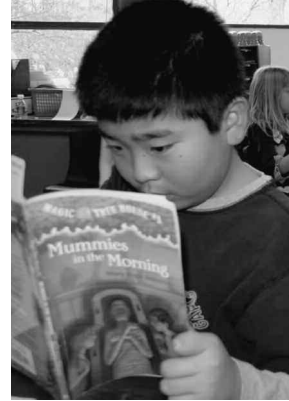




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*"The NEF has gone beyond its mission of generating financial resources to enhance the quality of education. It has catalyzed the kind of change needed to make the Newburyport Public Schools exemplary. The schools are grateful to parents, community members, businesses, alumni, and grant-making organizations for their generous contributions to the NEF."*

# Letter from the President

We are in this race to the top together. Have we made progress over the last year? Yes! With your help, we have made a significant difference in the Newburyport Public Schools. In the second year of our campaign, we met our three-year fundraising goal for literacy (\$100,000) and have applied over \$100,000 to renewing or creating technology-related assets such as science computers at NHS, the visual literacy lab, classroom assessment “clickers,” and the new music lab at the middle school.


But there is more to do. The last leg of Campaign 2008–2010 is focused on “transforming the classroom” as we strive to raise \$100,000 to improve classroom technology. The impact of these improvements is dramatic—fundamentally changing the classroom dynamic—and proof of the power of local philanthropy in making a tangible difference for students today.

This annual report recognizes you and your impact on the children in our schools. Read about the contributions that alumni, parents, community members, businesses, and grant-making organizations have made to enhance education. Look for the winners of the prestigious Ed Award, our new Class Agents, who named a room at the High School, and whom you’ve remembered and honored through your gifts.

As an organization, we enjoy momentum due to the tremendous contributions of our donors, volunteers and board members. We welcomed new Superintendent Dr. Marc Kerble this year, added a fundraising event (the NEF Open golf tournament) and joined forces with the Newburyport Education/Business Coalition. The new NEF Education Business Coalition will continue its well-established programs as it seeks to engage more businesses (like yours!) in partnership activities.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you for your support over the last year. I truly hope reading about the progress you have made possible will inspire you to continue to make a difference in our children’s education.

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.*

*Since 2004, the NEF has donated \$1.12 million to the Newburyport Public Schools.*

# Accomplishments

In 2009, we made more progress toward our Campaign 2008-2010 goals—our challenge now is to complete the Technology Upgrade and Renewal component of our campaign.

## Literacy

**Literacy Closets** (actually rooms) hold the books that support the schools' contemporary and comprehensive approach to literacy. The NEF donated \$100,000 to purchase a wide variety of books and materials that K–8 students are reading and discussing.

**EBSCO Databases** EBSCO Publishing's generous donation of several databases of primary sources continue to be used by students and teachers—as well as community members through the public library—for research and enrichment.

## Virtual High School (VHS)

VHS makes it possible for students at the high school to enroll 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. In Spring 2010, we were able to add 25 more seats per semester to this program bringing even more opportunities to our students. With your help, the NEF will support this exciting program through 2011.

## Technology Upgrade and Renewal

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

**Visual Literacy** The NEF updated 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** Pilot programs using “clickers” that began in 2008 at several grade levels have been so successful that pilots beyond math

Matt Taffel

Math Teacher, R.A. Nock Middle School

*“Thanks to the wonderful support of the NEF, students can use “clickers” to show what they know. Clickers are remote control responders that students use during class to answer quick polling questions and math word problems. Once everyone has “clicked in,” a graph displays the range of responses. This technology allows teachers to track each student's progress daily. The students love the clickers and look forward to them each day. What a powerful tool!”*

and science were funded in the 2009–2010 school year. “Clickers” are hand-held devices that allow teachers to get immediate feedback about student progress and tailor lessons to student strengths and weaknesses.

**Technology for Music** A new state-of-the-art music lab was installed at the Nock Middle School. Students in grades 6–8 are now learning basic music and writing their own unique musical compilations using premier technology and equipment.

Visit us at [www.NewburyportEF.org](http://www.NewburyportEF.org) to learn more about Campaign 2008–2010.

## Business Partners

The Newburyport Education/Business Coalition, with a 20-year track record of enhancing education in Newburyport, has joined forces with the NEF. Under the NEF umbrella, the Education Business Coalition, as it will now be called, expects to build on its track record of bridging our students, teachers, and schools to the workplace. This collaborative effort involves Newburyport businesses and community organizations in creating curriculum-based experiences, workplace exposure, and partnerships with students and teachers. For more information, contact Bill Heenehan at [bridge@NewburyportEF.org](mailto:bridge@NewburyportEF.org) or visit [www.NewburyportEF.org/business](http://www.NewburyportEF.org/business).



