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Education Foundation of the  
**2015-2016**  
**Annual Review**

Kennebunks and Arundel



## Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

Upon reflection of the past school year, members of our Board of Directors come back time and time again to the enthusiastic and creative grant proposals that have been presented to us. Grant proposals have spanned all grades, K-12, all six schools, and all subject areas. From the arts to technology to leadership and professional development, music, movement, science and math, our grants have reached a variety of learners in many wonderful ways. Since only a handful of grants are highlighted in this annual review, I do hope you will visit our website to learn more about the grants funded.

This year marks the Foundation's tenth anniversary. We celebrate the growth that we as a Foundation have made in those years with a new logo and a series of videos set to be released in the coming months. Our look has evolved but our mission has remained constant - to provide opportunities for students and teachers to develop their creativity, use their imaginations, and take a risk to try something new. In the last decade, over 200 of these types of grants have been funded resulting in an investment of over \$850,000 in the RSU21! None of this work could have happened without the support of our community. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank those individuals and businesses who so generously give to our annual Call-a-thon, Golf Tournament and Catch the Wave Auction, and I thank the volunteers who give of their time and expertise.

Together we give our students unique opportunities and experiences that promise to spark their creativity and imaginations and help them to find their passion.

Warm Regards,

*Jackie Tequis*

President

## Grants in Action

### EconoBunk

During this eight week civics based interdisciplinary unit, sixth graders experienced mathematics, civics, social studies, and literacy through real life challenges and interactive simulations. The culminating activity was a day in EconoBunk, a simulated city located in the MSK gym. Students were placed in businesses, served on town council and worked together as a team in this simulation. Students learned personal finance skills, application of civil rights and responsibilities, budgeting, and business principles while discovering the importance of effective communication, collaboration, and creative problem solving.

### Arts Festival

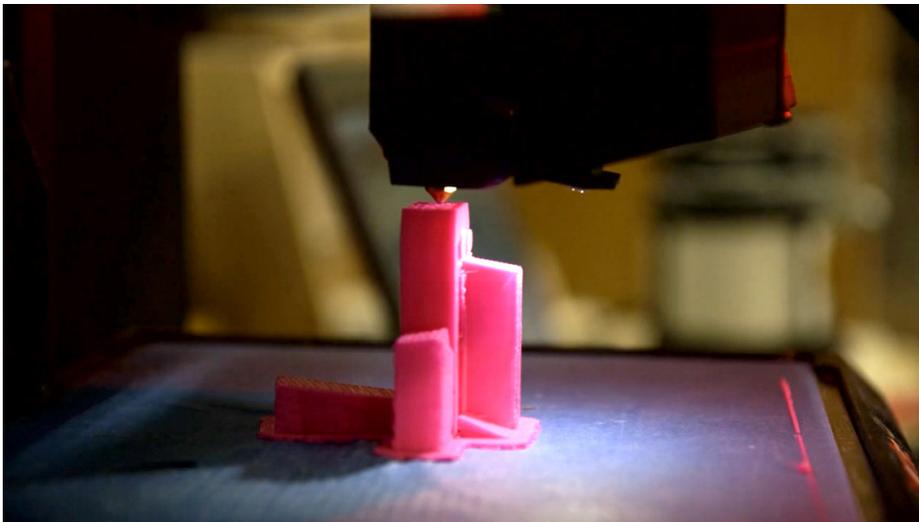
Fourth and fifth grade students from Sea Road School, M.L. Day School and Kennebunkport Consolidated School came together for a full day Fall Arts Festival last September. Students chose to attend two workshop sessions including metalsmithing, painting lobster buoys and comic book drawing taught by River Tree Arts' instructors. Students enjoyed lunch and recess together followed by an afternoon performance on conflict resolution with Scot the Mime and 18 of their peers. Sponsored by the EFKA and the Bauman Family Foundation, this festival fostered the students' creativity and gave students from the three schools the opportunity to collaborate and connect with one another.



