WEF has awarded over **\$150,000** 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. Please consider supporting WEF – our new website will proudly display your business logo year round!

Your donation is a click away! Visit our website www.wakefieldeducationalfoundation.org and click on FUNDRAISING / STARS STAFF RECOGNITION FORM. Donations payable to WEF can be mailed to P.O. Box 1752, Wakefield, MA 01880. Forms have also been sent home with your child and are available at each school and being accepted until June 17th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

For more information about WEF or the STARS program contact Beth Hendriks at 781-246-3969 or Mary Jennings at 781-246-4488.