

## A BIG THANK YOU!



Foundation 51 held its Fall Fling on October 30<sup>th</sup> raising over \$10,000. As we celebrated our 17<sup>th</sup> year, it was nice to see some longstanding supporters as well as some new ones. A big thank you to Christine and Peter Hein for generously donating their land and barn for this fabulous event. We could not have asked for a better evening, from the wood fired cuisine served out of an antique food truck, to the music, dancing, and the silent auction. It was a festive night!

We are grateful for our generous sponsors, donors, and attendees who made this special night such a success. The funds raised at this event allow us to continue our mission to enrich the educational experience of students in our community.



## Thank you to our generous sponsors and donors:



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## FALL GRANTS AWARDED

Foundation 51 has awarded nearly \$500,000 in grants that enhance the education of students in MSAD 51. Thank you for supporting our schools. Your support has helped bring so many great ideas to life. We would like to share just a few of the recent grants funded this school year. These grants reach across all grades and touch students and teachers in almost every school.

- STEM Grant for Grades K-5 - Mabel I. Wilson & Greely Middle School (Summer Grant)
- Swivl- Capturing Quality Classroom Video - Greely Middle School
- Wordless Picture Books for Oral Language - Speech Pathology at Mabel I. Wilson School
- Teaching Children Strategies for Self-Regulation (Jiu Jitsu/ heavy work equipment ) - Special Education & Occupational Therapy at Mabel I. Wilson

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 7, 2016 **Spring Grant Application Deadline**

October 8, 2016 **Fall Grant Application Deadline**

March 10, 2016 **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adult Spelling Bee**  
7pm @ Toddy Brook

October, 2016 (TBD) **Fall Fling**

\*Our **Annual Adult Spelling Bee** is a fun way to support Foundation 51. Please keep an eye out for email and Facebook updates on this event!

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Foundation 51 welcomed two new Board members this fall, Carla O'Sullivan of Cumberland and a returning former Board member, Paul Dexter, of North Yarmouth. We look forward to an exciting school year with new additions to our team.

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## GRANT SPOTLIGHT

In the summer of 2015, Foundation 51 awarded MSAD #51 an \$11,500 grant to support the continuation of the RISE (research in STEM education) Grant Study and fund the instructional resource kits used by students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, currently 558 students. The first year of the RISE grant study was a free program for the school district where the State funded grant covered both the digital curriculum as well as the instructional resource kits. In the second year (2015 - 16 school year), the program was expected to be funded entirely by the school district. The school administration and staff wanted to continue this program, funding for the resource kits portion was not accounted for in the budget. This is where Foundation 51 became involved and awarded the grant to the school district.



Last year, most of the K-5 teachers voluntarily elected to participate in the RISE grant study that focuses on a new way of learning science; student learning through making connections that involve science and math together.

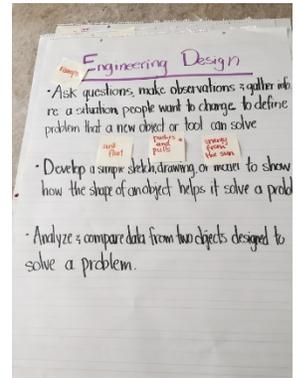
New science standards, NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards), indicate that an integrated approach to instruction is the most effective way for students to learn science. The school administration agreed that the best approach for students in relation to helping them build a solid foundation in science and meet new standards was to use the STEMscopes curriculum for science. The instructional resource kits allow the students and teachers in MIW and the Middle School to do this.

Mary Train, a Kindergarten teacher at MIW started using the STEM instructional kits this fall with her classroom. She says her students are highly engaged in science now that they are working with the STEMscopes and using the STEM resource kits. "They love seeing that science is on our schedule during the day. When the materials come out, they know they are going to be having fun learning with hands-on investigations and great discussions!" Mary said.

To date, most of the classrooms at MIW have been using the resource kits, and at the Middle School a few classrooms in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades have begun using them.

The program thus far has been successful from a teaching perspective, reflects Mary. Although it is not without challenges as this program is new to not only the students, but the staff as well. Teachers will be learning how to best organize and keep accurate inventory on supplies in the building.

Reception of this program has been positive across the board, from staff to students to parents. Mary said parents have commented on how impressed they are with their children's learning and thinking in science and their excitement for STEM. Teachers and administrators are excited as well to see the engagement and learning in their students using the new curriculum and kits.



## THANK YOU & JOIN US

Thanks to our generous community, Foundation 51 has continued the tradition of providing an additional source of funding to enhance the quality of education in our schools with some new and innovative programs and initiatives. Your donations and hands on help - attendance at our events, participation on our committees or simply telling a friend about the work we do - every little bit counts and together we are making a difference!

Become part of Foundation 51! If you would like to learn more about Foundation 51, get involved, or make a tax deductible donation, please visit our web page ([www.foundation51.org](http://www.foundation51.org)) and make a secure donation through Greater Giving, or simply fill out the form below and mail it with your check to payable to Foundation 51 and mail to PO Box 545, Cumberland, ME 04021.



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