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## 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

Jim Stehlin (2010)  
 Penny Lazarus (2009)  
 Newburyport High School Alumni Association (2008)  
 George Cashman and all School Volunteers (2007)  
 Trustees of the Institution for Savings (2006)  
 Michael Strem and Robert McLellan (2005)  
 Edward G. Molin (2004)



*NEF President Mark Wright presents the 2009 Ed Award to Penny Lazarus.*

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## Clipper Connection

## Class Agents (as of September 2010)

A big thank you to our Class Agents, who connect us to alumni, assist with our Alumni Appeal, plan reunion tours of the High School, and share information with classmates through the "Clipper Connection" page on our website. If you would like to be a Class Agent, please contact John Elwell at (978) 462-8749 or [jelwell@newburyportef.org](mailto:jelwell@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
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1969	Charles Cullen	1997	Amy Barnes Haas
1970	Lynne Walker	1998	Tracey Jackson
1975	Carol Snow	1999	Betsy Suda & Jennifer Parker

You can e-mail your Class Agent at [AgentName@NewburyportEF.org](mailto:AgentName@NewburyportEF.org)  
(e.g., [CarlBeal@NewburyportEF.org](mailto:CarlBeal@NewburyportEF.org)).

Kathy Mason Hordon, NHS '63  
Four Star Aviation and NEF Board Member

*"As an alumna of NHS, a former teacher, and a grandmother of four children currently attending Newburyport Public Schools, I am proud to be a supporter of the NEF. The NEF offers a vital link between the schools and the community to encourage awareness and to facilitate innovative solutions that benefit our children. Thanks to the leadership of the NEF and the high level of continuing support from donors, Newburyport's children are the direct beneficiaries of the enhanced educational opportunities offered by our schools."*

# 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:*

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- Carol (McClellan) Ali
- Polly Chase
- Henry H. Christ, R.A. Nock Principal, 1969–1975
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- Henrietta Driver Larson (NHS '45)
- Laurel (Wrightman) Ryti (NHS '82)
- Nancy Tanner
- Joyce Zafris



*Henry H. Christ*

*“Henry Christ was an inspirational educator. Under his leadership, the Nock Middle School became recognized nationally and throughout all of New England as an exemplary school. To him, everyone played a role in making a school a success.”*

*—Preston A. Shaw*

# 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.

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. After first providing for the needs of your loved ones, we hope you will consider giving a specific amount or percentage of your estate to benefit the Newburyport Education Foundation and its 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.

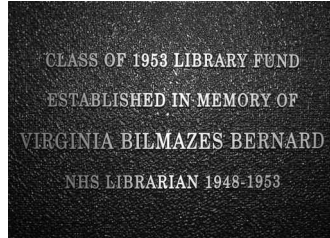


We gratefully remember Bright (Johnson) Wilson (NHS '31), whose generous bequest enabled the NEF to start a fund that will generate resources for the Newburyport Public Schools into the future.

**For more information or to arrange a presentation, visit [www.NewburyportEF.org/waystogive.htm](http://www.NewburyportEF.org/waystogive.htm) or e-mail Zachary Longley at [zlongley@NewburyportEF.org](mailto:zlongley@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:*

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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 (through June 2010):*

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# Financial Information – Audited

Year Ended Dec 31, 2009

## Revenues and Public Support

Donations	\$ 49,234
In Kind Donations	2,089
Auction	39,332
Spelling Bee	21,372
NEF Open Golf Tournament	28,589
Das Pintos Benefit Concert	4,470
Teacher Tributes	3,765
Naming Opportunities	5,000
Alumni Appeal	7,753
Unrealized gain on investments	47,868
Dividend and Interest Income	8,940
<i>Total Revenues and Public Support</i>	<i>\$ 218,412</i>



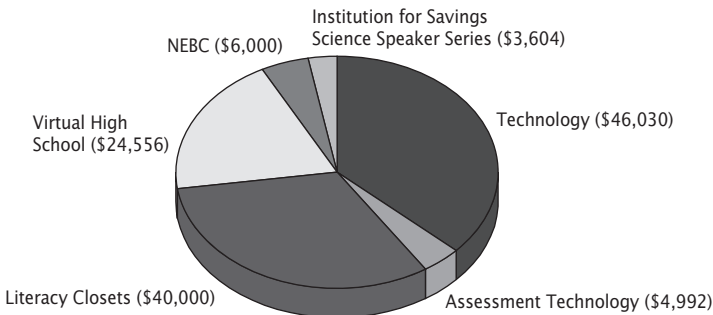
## Expenses

Program Services*	\$ 125,182
Fundraising	29,212
Administration	27,233
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 181,627</i>

Unrestricted Net Assets	509,171
Restricted Net Assets	92,731
<i>Net Assets at 12/31/09</i>	<i>\$ 601,902</i>

*\*Some VHS and Technology allocations budgeted for 2009 were paid in 2010.*

## 2009 Allocations by Campaign Area





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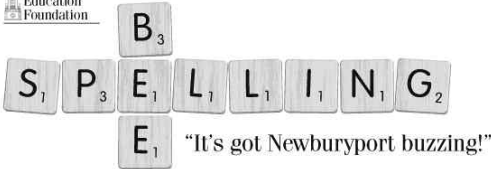
Annual Meeting and 2010  
Ed Award Presentation  
October 27, 2010



2010 Lighthouse Auction  
November 20, 2010



Das Pintos Concert  
January 22, 2011



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April, 2011



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September, 2011