

NEWSLETTER



Hingham Education Foundation



Helping our kids make the grade!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

First a bit of history, the Hingham Education Foundation (HEF) was created in the early 1990's in response to a severe fiscal downturn. A group of concerned citizens had the wisdom to build a community partnership that would be committed to raising money to enrich the quality of public education and instruction in Hingham both in good and bad times. Nearly 20 years later, HEF continues to support our school system.

And again we are up against financially challenging times. Much to our dismay in fact, the town budget will be stretched even more this coming year. This is not only a school problem; tight financial constraints cross all town budgets. However our Hingham Schools are particularly hard hit with increased enrollment and a decreasing budget. These days our teachers are expected to do much more with much less.

Our goal at HEF is to help provide funds to enrich the teaching curriculum. During the past few years we have also done our best to bridge the gap created by these tight school budgets. Thanks to HEF grants in Hingham's elementary, middle and high schools, we have been able to provide special teacher programs as well as important equipment and technology upgrades - the very things that tend to be the first items cut in tight budget times. Some highlights of what HEF has paid for over past years

include: literacy, math and science materials to support the curriculum in all elementary schools, over 50 Smart Boards, new computers including laptops and software in all schools, new sewing machines in the middle school, anti-bullying and cultural/diversity presentations for both students and community, new ceramics kiln, wood planer and funds to improve the auditorium in the high school. Our grants run the gamut in helping kids in all grades and schools get a better education.

We are extremely lucky to live in a community where people are so giving of their time and money. Without the generosity of you and your neighbors, HEF would not be able to support these initiatives.

Special thanks to all those in Hingham who have been part of our core fundraising group –those who have hosted Entertaining for Education parties, or run in the Boston Marathon with a HEF fundraising bib number, or purchased a SMART Board. Thanks to those who always send back our Phonathon pledge cards, attend an Entertaining for Education party or support one of our marathon runners. You all play a crucial role in making our foundation work. We thank you for your continued support!

Katherine Forbes

President, Hingham Education Foundation

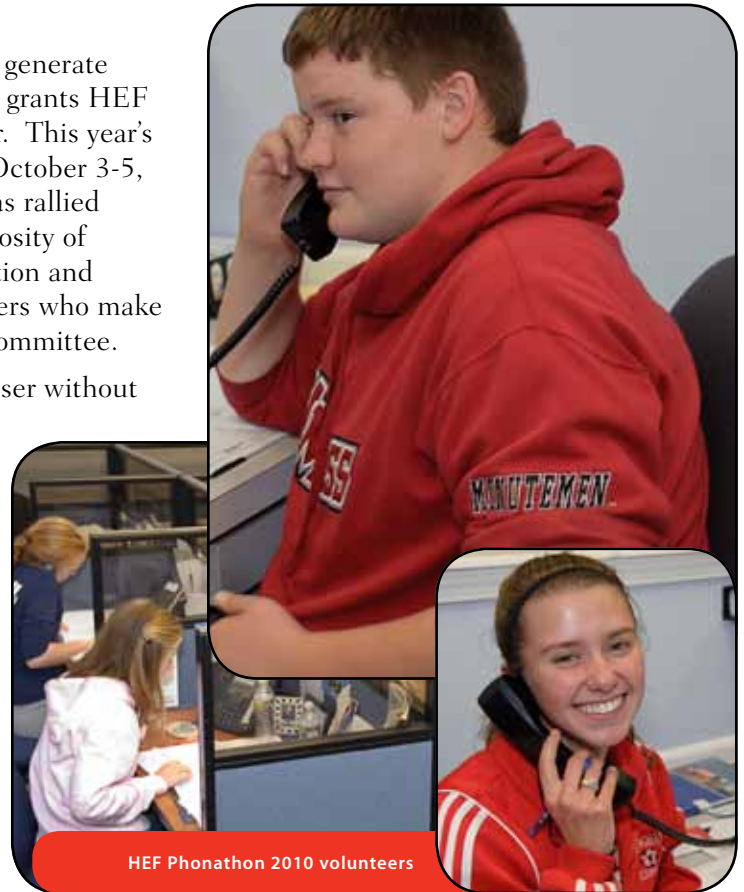


HEF sponsored 2010 grant - South Elementary School's Science Sizzlers Program

The HEF's annual Phonathon continues to thrive and generate much needed funds to support the over \$100,000 in grants HEF will provide to the Hingham Public Schools this year. This year's Phonathon, which took place during the evening hours of October 3-5, was the most successful to date. "Once again, Hingham has rallied to help our public schools in these trying times. The generosity of our community continues to amaze me, as does the dedication and commitment of our Hingham High School student volunteers who make all the calls," said Amy Happ, chair of HEF's Phonathon Committee.

The Phonathon would not be such a successful fundraiser without the ongoing generosity and support of Hingham real estate firms Coldwell Banker and William Raveis who, once again, allowed HEF and its Hingham High School student volunteers to use their offices to make calls. HEF is grateful to these realtors for the ongoing support.

