



News from the Florham Park Education Foundation

The Florham Park Education Foundation wishes everyone a wonderful and safe 2022-2023 school year! The FPEF provides supplemental funding that will enhance and expand educational opportunities for all students. The Foundation bridges the gap between programs funded with tax dollars and the need for additional imaginative programs that inspire students to learn.

Donor Spotlight - Blue Foundry Bank



The Florham Park Education Foundation was recently named a Blue Foundry Bank Silver Grant Recipient! With a very generous donation of \$5,000, the FPEF will be able to do even more for the teachers and students in Florham Park this year. Thank you, Blue Foundry Bank!

We spoke to **Stephanie LiCausi, AVP/Florham Park Branch Manager**

Tell us about your business. Blue Foundry Bank is a different kind of bank. We approach banking in a revolutionary way, thinking strategically, staying flexible, and believing in what's possible. We're here for the movers, shakers, and makers in our communities with our reimagined branches and advanced digital banking tools. We offer deposit and lending products for both personal and business use. Our Universal Bankers are here to help you every step of the way throughout your financial journey through our "Blue Is Here For You" service. To us it's

more than just words, it's the motto we live by.

Why did you choose to donate to the Florham Park Education Foundation? Blue Foundry Bank has been actively supporting our communities for over 100 years and Blue Foundry Charitable Foundation is committed to building strong relationships by partnering with nonprofit organizations in our local neighborhoods. Florham Park Education Foundation meets one of our four key pillars, Education, where our giving aligns with initiatives at the primary, secondary, and post-secondary school levels that raise the aspirations of students in the community and enhance knowledge in specific academic areas.

How does the bank view business-community partnerships? With an unyielding commitment to the communities we serve, Blue Foundry Charitable Foundation is committed to building strong communities by partnering with nonprofit organizations responsible for finding solutions to the challenges faced by our neighbors in the local communities we serve.

If you'd like to see your business featured in an upcoming FPEF publication, please contact us at inquiries@fpefnj.org

Makerspace Ribbon Cutting



On behalf of all the staff and students at Briarwood, the Florham Park Education Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for fully funding the new Briarwood Makerspace! Through the generosity of our donors the FPEF was able to fully fund both phases of this project. We purchased furniture, lego walls, legos, gear building kits, tech machines kits, STEM learn and play bins, Makerspace task cards, Makerspace materials cart, magnetic building blocks, and STEM challenge learning cards.

The block play that happens in the Makerspace comes with many benefits for students including improvement in:

- Problem-solving

- Creativity
- Self-expression
- Mathematical skills
- Scientific thinking
- Understanding of continuity and permanence
- The ability to manage and overcome stress and frustration

Every Florham Park student will have the opportunity to interact with this space for many years to come.

Honor Wall Recipients



Congratulations to our Honor Wall recipients! These staff members have been recognized by parents and students for going above and beyond.

- Ms. Colleen Donovan
- Mr. Brian Sledge
- Ms. Jessica Fewer
- Mrs. Jill Alcuri
- Ms. Lisa De Fonte
- Mrs. Roseann Franklin
- Ms. Sarah Montasr
- The Teachers of Brooklake School
- The Teachers of Briarwood School
- Ms. Maria Zeija
- Mrs. Melissa Picciano
- Mr. Harry Hipwell
- Ms. Jennifer Gilligan
- Ms. Brenda Cochario
- Ms. Lisa Bregman
- Ms. Jenna Sagan

- Mrs. Maggi Hausman
- Mr. RJ Russo

You can [see more information on our website](#), including special messages from each family.

Spring Grant Recipients



Congratulations to our 2022 Spring Grant Recipients! The Foundation seeks to bridge the gap between programs funded with tax dollars and the need for additional imaginative programs that inspire students to learn. This past Spring, we partnered with teachers to provide:

- A sensory station for small group instruction for Mrs. Ocejio and Mrs. Adochio (Kindergarten/Briarwood)
- Math Olympiads and Challenge Puzzles and Problems for Mrs. Bregman and the Math Team (Grades 4 & 5/Brooklake)
- Culturally Relevant Books to celebrate the diverse students in Mrs. Spindler's Preschool Classroom (Briarwood)
- Wordless Picture Books for Mrs. Cogan's classroom (Grade 3/Brooklake)
- A Calming Sensory Corner for Mrs. Volpe's Resource Room (Grade 3-5/Brooklake)

Upcoming Events

Come visit the FPEF table at the following events

Briarwood Back-To-School Night

Tuesday, September 27th

Brooklake Back-To-School Night

Wednesday, September 28th

RMS Back-To-School Night

Thursday, September 29th

All About Florham Park Program

Hosted by the [Florham Park Library](#)

Volunteers

We need you!
Share your time, talents, and expertise.



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Highlight Section

The FPEF is looking to fill Executive Board Positions and expand our existing committees. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved in your local community and have a direct impact on the education of students in the Florham Park School District. Please email inquiries@fpefnj.org to learn more.

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