## Grants in Action

### 3D Printers

3D printers are an innovative, exciting technology used in a variety of areas. As of date, the Foundation has granted funds for the purchase of three 3D printers at Kennebunk High School and three 3D printers at the Middle School of the Kennebunks. Utilized by classes such as, MSK STEM, AutoCad 3D Print, Engineering, Robotics, Drafting, and Pre-Engineering, these printers will facilitate the creative and innovative projects designed by students. Students learn that anything they can draw, they can make.



### Professional Development at Ron Clarke Teaching Academy

Teachers from Kennebunkport Consolidated School spent four days in Atlanta at the Ron Clarke Teaching Academy where they developed two programs for their school. The first program focuses on how to prepare students to appropriately present themselves and their ideas through improved speaking and listening skills. Second, teachers implement methods into instruction that involve movement and music.

*“RSU21 is known for having high standards but I think the Ed. Foundation provides an opportunity for the next step. It provides an opportunity for the creativity to happen that we value so much.”*

*-Nate Menifield, KHS Choral Director*

## Grants in Action

### Julia Robinson Math Festival

The Julia Robinson Math Festival is an annual celebration of math for all fifth graders and their teachers. The event features mathematical challenges, puzzles and other activities in a non-competitive setting. Once again this event was hosted by UNE and provided afternoon STEM activities for students. Approximately 200 fifth graders and 30 teachers, administrators, and community volunteers attended this exciting event.



### Yoga in the Classroom

Each of the 10 Kindergarten classes in the district received a weekly 30-minute yoga class for six weeks. Mindfulness and meditation have been shown to have a positive impact on readiness to learn. Yoga increases self-awareness of energy level and helps to improve concentration and attention for learning. Students loved this experience, and teachers learned valuable ways to bring mindfulness into their daily classroom activities.



## Grants in Action

### Leadership School at Camp Kieve

Seventh graders spent three days at Camp Kieve in Nobleboro, Maine where they worked on team building, healthy decision-making, communications, and other self-development practices. Students play outdoor games that promote these skills, challenge themselves on ropes courses, and engage with and respect one another in classroom discussions.

“We are very, very fortunate to be able to go to the Leadership School at Camp Kieve and we couldn’t do it without the funding of the Ed. Foundation, and we are forever grateful that we can continue to do this.”

-Jeff Rodman, MSK Principal



“One of the most meaningful middle school experiences was Camp Kieve. I had heard great things about it, but didn’t see how three days could really make such a difference. Here’s what left a lasting impression. After just three days a new friend could feel like an old friend. After just three days I learned that I could climb a telephone pole blindfolded. And after three days we learned that we weren’t alone, we were in this middle school thing together. To anyone who’s donated to or been a part of the Education Foundation of the Kennebunks who made this trip possible for us, we thank you.”

-Laszlo Toth, 8th Grader



## Our Mission:

The mission of the Education Foundation of the Kennebunks and Arundel is to work with the schools of RSU 21 to inspire and ignite young minds by funding creative and innovative programs for students and professional development for teachers and other staff.

*“The administration of RSU 21 appreciates a close working relationship with the EFKA. The Assistant Superintendent, and Director of Information Technology and I all serve as non-voting members of the EFKA Board of Directors. The Assistant Superintendent pre-approves all grant applications and is an active member of the EFKA Grant Committee, attending monthly meetings. This relationship helps ensure that our mission and initiatives are aligned and cohesive.”*

*–Katie Hawes, Superintendent of Schools*



## Grants

- Over \$850,000 invested in RSU21 programs and professional development since 2006.
- Over \$87,000 invested during the 2015-2016 school year.
- 84 cents of every dollar spent goes to grants.

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The Education Foundation of the Kennebunks and Arundel is a community-based foundation; our work on behalf of our children is only possible because of the talent, creativity, and energy invested by volunteers from our communities. If you share the passion for making our children's education the best it can be, please join us!

*"So many people in the community who have done so much in their lifetime and those people have contributed so much, and I see the Ed. Foundation as providing a vehicle for those people to give back and to encourage young people to pursue careers that they might not even thought of."*

*-Sue Cressey, KHS Principal*

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