

The Princeton Education Foundation

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WELCOME!

OVER THE past 10 years the Princeton Education Foundation has granted nearly \$300,000 to about 100 projects in music, math and science, athletics and fitness, art, social sciences, language arts and teacher training.

Below are some frequently asked questions and answers. Read more about exciting things to come in this launch edition of our newsletter.

Sincerely,

Alison Fox, PEF Chair



Math 24 Competition: Coach Ellen Klimczuk offers tips to a Community Park team

Q. Tell me again, what is the Princeton Education Foundation?

A. PEF is an independent, not-for-profit organization and our goal is to enhance public education in Princeton. Think of PEF as a bridge — one that connects innovative, creative ideas with the funding that can turn them into reality.

Q. What kinds of projects do you fund?

A. Creative ones — usually proposed by one of our teachers. They are typically broadening and innovative but not covered by the budget.

Q. How can I help?

A. We're looking for working board members. Specifically, we're seeking members with experience in development, grant writing, database

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Attention: Holiday Shoppers!

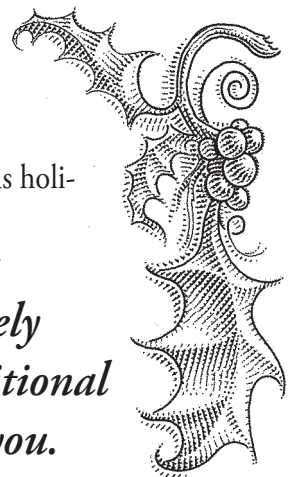
Here's how to "Do well while doing good."

IT'S CALLED Project Shop Smart and here's how it works. The Borough Merchants for Princeton, in cooperation with the Princeton Education Foundation and the PTOs, invite you to Shop Smart this holiday season at participating merchants to benefit our public schools. This year funds from Project Shop Smart will go toward one of the district's highest priorities: the completion and outfitting of science labs.

When you make a purchase from Nov. 25, 2005 to Dec. 31, 2005 at participating stores, simply show your Project Shop Smart card and 10% of your purchase amount will be donated to our public schools. A modestly scaled program was tested last year with very rewarding results.

This year we expect to triple the number of merchants in this win-win program. Project Shop Smart cards will be distributed through Princeton Regional Schools and available at many participating merchants. The cards may be used by parents, students, teachers, staff, family and friends and neighbors.

There is absolutely no additional cost to you.



Q & A continued . . .

or web management — or both — and someone with experience with corporate and foundation philanthropy. And, finally, our meetings are quarterly and brief.

Projects we have funded, by size

Modest

- A mathematician, historian and a writer in residence
- Middle & High School Journalism Camps
- Conexiones: supporting parent attendance at school events
- Breakfast Book Club

Medium

- Piano for the Middle School
- Choir shell for choral students

Some truly large undertakings

- Star Lab, the portable planetarium
- Music After School Program
- Cisco Academy computer training
- Numina Gallery support



*Music After School:
Practice, Practice, Practice*

More on Project Shop Smart

Look for the sign in participating Borough Merchants windows. or Visit the district web site [HTTP://www.PRS.K12.NJ.US](http://www.PRS.K12.NJ.US) or <http://pefnj.org> for updates.

Last year our list of merchants included:

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| Go for Baroque | Mehek Restaurant |
| Steppin' Birkenstock Shoes | Micawber Books |
| Craft Cleaners | The Papery |
| Giselle Dancewear | Subway |
| Cranbury Station Gallery | Pryde Brown Photographs |
| Nick Hilton Studio | Thomas Sweet |
| Hulit's Shoes | Triangle Repro |
| Kitchen Kapers | White Lotus Home |
| Jazams | Wilson House Books |

Teachers who want to apply for grants may download the grant application form from the PEF website www.prs.k12.nj.us/PEF



Highlights of Spring 2005 Grants

THE SPRING grants were awarded to five projects totaling \$4,200 for Princeton public school projects.

Over the past nine years, PEF has granted nearly \$300,000 to more than 100 projects in music, math and science, athletics and fitness, art, social sciences, language arts and teacher training.

The grants were awarded by the foundation twice a year to teachers demonstrating a creative or innovative delivery of a topic or experience.

In awarding the grants, PEF Board Chair Alison Fox said,

“PEF’s support from the community enables our teachers to turn their innovative ideas into greater academic achievement and social maturity for our children.

- **Robert Corell of PHS** received a grant for CHEM ED 2005! to cover the cost of one conferee at the Chem Ed 2005 conference in Vancouver from July 31 - Aug. 4. This meeting is a hands-on workshop with presentations and demonstrations focusing on teaching practices and strategies for

improving the quality of chemistry education in the classroom.

- **Robert Corell and Joyce Turner of PHS** were awarded a grant for Go Ion Formula Playing Cards. Three sets of six decks of cards to be used to teach writing and naming formulas will be

- **Kami Jackson of Littlebrook School** received a grant for Summer Book-mobile. Books will be brought to a central location at Redding Circle and Karin Court.

The students, K - 5, will borrow and read books in a library-like setting. They will also have a story read

to them weekly.

The grant will cover the cost of books, book bags, storage crates, folders, travel expenses and other miscellaneous items.

- **Tina DeLillo of Riverside School** received a grant for Port of Entry Summer Program. The PRS’s Sum-



Math 24 Challenge Tournament: CP and Washington (Trenton) Teams and Coaches

created by the students in the special education life skills class. The grant will pay for the cards to be laminated for long-term use.

- **Billie Jo Tees of Community Park School** was awarded funding for Listening In On Books. Community Park School. This project will create a listening center for struggling readers in grades 3 and 4 currently enrolled in the Resource Center.

The grant will pay for books and corresponding audiotapes.

mer POE serves LEP (limited English proficient) students from three academic levels: students transitioning from K to first grade, elementary students moving to middle school and at risk high school students. The POE program addresses skill gaps or deficiencies of incoming or transitioning LEP students.

The grant provides funds for a traveling trunk from the Please Touch Museum, a Mad Science program, and an outing to a bowling alley for 20 - 30 students.





PEF Invites You to Take A Seat!

HERE'S HOW YOU can take a seat and take a stand ... at the same time.

PEF is offering you the one-time opportunity to take your own personal seat in the new performing arts center at PHS.

You can have your name or the name of someone special you want to honor on a plaque located on the rear side of the seat.

The majority of funds raised through this campaign will go toward enhancing the center with a custom orchestra pit cover, an acoustic shell, drapes and an excellent sound and lighting system.

For those of you with children in the elementary schools, middle

or high school, this is a wonderful way to support our superior arts program.

It would be great to have our lower school families, teachers, and staff recognized in this way... before the children enter the high school and find themselves seated in the new auditorium

The front rows are available for \$1000 each. The orchestra and mezzanine seats may be reserved for \$500 and \$250 respectively. There are only 800 seats!

Be a part of Princeton history and Take A Seat today! Look in the mail, soon, or in your child's backpack or at www.pefnj.org website to Take A Seat!

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