

## SPRING GRANTS AWARDED

Foundation 51 has awarded over \$500,000 in grants that enhance the education of students in MSAD 51. Thank you for supporting our schools. Your support has helped bring so many great ideas to life. We would like to share just a few of the recent grants funded this spring. These grants reach across all grades and touch students and teachers in every school.

- Parent University | Community Wide | \$1000
- Robotics Club | Greely High School | \$2000
- Etude Anthology | Greely Middle School & Greely High School Band | \$2600
- STEM Makerspace | Mabel I. Wilson School | \$420
- 'Screenagers' film screening | Community Wide | \$650

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BEE WRAP UP



Foundation 51 held its annual *Community Adult Spelling Bee* on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Teams of community members, parents, and teachers assembled to try their hands at spelling words such as “corollary,” “evanescent,” “camaraderie,” and many more. As the number of teams was whittled down, the words became more challenging. With this year’s new “By Back In” pass, teams were able to donate a small fee and remain in the competition after misspelling a word, which kept the Bee all abuzz!

When the final word was called and judged, a winner was crowned. The team consisting of Jen Tyll, Michelle Zimmerman, and Kevin O’Sullivan, reigned champion of the Bee!

Thank you to all who attended and supported Foundation 51 at this event. We hope to see you all again next spring!

We are grateful for our generous sponsors, donors, and attendees who made this special night such a success. The funds raised at this event allow us to continue our mission to enrich the educational experience of students in our community.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2, 2016

Filming of *Screenagers* – 6:30pm – Greely Middle School Auditorium

October 8, 2016

Fall Grant Application Deadline

October, 2016 (TBD)

Annual Fall Fling

## FAREWELL & THANK YOU

We would like to sincerely thank the following departing Board members; all of whom have given Foundation 51 their dedicated time and support over the past several years: **Jerome Gamache**, Grants Committee 2013-2016, **Adam Moody**, Finance Committee 2013-2016, **Anne Robbins**, President of the Board, Chair Fundraising and Events Committee 2009-2016, and **Lani Toscano**, Fundraising and Events Committee 2012-2016.

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## GRANT SPOTLIGHT

### Parent University

Parent University brings parents together in our community to learn from experts and each other about key topics relevant to raising and educating kids in today's world. The Greely PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization) has run a similar parent educational lecture series in the past. This fall, both the PTO and Foundation 51 had an interest in planning a parent lecture series, thus the collaboration was formed. Foundation 51 awarded a grant to support Parent University during the Fall grant cycle.



Parent University has been a successful partnership among PTO, Foundation 51, and school administrators. Each informational session has provided a forum that has attracted, not only parents, but teachers, administrators, and other members of the community to come together and learn about topics to help students succeed in and out of the classroom. These lectures have been thoughtful in connecting parents with local community experts and resources.

There was remarkable community participation in the inaugural year. A total of six sessions were held. "It was truly a collaborative effort. Sessions attracted anywhere from 15-65 attendees and we were delighted that hundreds of parents in our community were able to benefit from the program. Parents were relieved to learn that they have similar concerns and anxieties as other parents and that together we can find solutions and share useful ideas. We are excited as we plan for another year of valuable discussions within our community," says Laura Singer, Greely PTO Board Member.

Some of the sessions held this year were: Prevention of Teenage Substance Use & Abuse, An Intro to Digital Citizenship, Raising Healthy Eaters, Building True Strength, Parenting Anxious Kids, and Hardy Girls Healthy Women. Feedback from the community surveys and post event feedback forms are utilized to gather information on what topics are of interest and used for planning future educational sessions.

Stay tuned for more FREE and informative sessions this fall! Foundation 51 has helped support this program for the 2016-2017 school year in our Spring grant cycle.

## WELCOME

As we say goodbye to some stellar Board members we are excited about the year to come and happy to announce several new members to the Foundation 51 Board. We welcome: **Carrie Cianchette** of Cumberland, **Ted Danforth** of North Yarmouth, **Sally DelGreco** of North Yarmouth, **Kim Finch** of Cumberland, **Rob Larson** of Cumberland, **Erin McAllister** of Cumberland, and **Mike Williams** of Cumberland. We also welcome new Grants Committee members: **Paul Dexter**, **Hillary Doane** and **Tammie Turner**.

## THANK YOU & JOIN US

Thanks to our generous community, Foundation 51 has continued the tradition of providing an additional source of funding to enhance the quality of education in our schools with some new and innovative programs and initiatives.

If you would like to learn more about Foundation 51, get involved, or make a tax deductible donation, please visit our web page ([www.foundation51.org](http://www.foundation51.org)) and make a secure donation through Greater Giving, or simply fill out the form below and mail it with your check to payable to Foundation 51 and mail to PO Box 545, Cumberland, ME 04021.



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