

# EFKA

Education Foundation *of the* Kennebunks and Arundel

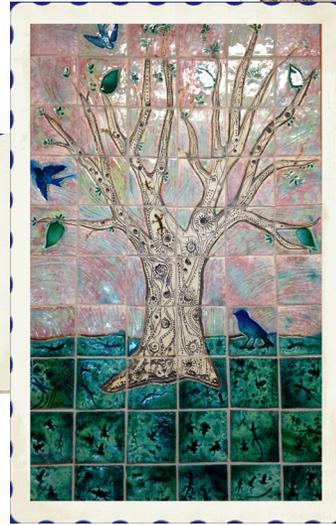
## Annual Review 2016-2017



*"A Tree for All Seasons"*

Kennebunk Elementary School students and staff, the creators of this beautiful tile mural series, dedicate this work to the parents and community members of the Education Foundation of the Kennebunks and Arundel (EFKA), and the Kennebunk Elementary Parent Teacher Association (KEPTA), for their generous, ongoing support for our schools, season after season.

2016 Artist-in-Residence Tile Mural Series  
Symmetry Tile Works



# Celebrating 10 Years and 1 Million Dollars



When Ted Damon retired from his executive position at the Singer Corporation, he didn't just sit back and relax. Instead, he turned his strategic planning from sewing machines to students. With the goal of motivating students with innovative teaching tools, Damon formed the Education Foundation of the Kennebunks and Arundel. Since its inception in 2006, together we have raised over one million dollars!

Your generous support allowed us to fund over \$111,000 in programs in 2016-2017 such as Camp Kieve Leadership School; nationally recognized Lego Robotics teams; the Arts Festival, multiple

musical instruments and programs, as well as professional development for teachers and staff.

We celebrated and honored our founder, Ted Damon, this July at our Spark! event held at Vinegar Hill. Our generous host committee, enthusiastic guests, and engaging guest speakers created a lovely event that honored the dedication and commitment of Ted and the work of the EFKA. Thank you to all of those who have supported our events over the past year!

# 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.

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# Letter From Our President

Dear Friends,

As we move into our second decade, I am pleased to share with you that the EFKA continues to expand its reach to our RSU21 students. Each month, RSU21 teachers come to us with intriguing and exciting grant proposals. These staff members are finding innovative, effective ways to engage with their students through programs both in and out of the classroom. Their commitment to educational excellence and to their students' growth is incredibly inspiring. We were able to fund over \$110,000 in a wide variety of grants this year – our greatest amount ever.

Of course, none of these grants would be possible without the passion of the teaching staff and administration and the generosity of our community. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank those individuals, businesses, and families who have given so generously and to those who have offered their support through donations of their time, expertise, and services.

During the school year, the EFKA also launched a new micro-grant program, creating a streamlined application process for grants under \$750. The new program, which was based on feedback from RSU21 educators, successfully funded seven grant requests, and we expect the program to grow over time. I am pleased that we were able to streamline our process to enable our educators to take advantage of these great opportunities.

Collaboration between the RSU21 staff, EFKA volunteers, our local community members and businesses provide amazing advantages to our students. Together we give our students and teachers the opportunity to try something new, express their creativity, and broaden their imaginations!

Warm Regards,  
Jackie Teguis  
President, 2016-2017



# Grants in Action



The 7th grade class from the Middle School of the Kennebunks attended the Leadership School at Camp Kieve in October. While at Camp Kieve, 7th graders had the opportunity to work on team building, healthy decision making, communications, and other self-development practices.



## Leadership School at Camp Kieve



# Grants in Action



Astronaut Jessica U. Meir



EconoBunk



The Telling Room



Porcupines On Parade



# Grants in Action



3D Printers



*Through the generous support of the Education Foundation, members of Those Wile E. Coyotes were able to participate in a World level event. This experience has broadened their minds and deepened student interest in career pursuits in STEM related fields. EFKA's mission of supporting innovative and creative programs like First LEGO League will surely have a lasting impact on our team members well into the future.*

*Stephen D. Marquis, Ph. D.  
Principal, Sea Road School*

Thank You 🍷

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# Grants in Action



**Julia Robinson Math Festival**



**Artist in Residence**



*Dear EFKA,  
Thank you for allowing us to go  
to the Browne Center. I made  
many new friends. I hope that  
you send future fifth graders to  
the Browne Center.*

*Sincerely,  
Lily Wright*



**Browne Center**

## Join Us!

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!

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