



Making a  
difference in  
Burlington  
Public Schools ...  
one grant  
at a time.

What if the  
BEF earned a  
penny every time you  
searched the internet?  
Now that's an easy  
way to support the  
BEF!!

See inside  
for details



The Burlington Education Foundation is in full swing once again this school year! And with the new year, the BEF continues to grow and change.

I'd like to offer a special thanks to the members of the outgoing members of the Board of Directors Lianne Raso and Lori Johnson. Both Lianne and Lori have been on the Board since BEF was incorporated in 2004. Thank you for many years of dedication and support to the foundation and its mission!

This year's Board of Directors has many new faces. Welcome to Julie Conley, Dee Lane, Lori Kashgegian and Kathy Olney. We are excited to have these four enthusiastic people join the Board this year. Each has already contributed much to the BEF!

How can we improve? Our fundraising events have been very successful at raising money and uniting the community around our mission. Because of our multiple fundraising efforts, we've recognized the need to streamline our efforts, and are working on an overall fundraising strategy. To improve the grant process, BEF liaisons will be working more closely with school staff to encourage more applications. We can improve communication to reach out to more community members. We must also work hard to maintain the relations we have developed with both individuals and businesses.

As part of communications, this periodic newsletter will keep you up to date with BEF news and events that support the students and educators of Burlington Public Schools. If you have any comments or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact me, any Board member, or school liaison.

Best wishes for a great school year ahead!

Sincerely,

*Lauren M. Seeley*  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Two Time  
Winners  
Wendy Czerwinski,  
Lizzette Grattan &  
Alexis Carlson



## Spellers Waunted

The Annual Adult Spelling Bee will be on Thursday, November 1st

Community members can support the BEF as Bee Spellers by beeing matched to team donors. Although many sponsirs provide their owen teams, some are happy to sponsor a team of spellers from the community. The BEF will match spellers with sponsirs.

"The Bee is an oppportunity for everybody to show support for the BEF and its mission," said Dan Grattan, Bee Commitee Chair. Teams of three compete in the first round in swarms of 4-6 teams. Words are provided by emce, Burlington resident, Kevin Sullivan. Then, each team confers to determine the correct spelling. They write it down on the white board provided and hold it up for judging. If the spelling is

wrong, the team leeves the stage and the remaining teams continue until one winner is identifid for the round. The evening's events culminate in a final round where all the first round winners are invited back to the stage for the final spell off.

The Bee isn't just for spellers but is a fun adult evening out. Friends and family are encouraged to come out to cheer on the spellars. Food and beverages are available and there is entertainment after the competition.

All spellers are provided with Spelling Gides prior to the Bee. Participants can

Dates to  
Remember

- ★ November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Spelling Bee
- ★ November 5<sup>th</sup>  
DEADLINE FOR  
Grant Applications
- ★ December 11<sup>th</sup>  
DEADLINE FOR  
Holiday Star Awards

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**Awarded Grants**

2007 Spring

- ★ Fifth Grade American Revolution Grant  
Memorial School
- ★ Tufts University Beezelbubs Performance  
Marshall Simonds
- ★ Using Hands-On LEGO Sets to Teach Alternative Sources of Energy  
Burlington High School

2006 Fall

- ★ Robotics-FIRST Vex Competition  
Burlington High School
- ★ PunOETRY Assembly with Jeff Nathan  
Pine Glen
- ★ The World on Demand: UnitedStreaming.com  
Marshall Simonds
- ★ Connecting Strands of Cultures Through Art  
Pine Glen
- ★ Fox Hill Spring Celebration  
Fox Hill
- ★ Knights and Castles: Europe in the Middle Ages  
Marshall Simonds

2006 Spring

- ★ Romeo and Juliet by Shakespeare Now  
Burlington High School
- ★ High School Artist Note Cards  
Burlington High School
- ★ Inca Son - Music and Dance of the Andes  
Burlington High School
- ★ Webcam and Laptop for Celestron Telescope  
Burlington High School
- ★ Portable Art Gallery  
Francis Wyman

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Go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and enter "Burlington Education Foundation" as the organization you want to support. It all adds up to a better education for our kids! Spread the word.



**Spallers Waunted**  
continued

choose to study beforehand or simply come that evening and hope for the best.

For more information on how to become a speller, please contact Jane Efraimson.

And, by the way, did you catch all the spelling errors in this arktical?

