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July 2022

Dear Friends of Merrillville Community Schools,

Merrillville Education Foundation's **5th Annual WALK-A-THON** is coming to Merrillville on **Saturday, October 8, 2022**, at the Merrillville High School Soccer/Track Area East of the Stadium. 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. We also need gift cards/gift certificates for prizes. Contributions must be received by Tuesday, September 20, 2022, to ensure recognition on our banner and/or on the T-shirts.**

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 8th. An entry form can be found online on our website, [merrillvilleeducationfoundation.org](http://merrillvilleeducationfoundation.org).

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
- 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:*

- 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:*

- 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:*

- 1 year recognition on Merrillville Education Foundation website

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**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://merrillvilleeducationfoundation.org) for a full description of these great projects that will benefit many students from Grades K-12.

### **Merrillville Grant Awardees for Round 38 - Fall 2021**

#### **MHS**

|                  |  |           |
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| Melinda Reinhart | State of the Arts: Together We Perform | \$1500.00 |
| Eric Curosh      | Learning Mathematics Visually          | \$2899.70 |

#### **Merrillville Intermediate**

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| Choi, Cervantes, Wells, Kent | STEM Kits - Creativity is the Power to Connect<br>The Seemingly Unconnected | \$465.35 |
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#### **MHS, MIS, Pierce**

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| Bethany Borgo | Merrillville String Orchestras Cello Replacement Project | \$665.00 |
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#### **Fieler**

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| Michelle Frey | Kindergarten Alphabet Learning | \$574.49 |
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#### **Iddings**

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| Nicole Dominguez | Treasure Chest Sensory Path | \$431.25 |
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#### **Wood**

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| Stacie Anderson | Kinesthetic Phonics for Kindergarten | \$263.70 |
| Amber Welsh     | SEL Literacy                         | \$492.87 |

**Total amount awarded - \$7,292.36**

### **Merrillville Grant Awardees for Round 39 - Spring 2022**

#### **Merrillville Intermediate**

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| Dawn Wojkovich | Math Facts Are Essential for Success | \$363.60 |
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#### **Fieler**

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| Michelle Frey | Kindergarten Story Retelling and Enactment | \$526.64 |
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#### **Miller**

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| Nancy Fleming/K Teachers | Get the Wiggles Out | \$369.26 |
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#### **Salk**

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| Ladd Downham | Drum Fit | \$1000.00 |
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#### **Wood**

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| Morgan Vlassopoulos | Recess is FUNdamental! | \$1500.00 |
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**Total amount awarded - \$3,759.50**



**CHECK US OUT ON OUR WEBSITE --[merrillvilleeducationfoundation.org](http://merrillvilleeducationfoundation.org)**