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July 2021

Dear Friends of Merrillville Community Schools,

Merrillville Education Foundation's 4th annual WALK-A-THON is coming to Merrillville on **Saturday, October 9, 2021**, at the Merrillville High School Field House! 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. Last year, many of you supported us even though we could not have an in-person Walk-A-Thon due to the pandemic. **This year we are back and hope to make the event better than ever!** 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

Name _____

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 24, 2021, 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 443 teacher grants totaling close to \$382,000 and impacting more than 121,000 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 last two rounds. 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 36 - Spring 2020

MHS

Chas Seligman	Robotics Team – Gr. 9-12	\$1000.00
Janelle Bowen	Little Free Libraries	\$1158.41

Merrillville Intermediate

Nicole Perez	Out in the Garden	\$483.64
Joy Kent	Qball in the Classroom	\$407.98
Harmony Hofstra	Coffee Cart	\$150.00

Miller

Heather Barsich	Raise the Score in Reading	\$700.43
Toni Blaszczyk	Classroom Amygdala Stations	\$ 600.00

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Kevin Kerr	Classkick Pro Renewal	\$999.00
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Wood/Miller

Morgan Vlassopoulos	DynaMath for DynaPirates	\$943.65
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Wood

Morgan Vlassopoulos	Flocabulary Fun	\$1500.00
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Total amount awarded - \$7,943.11

Merrillville Fall Grant 2020 -

Donation of **\$6000** to the Merrillville Community School Corporation for T-Mobile Hotspots for virtual learning. Families/students who could not afford internet services during the COVID-19 pandemic were able to continue their education with these hotspots.

Merrillville Grant Awardees for Round 37 - Spring 2021

MHS

Carol von Behren	Inclusion Dance for Special Needs Students Gr. 9-12	\$500.00
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Merrillville Intermediate

Joy Kent/Angela Wells	Making Visions and Designs into Realities	\$309.99
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Michelle Curry	Zone Regulations (SEL – Social Emotional Learning)	\$700.00
Debbie Czazasty	Mountain Language and Mountain Math Sets	\$671.65

Miller

Jennifer Griffin	I See “Me” When I Read	\$315.45
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Wood/Miller

Morgan Vlassopoulos	Dynamic DynaMath	\$691.90
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Wood

Stacey Anderson	SEL is Essential	\$717.00
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Total amount awarded - \$3,905.99