Email your guess to:  
[bee@BurlingtonEdFoundation.org](mailto:bee@BurlingtonEdFoundation.org).  
All winners will entered into a drawing. ★

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
\$weet, \$marts and  
\$urprises Daily  
Raffle is Underway**

Raffle Chair, Pamela Orne has begun to prepare for the 2nd Annual Sweets, Smarts and Surprises Daily Raffle campaign. Tickets will go on sale in early January for drawings to begin mid-February.

The success of this endeavor comes from your support. Last year we gave away 35 daily prizes valued at \$100 or more. Contributions are now being accepted. Please consider making a donation to the program.

Volunteers are also needed to help with raffle planning, solicitations, ticket sales and distributions.

Contact Pamela Orne at 781-270-9795 for more information. ★

**The BUZZ About  
the BEE!**

The BEF is pleased to announce that it will hold its Fourth Annual Adult Spelling Bee on Thursday, November 1st at the Burlington Marriott.

The community can participate in the BEF Bee in one of three ways. The first is as a sponsor. Sponsor donation levels vary and start at \$375. In exchange for this donation, the sponsor may enter 3 players to compete in the Bee and receive acknowledgement in the Bee brochure. The BEF offers other considerations in exchange for donations at the \$500, \$750, \$1000 and \$2500 levels.

Community members can also support the BEF as Bee Spellers, matched to Bee team donors.

Consider joining in the fun by helping out at the Bee. You can help in a number of ways, such as, helping in the planning process, organizing the week before, setting up the night of the event, and volunteering throughout the evening of the Bee.

The Bee is a fun adult evening out. Come out to cheer on the spellers. Food and beverages are available and there is entertainment after the competition.

For more information please contact:  
Dan Grattan

To register to spell contact Jane Efraimson

To sponsor a team contact Laurie Bonanno

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3 \$	4 \$	5 \$	6 \$	7 \$	8 \$	9 \$
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24 \$	25 \$	26 \$	27 \$	28 \$	29 \$	

# Recognize the Stars in our Community

Congratulations to recent  
STAR Award recipients!

## Burlington Schools Star Teachers & Staff

Elaine Babajtis  
Carole Breton  
Michele Burnham  
Kathy Burns  
Rhonda Casper  
Anna Lisa Comunale  
Trish Cotter  
Aimee Coutu  
Judith Crossman  
Gail Cummings  
Susan Cummings  
Lenora Doble  
Leah Dooley  
Sara Elkins  
Sarah Fillebrown  
Noreen Flanagan  
Kerri Foley  
Bonnie Gilman  
Norma Hehir  
Jamie Jaffe  
Treacy Janis  
Marlin Kagan  
Ellen Lewis  
Karen LoRusso  
Christine Lyons  
John Middleton  
Ann Marie Miele  
Laura Noon  
George Norman  
Lynne O'Neill  
Eloise Orsini  
Melissa Parnell  
Mary Patrick  
Amy Percoskie  
Jean Perry  
Marsha Rubino  
Tammy Scott  
Brianna Sheehan  
Colleen Small  
Tina Sosnowski  
Debbie Sullivan  
Karen Sunderland  
Michele Tiggis  
Sandra Troscianecki  
Alison Varrell  
Judy Walsh

## Star Community Members

Rose Marie Conti  
Rachel Gregorio  
Tanya Ikier  
Heather Landry  
Rhonda Lufkin  
Nancy Minghella  
Christine Nicoloro  
Rob Nicoloro  
Suzanne Rooney  
Faydeen Sateriale  
Amy Small  
Karen Sullivan  
Joanne Terrio

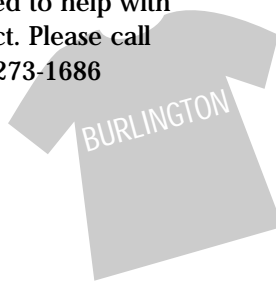
A Star Award was  
given to the entire  
Francis Wyman  
Elementary School  
for their generosity  
to a family in need.

# Show Town Spirit! with Burlington Spirit Wear!

The BEF is sponsoring a new BURLINGTON  
clothing line as part of our fundraising  
efforts. Items are fun to wear and show  
your Town spirit. They also make great gifts.

Flyers will be sent home with students and  
purchases may be made on-line through  
the BEF website.

Volunteers are still needed to help with  
the logistics of this project. Please call  
Suzanne Gaudio at 781-273-1686  
if you are interested. ★



## Do you know any ★'s?

The Star Award Program is a great way to  
show appreciation and recognition to  
some of the great teachers, students and  
community members in Burlington, and at  
the same time support our schools.

