



# IN THE Know

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

*Check out  
our newly devel-  
oped Web site for  
exciting news and  
upcoming event  
information!*

## Trivia Night slated for Friday, April 9

Start assembling your teams for our next Trivia Night, scheduled for Friday April 9, 2010. The theme will be Movie Trivia and it will once again be held at the Billerica Elks from 7 - 12pm. For those of you who attended our 80's themed Trivia Night last year, you know what a wicked awesome night it was! The format will be the same as last year. Teams may consist of four to eight members, at a cost of \$150 per team. The Movie Trivia questions will be selected ahead of time and read by the Master of Ceremonies that evening. The teams will have approximately 30 seconds to record answers onto answer sheets. A total of 15 questions will be asked per round. At the end of each round, teams will trade answer sheets with neighboring tables and sheets will be scored based on the correct answers read by the MC. At the end of the first 4 rounds, the top 50% of teams will advance to the quarter-finals. This process will continue until one winning team stands at the end. The winning team from last year, "Beth, Joel, Courtney, Ryan, Marsha, Seumas, Lauren and Greg's Excellent Adventure!" can enter this year's event free of charge!

Prizes will be awarded to the winning team, for the best costume and best decorated table. Light refreshments will be served and teams can also bring in their own snacks (no beverages, as there is a full service bar). To register your team, please contact Stephanie Marchese at [Stephaniemarchese@comcast.net](mailto:Stephaniemarchese@comcast.net) or at 781-365-4005. Be sure to act quickly to secure your team's spot for the event! ★

## Ready? Go! 6th Annual 5K Road Race Sunday May 23

Amid freezing temperatures and snowfall, and despite your resolutions, exercise takes a back seat. Well it is time to recover from those winter blues and Get Ready! Think healthy, think fun, think family, think run (walk or saunter). Think BEF!

The Exercise for Education Road Race is set for Sunday, May 23, 2010. May is a runner's month, filled with perfect temperatures and filtered sunshine. This venue deserves a first place ribbon. With nutritious food, family fun, upbeat music, great prizes and energetic people, it just can't be beat. For veterans, it will not disappoint and for newcomers, it is sure to exceed expectations.

Don't ask yourself if you should register, but when. And ask "When can I volunteer?" "When can I donate?" The time is now to find all your answers and more on our newly designed website

[www.burlingtonedfoundation.org](http://www.burlingtonedfoundation.org) or contact Paula at [paulaboormeester@comcast.net](mailto:paulaboormeester@comcast.net), 617-974-1110. See you at the race!

**Testing, testing. This is a test...**of the BHS Graphics Design Course taught by George Ratkevich. We're putting student's talents to the test by having them submit creative designs for our Road Race T-shirts. Each student is given simple guidelines, and the rest is up to them. Be sure to check out our new website for our race t-shirt graphic design postings and vote on your favorite! Good Luck to all the students and thank you to Mr. Ratkevich for being so creative and implementing a unique assignment on our behalf.

Whether you go for yourself, your kids, or to cheer on friends or family, BEF's race for education is not to be missed! ★

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## Web-Masterfully Done!

Faced with an evergrowing need to keep up with technology, the BEF has been searching for a webmaster to keep our site informative, and interactive. We turned to our own high school for help. Mike came highly recommended to us by Josh Murphy, web design teacher at BHS.

Mike Shipka is a junior at Burlington High School and the BEF's new webmaster. He is quite good at dividing his time and energy between conquering the challenges of school and furthering his experience in the business and computer worlds. Starting out working in a small real estate office, Mike began absorbing the wealth of knowledge present at the company and gained more experience with computers and networks. He basically taught himself website design and eventually became the IT administrator/webmaster of WoodsRealEstate.com at age 15. One year later, he began to design sites and provide computer service freelance for small businesses in the area. Mike hopes one day to earn an MBA, and take his freelancing to a professional level by starting an internet marketing and IT/computer service firm. Mike's portfolio can be found online at <http://SandRComputerServices.com/web-sites>. The BEF is very lucky to have Mike on its team and looks forward to utilizing his skills and creativity to maximize the BEF's efforts to enhance education in the Burlington Public Schools. ★

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## Donations Always Welcome!

Thanks to tremendous community support, we have had great success since our inception in 2004. In the last newsletter we noted that over \$100,000 dollars has been awarded! Please visit our redesigned website and consider making a tax-deductible donation!

**Donate online at [www.BurlingtonEdFoundation.org](http://www.BurlingtonEdFoundation.org).**

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## Burlington Education Foundation Fall 2009 Awarded Grants

The Fall Grant cycle reached completion just before the holidays. The Burlington Education Foundation Grant Committee, comprised of diverse community members with students from each of Burlington schools, studied, analyzed, and discussed all the possible grants. We are happy to announce that the BEF will award our schools over \$12,000 by supporting these grants this cycle:

- ★ Experiencing Live Theater  
**Burlington High School**
- ★ Multi-Level Core Science Project: Integrating Science and Balanced Literacy  
**All Elementary schools**
- ★ Inca Son  
**Burlington High School**
- ★ Secrets of the Tomb  
**Marshall Simonds Middle School**
- ★ African Drumming  
**Pine Glen**

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## Dates to Remember

- ★ Spring Grant Submission Deadline  
**March 5th, 2010**
- ★ Spring Grant Notification  
**April 9th, 2010**
- ★ Trivia Night Event  
**April 9th, 2010**
- ★ 6th Annual Road Race  
**May 23rd, 2010**



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