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Letter from the President

Well into the 21st century now, are we sure we are preparing the thinkers, doers, and leaders of tomorrow? If we are concerned about the challenges facing our nation, do we have a plan for making a positive difference? Although the mission of the NEF is “generating financial resources to enhance the quality of education in the Newburyport Public Schools,” what we are really about is being a vehicle for your action. You can make a difference *today* that will change a child’s attitude about learning—and about the role he or she can play in our world.

This annual report is a celebration of your action and the impact you have had on the children of our community. In these pages, you will read about the contributions that alumni, parents, community members, businesses, and grant-making organizations have made to students’ classrooms today. On behalf of our Board of Directors, I express our sincere appreciation to you, the generous donors who have moved us toward our Campaign 2008–2010 goals—quite an accomplishment in these difficult economic times! We aren’t there yet, but I hope you will be inspired by the progress you have made possible.

As we continue to grow as an organization, I would be remiss if I did not call your attention to the tremendous contribution that our volunteers and board members (also volunteers) make to our mission. All of our fundraising efforts are spearheaded by your neighbors and colleagues, and what a force they are! We are a vehicle for their action—and we hope to continue to be the vehicle for yours, too.

Please peruse these pages to see our new Class Agents, who won the Ed Award, who named a room at the High School, and whom you’ve remembered through your gifts. And revel in what you have done to prepare tomorrow’s thinkers, doers, and leaders.

Sincerely



Mark Wright
President

Our Mission

To bring philanthropy into the Newburyport Public Schools—generating financial resources to enhance the quality of public education throughout the school system.

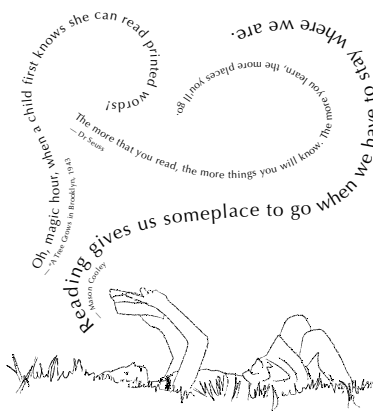
Accomplishments

In 2008, the NEF launched a new three-year campaign. Since then, significant progress has been made in all three key areas of Campaign 2008-2010. For a more detailed description of how these projects will enhance our schools, please visit us at www.NewburyportEF.org or contact us at info@NewburyportEF.org.

Literacy

Literacy Closets (actually rooms) hold the books that support the schools' contemporary and comprehensive approach to literacy. Through June, 2009, the NEF has donated \$100,000 to purchase a wide variety of books and materials that K-8 students are reading and talking about.

EBSCO Databases Literacy was also boosted this year through EBSCO Publishing's generous donation of several databases of primary sources. Students and teachers—as well as community members through the public library—can use these online databases for research and enrichment, exploring hundreds of publications beyond the reach of our libraries.



Virtual High School

In the Spring of 2009, students at the high school enrolled in a wide variety of courses that are difficult for a small school to offer—by taking them online. From Nuclear Physics to Music Composition, the program has something for everyone. With your help, the NEF will support this exciting program through 2011.

Aileen Maconi

Visual Arts Teacher, Newburyport High School

“Through the efforts of the NEF and the contributions of its donors, Newburyport High School is now able to give students a real-world experience as they work with the current industry standards in digital media, from design software to professional camera equipment. Even better, students are learning a lifelong skill that is highly marketable in today’s 21st century economy.”

Visit us at www.NewburyportEF.org to learn more about Campaign 2008–2010.

Technology Upgrade and Renewal

The NEF continues our quest to enable regular replacement and upgrade of technology resources, and to expand the school system's technology resources.

Visual Literacy The NEF is updating graphics software and digital and film photography equipment to support the high school's fastest growing elective, and to give NHS students practice with today's visual communication tools.

Assessment Technologies: Math and Science "Clickers" are hand-held devices that allow teachers to get immediate feedback about student progress, so lessons can be tailored to student strengths and weaknesses—and students think they are fun! Pilot programs using "clickers" that began in 2008 at several grade levels have been so successful that pilots beyond math and science are being funded in the 2009–2010 school year.

Technology for Science: Laptops Aged laptops in the high school's shared science labs were replaced with networked systems to enable the continued use of state-of-the-art software applications, and to allow more students to use the computers.

Ed Award



The "Ed Award" for excellence in education is given annually to recognize individuals or organizations in the community whose leadership and support have raised the level of excellence in the Newburyport Public Schools. Nominations from the public are welcome for this annual award.

