



Benefiting all Bethel Schools

September 2011

Dear Bethel Parents, Teachers, Friends, and Neighbors:

As you know, the last few years have been challenging for funding our school budgets. The Board of Education has done the best they can to maintain an excellent school system. Yet, there are still gaps in the budget for funding unique projects and programs. The mission of the Bethel Education Foundation is to *promote innovation, creativity, and excellence in learning* for our children and the community. Since 2004, we have raised capital to fund programs for our students and the community that are not provided for through taxpayer money. Our monies have come primarily from the annual Barnum Ball (to be held Saturday, March 24, 2012), plus the Summer Kickoff Picnic (the last day of school) and individual donations.

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Consider the projects we have awarded grants to during 2010-2011:

- *Trout in the Classroom project (Mrs. Drake, RS)*
- *Tools for Fine Motor Development Initiative (Mrs. Sprock & Ms. Hebert, RS)*
- *ELMO: The Share Everything Experience (Mr. McLeod & Mr. Liberati, RS)*
- *The Sound of Music: Projector and installation in cafeteria (Mr. Arcano & Mrs. Bomberger, RS)*
- *A is for App: Piloting iPads in the Elementary Grades (Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Ragan, Mrs. Torpey, BS, RS, JS)*
- *iPod Touch Systems (Mrs. Robinson, BS)*
- *Portable Sound System (Ms. Neville, BHS)*
- *iPads for BHS Digital English Class - partial grant (Ms. Eisenman & Mr. Lawlor BHS)*
- *Portrait Painting Seminar (Ms. Bogart, BHS)*
- *Wired for Sound: 4-headset, wired intercom system (Ms. Feuerman, BHS & BMS)*
- *iPads for BMS Tech Champion Teachers (Dr. Kevin Smith, BMS)*
- *Creative Clicks: Digital Cameras and Memory Cards (Ms. Torpey, JS)*
- *Video Equipment for Desktop Documentary "Bethel, Barnum & Beyond" (St. Mary School)*
- *Computer Access: Mac and PC (Hilda DeLucia, Bethel Pro Access)*

However, we still need your help. There are new grant requests that will be coming in from teachers within the entire Bethel school system this year. So please consider making a donation to the Annual Fund *before December 31st* to our non-profit organization which will go towards these innovative and creative projects for our schools. Remember, every dollar counts!

Thank you,

Gladys Gonzalez
Co-Chair, BEF

Joseph Vitarelli
Co-Chair, BEF

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I would like to contribute to Bethel Education Foundation's 2011 Annual Fund Campaign.

Name(s): _____ Address: _____

Donor names will be published in the BEF website, facebook page, newsletters, and Barnum Ball program. Please keep my name anonymous.

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Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution, made payable to **Bethel Education Foundation** to be a member of:

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Donations by credit card may also be made online using our secure server at www.betheledfoundation.org

My company has a matching gift program Employer's matching gift form enclosed. Company name _____

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Mail to: Bethel Education Foundation, PO Box 92, Bethel, CT 06801 (or drop off at the main office of your child's school)