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July 2019

Dear Friends of Merrillville Community Schools,

Merrillville Education Foundation's third annual WALK-A-THON is coming to Merrillville on **Saturday, October 12, 2019**, 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 12th. 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 Friday, September 27, 2019, 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

Please call Mary Hoffman, MEF Executive Director, at 219-730-1215, should you have any questions. You can also e-mail her at: hoffman12411@comcast.net.

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 410 teacher grants totaling over \$354,000 and impacting more than 90,000 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. 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 2018-19 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 33 - Fall 2018

MHS

Carol VonBehren	Inclusion Dance for Special Needs Students – Gr. 9-12
Patti Tubbs	Plant, Eat, Study, Grow!
Zella Garron	African American History and the College Experience

Fieler

Kathy Machura	Guided Math Manipulatives
Nicole Olson	Hands-On Math

Pierce

Lauren Morando	Reaching All Students Through Audio
Christine Wheeler	Enriching a Student's Experience Through the Use of Chroma Key Technology

Iddings/Salk

Jenifer Pozdzał	Preparing to Tackle iLearn Math with Success
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Iddings

Terri Crussen	Sensory/Calming Strategies
Sandra Collins	Wiggling, Wobbling Bristlebot Robotics
Dave Demmon	Simple Machines Are Not That Simple

Media Services

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

Danielle Kowalewicz	Breakout EDU
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Total amount awarded - \$6461.77

Merrillville Grant Awardees for Round 34 - Spring 2019

MHS

Chas Seligman	Robotics Team Storage Cabinet– Gr. 9-12
Cheryl Austin	Literacy Proficiency: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Iddings

Jennifer Pozdzał	Engaging 21 st Century Learners
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Miller

Jennifer Griffin	From Carton to Garden
Heather Barsich	Raise the Score in Reading

Merrillville Intermediate

Hofstra/Harley	Coffee Cart
Zella Garron	Manipulatives in the Math Classroom

Pierce

Morando/Walker	Simulating the Industrial Revolution with Tinker Toys
Jennifer Markovich	From Consumers to Creators
Kimberly Hurysz	Impairment Goggles

Wood/Salk

Barb Timmerman	Movers and Shakers – Steady Beatmakers
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Total amount awarded - \$6,772.94