Ed Award Recipients

Penny Lazarus (2009)

Newburyport High School Alumni Association (2008)

George Cashman and all School Volunteers (2007)

Trustees of the Institution for Savings (2006)

Michel Strem and Robert McLellan (2005)

Edward G. Molin (2004)

*Making a difference for tomorrow's leaders
— one school at a time.*

Class Agents

The NEF connects to Alumni classes through our Class Agents. We are grateful to our current group of agents, who assist with our Alumni Appeal, help plan reunion tours of the High School, and share information with classmates through the Web. If your year is not listed below and you would like to be the Class Agent, please contact John Elwell at (978) 462-8749 or jelwell@newburyportef.org. You can reach your Class Agent via e-mail at AgentName@NewburyportEF.org (e.g., CarlBeal@NewburyportEF.org).

<i>Year</i>	<i>Class Agent(s)</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Class Agent(s)</i>
1943	Olga MacFarlane & Dorothy Phillips	1976	MaryEllen Hoiseth
1945	James Zafris	1977	Chris Sullivan
1953	Carl Beal	1979	Kristina Davis
1954	Joan Reilly	1980	Teresa Short
1957	Edward J. Brennan	1981	Heidi O'Grady
1958	Peter DeMaranville	1982	Janis Cahill
1959	Mary Fordham	1983	Jed & Lauren Petty
1960	Ben McPhail	1984	Tara Mahon McQuaid
1961	Carlie Lewis	1985	Debra Lay
1962	Steve DeMerritt	1986	Hillary Mirageas
1963	Kathy (Mason) Hordon	1987	Morgan Stebbins
1964	Ann Carey	1988	Wendy Crofts
1965	Steve Fram	1989	Julie Marshal Williams
1966	Sue Christ	1990	Jill Archie
1967	Jim Reid	1995	Mark Littlefield
1969	Charles Cullen	1996	Jaime Stone
1970	Lynne Walker	1997	Amy Barnes Haas
1975	Carol Snow	1998	Tracey Jackson
		1999	Betsy Suda & Jennifer Parker

Carl Beal

President, Class of 1953 and NEF Class Agent

“The class of 1953 is a proud supporter of the NEF. Working together, the class of 1953 and the NEF have shown what alumni can do to make a difference in the schools and community. Through the NEF’s “Make your Mark” program, the class of ‘53 donated funds to have the right to name the NHS library circulation desk in honor of its popular 1953 librarian, Virginia Bilmazes Bernard. This is a good example of what alumni classes can do to help improve the local schools, and proof that it is never too late to get involved.”

Memorial Gifts

Memorial donations to the Newburyport Education Foundation are a meaningful way to acknowledge a loved one with a gift that invests in our future.

Gifts have been given in loving memory of:

V. Marie Crawshaw

Doris Derrico (NHS '56)

Elizabeth Burke Finneran (NHS '43)

Francine Finneran (NHS '67)

June Murphy Green (NHS '43)

Patricia Hodson (NHS '67)

Henrietta Driver Larson (NHS '45)

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Doris Derrico



Joyce Zafris

Planned Giving

The Newburyport Education Foundation invites you to help shape its future through Planned Giving. Planned Giving allows you to give a charitable donation to the NEF by making a bequest through your will.

Planned Giving is a gift that requires consideration and planning, but it is our hope that, after first providing for the needs of your loved ones, you will consider giving a specific amount or percent of your estate to benefit the Newburyport Education Foundation. Effective estate planning can reduce or eliminate estate and gift taxes while allowing you to provide for the people and organizations that have been important in your life.

Your legacy, or bequest, will support the NEF's mission: to bring philanthropy into the Newburyport Public Schools and generate financial resources that will enhance the quality of public education throughout the school system.



We gratefully remember Bright (Johnson) Wilson (NHS '31), whose generous bequest enabled the NEF to start a fund that will generate resources for the Newburyport Public Schools into the future.

For more information, visit www.NewburyportEF.org/waystogive.htm, e-mail info@NewburyportEF.org, or call (978) 463-7893.

Naming Opportunities

Make Your Mark Donors to the NEF can name a room at Newburyport High School to create a lasting tribute or memorial. The *Make Your Mark* campaign prominently displays a handsome plaque outside the classroom, office, or other area with the honoree's name. Naming opportunities range in price from \$3,000 to \$100,000.

