

STARS Are Back and Shining – the perfect alternative to gift giving!!!

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

STARS (School Teachers Are Really Special) allows 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!

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 given 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 over the last month, funds have been delivered for new gym equipment at the High School, the Steps 2 Success program, Lake Quannapowitt water testing, wireless projector adaptors, a new web-based keyboarding program, art supplies, materials for a new multimedia resource library, cultural arts programs and more! There are many more to be delivered over the next few months, this year over \$14,000 will be awarded to our staff and students. To date, WEF has donated 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. Our end of year Celebration of Learning event will highlight students, staff and volunteers that take time out to celebrate the things that make our schools great! Please consider supporting this wonderful event today – our new website will proudly display your business logo year round!! Contact WEF for further details.

Your donation is a click away! Visit our website www.wakefieldeducationalfoundation.org and click on DONATE. Scroll to the bottom of the page and STARS recognition forms can be printed and mailed with your check made payable to WEF 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 December 16, 2011. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and your child no doubt will continue to benefit from WEF grants for many years to come.



Pictured with Wakefield High School Physical Education staff member Greg Gibbs are Melanie Miksis, Alexandra Guarino, Alana Chankhour, Bailey Finocchio, Andrew Filipone and Derek Oates. Mr. Gibbs purchased 2 Stairmaster Zephyr Upright bikes for the school.