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July 2018

Dear Friends of Merrillville Community Schools,

Merrillville Education Foundation's second WALK-A-THON is coming to Merrillville on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at Merrillville High School! This will be a "one or more" mile walk, and there will be prizes, food, and music. This will be an enjoyable activity for our students and our community and serve as a fundraiser in support of the Merrillville Community Schools. **And, this is where you can help!**

We are asking you to partner with us in this worthwhile endeavor. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for grants to Merrillville schools, providing financial impact and student educational opportunities not available through public education funding alone.

These students and their families live in our community. They are your neighbors, your clients, your customers. By donating to the Merrillville Education Foundation, you are giving back and paying forward. Not only are you investing in our students' education today, but also you are expanding their options for success tomorrow.

Suggested sponsorship opportunities can be found on the following page. Your financial support at whatever level you choose will be greatly appreciated.

We also need gift cards/gift certificates for prizes. Please consider contributing in one or more ways to help our cause. Thank you for joining many others in going the extra mile in support of our students, our schools, and our community.

Sincerely,

The Merrillville Education Foundation

P.S. We encourage you to bring your family and friends and attend this event on October 6th. An entry form can be found online on our website, merrillvilleeducationfoundation.org.

Walk-A-Thon Sponsorship Opportunities

___ **Gold Star Contributor \$1,000 or more**

For your donation you will receive:

- Banner with contributor's logo prominently displayed at event
- Set-up table--option provided to display company materials
- 8 Complimentary Entries with one prize coupon for each entry
- Prominent recognition—company name on T-shirt (given to every qualifying walker)
- 1 year recognition w/logo on Merrillville Education Fdn. Website
- 1 year "link" from MEF website to contributor's website

___ **Silver Star Contributor \$500 to \$999**

For your donation you will receive:

- 6 Complimentary Entries with one prize coupon for each entry
- Smaller recognition on T-shirt (given to every qualifying walker)
- 1 year recognition on Merrillville Education Foundation website
- 1 year "link" from MEF website to contributor's website

___ **Bronze Star Contributor \$250 to \$499**

For your donation you will receive:

- 4 Complimentary Entries with one prize coupon for each entry
- Name listed on T-shirt (given to every qualifying walker)
- 1 year recognition on Merrillville Education Foundation website
- 1 year "link" from MEF website to contributor's website

___ **Purple Star Contributor \$100 to \$249**

For your donation you will receive:

- 2 Complimentary Entries with one prize coupon for each entry
- 1 year recognition on Merrillville Education Foundation website

Contributions must be received by Monday, September 17, 2018, to ensure recognition on your banner or on the T-shirts. Please send your contribution to the Merrillville Education Foundation at the address listed below.

Merrillville Education Foundation
P.O. Box 14475
Merrillville, IN 46411

The Merrillville Education Foundation is a not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Contributions are tax deductible as provided by law.

The Merrillville Education Foundation is committed to being the primary philanthropic organization that funds innovative educational grants to teachers in the Merrillville Schools in order to provide opportunities that enhance student learning and achievement, promote social and emotional development of our students, and contribute to a strong community through a belief that education is key.

Since its inception in 2002, the Merrillville Education Foundation has funded over 260 teacher grants totaling over \$330,000 and impacting more than 80,000 students in the Merrillville schools from kindergarten through high school. The grants, selected by the Foundation Board of Directors, are chosen based on their innovative approach and their educational contribution.

Want to stay informed about the Merrillville Education Foundation? Go to our website at merrillvilleeducationfoundation.org. Send us your e-mail by going to the "Contact" section or send it to hoffman12411@comcast.net. We will add you to our list to receive newsletters, updates, and other important information about the MEF!

Here is a list of the awarded grants from the 2017-18 school year. We are proud to support these innovative and creative projects. Please visit our website at merrillvilleeducationfoundation.org for a full description of these great projects that will benefit many students from Grades K-12.

Merrillville Grant Awardees for Round 31 - Fall 2017

MHS

Waters/Sterling	Lab Physics Equipment – Gr. 11-12
Chas Seligman	Robotics Team – Gr. 9-12
Carol VonBehren	Inclusion Dance for Special Needs Students – Gr. 9-12

Fieler

Kathy Machura	Early Bird Books – Gr. K
Debbie Czazasty	“Great Egg-spectations” – Egg hatching experiments - Grade 3

Pierce

James Simon	Math/Science Materials – Gr. 7-8
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Wood

Barb Timmerman	Drumming for Development – Music - Gr. K-4
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Kristina Shultz	Flexible Seating - Grade 4
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Iddings

Teri Crussen	One Book for All – Gr. K-4
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Central Office

Mandy Davis	Students Doing Science - Gr. K-6 Merrillville students
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Media Services

Janelle Bowen	Reading is a Real Treasure - Gr. K-6 Merrillville students
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MIS

Kara Bonin	Peace Corners – Grades 5-6
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MIS/MHS

Rosenthal/Hughes	Cello Acquisition – Grades 7-12
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Total amount awarded \$8597.82

Merrillville Grant Awardees for Round 32 - Spring 2018

MHS

Janet Anderson	Cameras – Photography Classes – Gr. 10-12
Monica DaCostaGomez	Lab materials/headphones -World Languages – Gr. 9-12
Chas Seligman	Telephones/materials - Robotics Team – Gr. 9-12

Fieler

Kristina Buikema	Digital National Geographic Materials – Gr. K-4
Jennifer Wittrup	Train Your Brain Materials – Gr. K-4

Iddings

Jennifer Pozdzal	Math Makeover Materials – Gr. K-4
Monique Smith	Inquiry Math Materials – Gr. K

MIS

Kara Bonin	Great Kindness Challenge Materials – Gr. 5-6
Kara Bonin	Family Engineering Nights Materials – Gr. 5-6

Total amount awarded - \$6,484.38