

WAKEFIELD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PRESS RELEASE

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Once again the Wakefield Educational Foundation is pleased to announce they are accepting individual grant requests of up to \$500 each or multi-staff/multi-department grants of up to \$2500 to fund enrichment programs for students in the Wakefield Public Schools. In the past nine years the Wakefield Educational Foundation has provided funds to support over 70 enrichment programs to include special speakers, teaching aids and events.

Applications will be available in each of the schools and directly from our newly updated website after September 23rd. Applications are due October 21st with the final awards announced in mid-November. More than \$18,000 was awarded in grants last year with a total of \$150,000 being awarded since the grant program started. Applications may be sent directly to:

Wakefield Educational Foundation
PO Box 1752
Wakefield, MA 01880
Or visit
www.wakefieldeducationalfoundation.org

WEF also oversees funding for the Gertrude Spaulding Environmental Education Fund. This fund was established by Gertrude and Bill Spaulding to specifically promote environmental education in the Wakefield Public Schools. Last year \$1450 was allocated to environmental related grants.

Last year, grade 5 classes visited Camp Nihan on behalf of a grant funded by the Spaulding Fund.



Pictured are Mila Frolichstein, Gillian Russell and Preston Yee working on a 'perk' test and gathering results to see how fast the earth close to the Saugus River could absorb more water from their tubes.



Students Charlie Schopperle and Jared Hurley are making observations of their 'perk' test in a different area by the Saugus River.

Teams within just a few feet of each other gathered drastically different results and enjoyed the hands-on experiment, a unique experience outside of the classroom!

Any individuals or local businesses that would like to offer financial support to this grant program or support a particular grant may send donations to above address or may call Beth Hendriks at 781-246-3969 or Mary Jennings at 781-246-4488 for further information.