



Newsletter – Winter 2011

Who are we?

The Nahant Education Foundation is made up of a group of individuals dedicated to supporting the efforts of the Johnson School to enhance and improve our children’s education. It was formed to raise funds for the enrichment and benefit of OUR children.

How does NEF support the Johnson School?

By providing resources to support the Johnson School Five-Year Strategic Plan that will bring new and innovative programs to our school and children.

NEF Supports...

the needs of the teachers to assist in meeting goals set out in the school’s [Strategic Plan](#). These materials and programs will serve to increase comprehension, encourage inquiry and boost creativity. These curriculum enhancements will also move us closer to the goal of 100% of our students scoring proficient or advanced on MCAS tests.

Plan for 2011-2012:

Math - Continue to support the new “Everyday Math Program” which is being gradually phased-in at all grade levels to strengthen problem solving skills, abstract thinking, and collaboration among peers.

Science – Support a more cohesive and sequential plan for science instruction by funding needed science materials.

English Language Arts – The school has been working with the “Alliance for Teaching and Learning” to achieve a model for Balanced Literacy. NEF will continue to provide financial support for this initiative.

NEF Grants to Date

From 2008-2010: Total \$63,482

See reverse for details!

2011-2012 School Year Anticipated Grant Requests*

Math: “Everyday Math Program”

Professional Development	\$1500
On-line eSuite Deluxe Pack	\$4320
Games Kits for Grades 1-3	\$ 657
Manipulatives for Grades 1-3	\$1920

Science: Hands On Education

Add more resource kits to the science program.	
Comparing & Measuring - Grade 2	\$ 569
Rocks & Minerals - Grade 3	\$1160
Land & Water - Grade 4	\$ 980

English Language Arts:

“Alliance for Teaching and Learning”

Continue balanced literacy model	
Professional Development	\$6000

* *Funds Still Needed*

SAVE THE DATE

NEF Comedy Night

Friday, May 13

7:00 pm

Nahant Country Club

How will your child benefit?

Your child

Will have access and exposure to current technologies and learning programs that are designed to assist with increasing MCAS scores.

Your child

Will be given tools that are designed to increase comprehension, encourage creativity and inquiry, and develop higher order thinking skills.

Your child’s teacher

Will be provided additional training and classroom materials designed to enhance your child’s learning experience.

Your child

Will be exposed to enrichment programs that will increase creativity.

MCAS Results in 2010:

Dramatic Improvement & Historically High Scores

Q: *How did it happen?*

A: *Through the efforts* of the Johnson School teachers, administration and students, and their focus on the core skills required for successful testing. Enabled by an enhanced curriculum, better resources, and a commitment to professional development for the teachers, supported by grant funding provided by NEF and the Johnson School PTO.



Happenings

Fundraising Committees

Foundation meetings

May 13 Fundraiser

What has NEF accomplished?

NEF has raised over **\$75,000** solely to benefit *all* students enrolled at the Johnson School.



NEF Grants to Date

2008-2010: Total \$63,482

2008 Granted \$27,100

- 20 new computers
- Software
- Smartboard

2009 Granted \$20,333

- Eno Board
- Responsive Classroom
- Math Investigations- Kindergarten
- Marine Aquarium for Grades 5 & 6
- Library Science & Biography books
- Science programs & materials
- ELA programs for Grades 3 & 6
- Tufts Reading Program for Grade 1
- Preschool Literature/Handwriting/Vocabulary
- After-school Enrichment programs
- Study Island Computer Program, Grades K-6

2010 Granted \$16,049

- Study Island Computer Program, Grades 2-6
- Eno Board
- Art – Instruction program/packets
- Preschool – Responsive Classroom, literacy
- Reading/ELA for grades 1-6 (\$1000 each)
- Everyday Math – Teacher resource kits
- SPED Software program - graphic & language
- Science Kits for Grade 3 & 4

*Think About It:
How can you help?*

- Attend fundraising events
- Join a fundraising sub-committee
- Attend Foundation meetings
- Provide creative ideas for enrichment programs
- Make a Donation, we are a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt foundation

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