Rooms have been named in honor of:

Class of 1953, Virginia Bilmazes Bernard (Library Circulation Desk)
Institution for Savings (Gymnasium)
Chester W. Hawrylcw, City Councilor (Photography Lab)
Edward G. Molin (Band Room)
Class of 1938 (Main Lobby)
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Save Your Seat You can make your mark with a permanent plaque by naming a seat in the renovated High School auditorium with a donation of \$100 to \$300.

Seats have been named in honor of:

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Kevin Jude MacDonald, Class of 1975
NHS Class of 2005 from the
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*The Newburyport High School Class of 1942
will be remembered whenever students visit the
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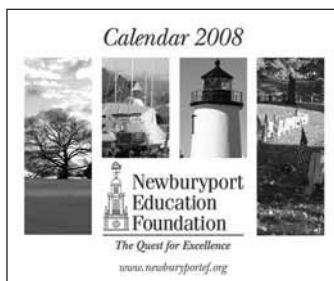
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Richie Eaton, President
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“The NEF has done an outstanding job in providing assistance to the Newburyport School system. I enjoyed serving on the NEF board in the first few years of its existence. The staff and board members are very dedicated to assisting the education process in Newburyport and all of us at the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank are pleased to support their efforts. Keep up the good work.”

Teacher Tributes

Through this program, parents and students who wish to thank teachers are able to make a donation to the NEF in their honor. The program is advertised to parents at gift-giving times and has been enthusiastically received by NPS teachers.

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Aileen Maconi
Jill Mailloux
William McGowan
John McHugh
Matt Moscardini
Kellie Nieves*

*Nonie Olson
Kathleen (Riley) Petrie
Neil Reardon
John Reynolds
Kim Salathe
Kristin Soucy
Jay Spadano
Thom Stolar
Jaimie Stone
Kathleen Strutt
Susan Westgate
Eileen Whitney
6 Gold Teaching Team
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Financial Information – Audited

Year Ended Dec 31, 2008

Revenues and Public Support

Donations	\$ 67,636
In Kind Donations	200,000
Auction	37,210
Spelling Bee	29,846
Literacy Night	20,459
Teacher Tributes	4,910
Naming Opportunities	4,776
Alumni Appeal	4,170
Advertising/Sponsorships	1,200
Unrealized loss on investments	(86,706)
Dividend and Interest Income	11,424
<i>Total Revenues and Public Support</i>	<i>\$ 294,925</i>

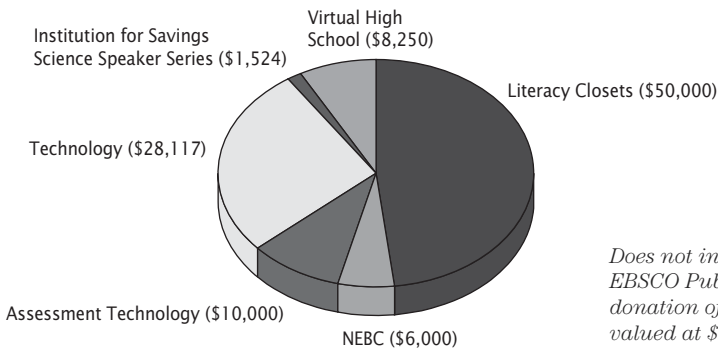


Expenses

Program Services	\$ 303,891
Fundraising	11,277
Administration	30,928
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 346,096</i>

Unrestricted Net Assets	466,932
Restricted Net Assets	98,185
<i>Net Assets at 12/31/08</i>	<i>\$565,117</i>

2008 Allocations by Campaign Area



Does not include EBSCO Publishing's donation of databases valued at \$200,000.



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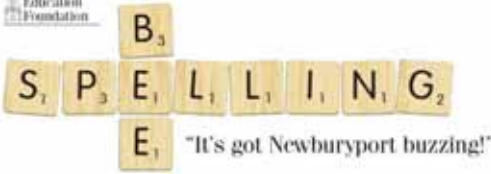
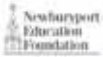
Annual Meeting and 2009
Ed Award Presentation
October 15, 2009



2009 Lighthouse Auction
November 14, 2009



Das Pintos Concert
December 12, 2009



NEF Spelling Bee
April, 2010



NEF Open
September, 2010

Deirdre Farrell
Superintendent, Newburyport Public Schools

"The NEF is invaluable to our school community. Over the past few years, they have provided us state-of-the-art science labs at the middle school, literacy closets in K-8 which align with our literacy initiative, Virtual High School, and most recently a cutting-edge music lab at the middle school. The enhancements that the NEF provides are vital to educating students today. The Newburyport Public Schools are grateful for the NEF and recognize their efforts as second to none."