

Wayland Public Schools Foundation Provides Opportunities for All School Children  
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In a time when there is no end to the number of worthy charities and causes requiring our attention, the Wayland Public Schools Foundation continues its efforts to provide meaningful enrichment opportunities for all Wayland Public School students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

As the Foundation kicks off its annual capital campaign, teachers are submitting proposals filled with creative and innovative educational programs not covered by the regular school budget. The number of projects that will be funded is directly proportional to the amount of money the Foundation is able to raise.

The effect of Wayland Public School Foundation grants is profound. According to Charlie Ruopp, Principal of Wayland H.S., "Every aspect of the educational life at the high school is significantly strengthened by the existence of the Wayland Public Schools Foundation. From the use of new technologies in science classes to the rhythms of a poet in residence, the grants given by the Foundation enable our learning community to supplement curriculum with outstanding opportunities and experiences for all of our students. Without a doubt, contributions to the Foundation enhance student learning, curricular offerings and quality instruction, while at the same time increasing staff morale in a time of budget constraints."

Charlie Schlegel, Wayland Middle School principal adds, "Behind nearly every innovation at work in our schools today is a Wayland Public Schools Foundation Grant. It is through the generosity of our community and specifically the funds the WPSF provides our teachers that we are able to provide our students with the top notch education they deserve."

The Wayland Public Schools Foundation, a resource for all residents of Wayland, is staffed by parent volunteers from every neighborhood in town. Means of fundraising include an annual letter of appeal, the elementary school spelling bee, a community barn party in the spring and recognition of teachers through the WPSF Teacher Appreciation Program. All funds collected go toward the education of Wayland students. Of approximately 2000 households with children in the Wayland Public Schools, the Foundation received contributions from 307 homes in 2004-05. This year the Foundation hopes to reach more families through better public relations by alerting families to the ways the Foundation truly benefits our community. The Foundation urges every Wayland family to contribute. Any contribution is welcome, large or small.