For a \$20 donation to the BEF, award  
recipients are honored with a personalized  
8 x 10 certificate and recognition of the  
honor in the local press. For teachers,  
acknowledgment of their  
distinction is given to their  
school principal. Those  
nominating students  
receive a car sticker:  
"I ♥ My Star Student."

Consider giving an  
award as an individual  
gift, a class holiday gift,  
or anytime at all. Requests  
made before December 11  
are guaranteed to be  
processed before the Winter  
Holiday vacation. All other requests are  
processed on a rolling basis.

For more information, download a form  
from the Foundation's website;  
[www.BurlingtonEdFoundation.org](http://www.BurlingtonEdFoundation.org), or  
contact Program Coordinators:  
Marie Murray or Joan Abban.



## Awarded Grants

2005 Fall

- ★ STARLAB Portable Planetarium  
Burlington Science Center
- ★ 50 Years at Memorial School: Looking Back, Moving Forward Memorial
- ★ Lunch Bunch Book Club  
Fox Hill
- ★ Social Studies Comes Alive Through Art  
Pine Glen

2005 Spring

- ★ Symposium To Go Memorial
- ★ Chinese Scholars' Garden Library  
Pine Glen

2004 Fall

- ★ Slab Roller for Creating Chinese Dragon  
Pine Glen
- ★ Child's Play Touring Theatre  
Fox Hill
- ★ Nonfiction Writing and Reading Program  
Fox Hill
- ★ STARLAB Portable Planetarium  
Burlington Science Center
- ★ Photo Printer and Digital Camera for Hand-bound Books and Time Line  
Pine Glen

## Your Schools Represented!

Parent Outreach liaisons listed below will serve as a face of the BEF at each school. Please feel free to contact them to find out more about BEF and how you can get involved:

### Fox Hill

Susan Owens, 781-272-3442

Stephanie Marchese, 781-365-4005

### Francis Wyman

Suzanne Gaudio, 781-273-1686

Darcie Sunnerberg, 781-229-2027

### Memorial

Lisa Miksenas, 781-229-5616

Lisa Petrizzi, 781-229-2799

Laura Impemba, 781-221-5606

### Pine Glen

Kim Winn, 781-273-0877

Sue Hayes, 781-272-3913

Tammy Ramirez, 781-273-1942

### Marshall Simonds

Middle School

Mary Hood, 781-229-8198

Pamela Brill, 781-270-6622

### Burlington High School

Shari Ellis, 781-270-7966

## Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Burlington Education Foundation is responsible for policy setting, volunteer recruiting, and generally managing the organization. Contact any one of the Board members to find out how you can get involved.

Lauren Seeley  
PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tom Conley  
TREASURER

Dee Lane  
FUNDRAISING CHAIR

Julie Conley  
GRANTS CHAIR ELECT

Karen Hoyt  
PARENT OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Paula Boormeester  
ROAD RACE EVENT CHAIR

Dan Grattan  
SPELLING BEE EVENT CHAIR

Lori Kashgegian  
Kathy Olney



## What is the Burlington Education Foundation?

The Burlington Education Foundation was founded in 2004 to further enhance the opportunities for innovation in the already excellent public school system. Funds are primarily raised by two annual events: the Spelling Bee in the fall and the 5K Exercise for Education road race in the spring. These events, coupled with donations from the community, provide money to offer grants to any educator of the Burlington Public Schools. The Grants awarded by the BEF are not intended to replace or relieve the existing responsibility for public funding of school programs, but to enhance and broaden the knowledge of students, to develop and refine teaching techniques, and to provide employees of the Burlington Public Schools with opportunities to support and enrich the curriculum. ★

Visit us at:

[www.BurlingtonEdFoundation.org](http://www.BurlingtonEdFoundation.org)

Contact us at:

Burlington Education Foundation  
P.O. Box 756, Burlington, MA 01803

[info@BurlingtonEdFoundation.org](mailto:info@BurlingtonEdFoundation.org)

781-221-3530

Help your child's education by making a tax deductible donation to the BEF. Enclose this coupon and donation (checks payable to BEF) and return to your child's school or mail to: BEF, P.O. Box 756, Burlington, MA 01803

I want to be an anonymous donor.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) your children are in \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

All donors will receive a BEF car window cling!

- Up to \$25 - Donor
- \$25 - \$49 - Friend
- \$50 - \$99 - Supporter
- \$100 and above - Partner
- My company/employer will match my gift to the Foundation.

Further information can be found on our website: [www.BurlingtonEdFoundation.org](http://www.BurlingtonEdFoundation.org).