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July 2023

Dear Friends of Merrillville Community Schools,

Merrillville Education Foundation's **6th Annual WALK-A-THON** is coming to Merrillville on **Saturday, October 7, 2023**, 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 Wednesday, September 20, 2023, to ensure recognition on our banner and/or on the T-shirts.

Please consider contributing in one or more ways, and 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 7th. Check our website, merrillvilleeducationfoundation.org, for more information.

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: mchoffma@mvsc.k12.in.us.**

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 471 teacher grants totaling over \$403,000 and impacting more than 128,000 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 40 - Fall 2022

Round 40				
12/12/2022				
	Teacher/Administrator	School	Name of Grant	Award
1	Nick Petralia, Tammy Rassbach	Salk	Creating A Sensory Room at Salk School	\$500.00
2	Deborah Czazasty	Fieler	Wiggle Into Focus	\$350.00
3	Dawn Anthony, Fieler SEBW Committee	Fieler	Amygdala Areas	\$1,000.00
4	Dawn Kazmierski, Kim Chagoya	Miller	Indoor Recess Equipment	\$500.00
5	Lauren Morando, Pierce 8th Grade Team	Pierce	Turning the Classroom Into An "Eggciting" Gameshow	\$199.98
6	Melinda Reinhart	MHS	THE ARTS: Rebuilding After the Pandemic	\$1,500
7	Shannon Rosinski	Iddings	Ssshhh . . . It's A Secret!	\$599.50
8	Kristina Shultz	Salk	Actively Learning While Active	\$500.00
9	Monique Warren	Iddings	But FIRST We READ!	\$250.00
			Total Award Money	\$5,399.48

Merrillville Grant Awardees for Round 41 - Spring 2023

Round 41				
5/15/2023				
	Teacher/Administrator	School	Name of Grant	Award
1	Monica DaCostaGomez	MHS	Clear and Concise Audio for Increased Spanish Proficiency	\$651.53
2	Amy Hinkel	Fieler	Mountain Language and Mountain Math Sets	\$1,919.20
3	Jacqueline Hoots	Fieler	Rocket Math On-line	\$300.00
4	Joseph Hussey	MHS	Robotics Team Control Hub and Driver Hub Purchase	\$695.00
5	Nicholas Petralia	Salk	Educating the Whole Child	\$350.00
6	Morgan Vlassopoulos and John Wood Staff	Wood	Morgan Vlassopoulos and John Wood Staff	\$650
			Total Award Money	\$4,565.73

CHECK US OUT ON OUR WEBSITE

merrillvilleeducationfoundation.org