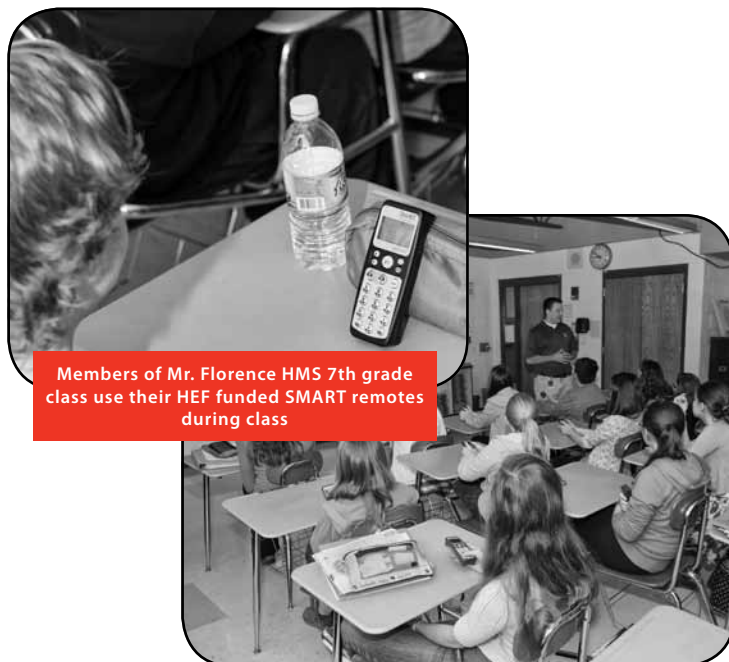
HEF is also thankful to the many Hingham residents who answered the call for education and made donations to this year's HEF Phonathon. With these generous donations, HEF again looks forward to funding numerous grants that will enhance the educational experience for all students throughout the Hingham Public Schools.



HEF Phonathon 2010 volunteers

2010 HEF GRANTS

awarded for the 2010-2011 school year



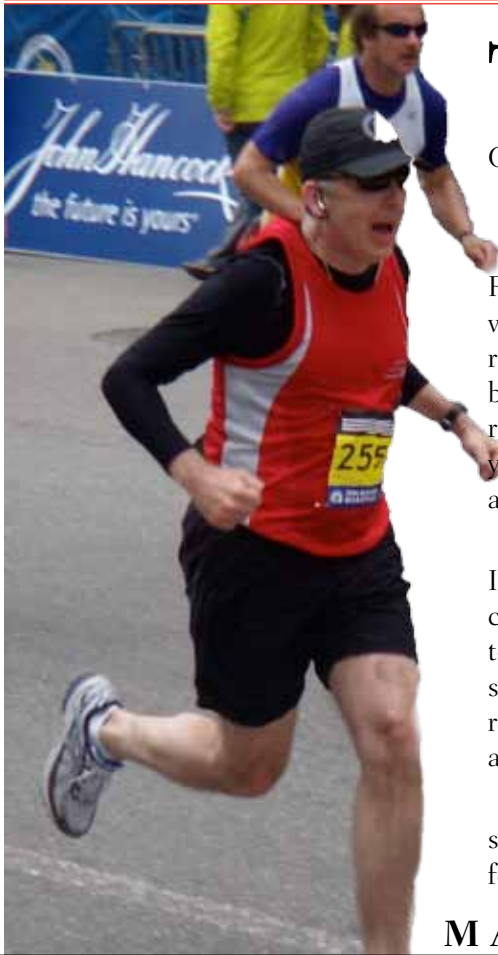
Members of Mr. Florence HMS 7th grade class use their HEF funded SMART remotes during class

The Hingham Education Foundation is proud to have provided the Hingham Public Schools with approximately \$100K in grants last spring. These grants provide funding for innovative classroom projects, development of teaching strategies, special programs, new books and materials, improve technology and more. For example at Hingham High alone these grants included:

- Rachel's Challenge
- Canon Digital Rebel Cameras for Graphic Arts Department
- New Kiln for Ceramics Department
- Theatre and Auditorium Enhancements
- Wood Planer
- Wireless Laptop Cart with 11 Laptops for LMC
- Contemporary Irish Literature Summer School
- Motivational Speaker Calvin Terrell
- Street Law Supreme Court Summer Institute
- Romanticism Around the World

For a complete detailed listing of approved grants please refer to the HEF website, www.hinghameducation.org.

RUNNERS WANTED...HEF 2011 BOSTON MARATHON TEAM!



The 2011 Boston Marathon regular registration is already full, even for qualified runners. However, Hingham Education Foundation is still currently accepting applications for its 2011 Boston Marathon Team. Our team is in its third year, and is filling up fast... we only have 1 spot left!

We are happy to welcome these marathoners to our team:

Katie Burritt, Eugene Buczynski, Ryan Enright, Andrew Price, George Rozanitis, Cathy Hartman, Susanna Murphy, and Nathan Thorsteinson will be running on behalf of HEF this April. If you have ever dreamed of running the Boston Marathon (26.2 miles!) here is your chance...it could be an outstanding lifetime achievement for you. Each team runner will be required to raise a minimum of \$3,500, with a team goal of \$50,000. Last year our team raised over \$40,000, which was used to support the teachers and children of Hingham Public Schools.

The 115th Boston Marathon will take place on Monday, April 18, 2011. Interested runners should contact Debbie Warren at warren_461@yahoo.com or 781-749-0068 for an application. For any teachers who would like to run, please contact Debbie Warren for further information on a family sponsor support program. As demand is high, applications are accepted on a rolling, first-come, first-served basis. For more information, or to download an application, visit www.hinghameducation.org.

This year HEF is also looking to support its runners with corporate sponsorship. If you or your company is interested in being a corporate sponsor for our team, please contact Judy Varney at jvgrhm@aol.com or 781-740-2741.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Friday, March 25th & Saturday, March 26th, 2011

for the annual

ENTERTAINING FOR EDUCATION PARTIES

Parties are held at many homes throughout Hingham each spring, entertaining over 1,000 guests. Get in on the fun and host a party! Or, get together with your friends, host a neighborhood potluck, ladies or gentlemen night out, or a neighborhood backyard bash. Any type of get-together is great! HEF will help you.

- We will supply invitations
- We will provide a discount on beverages
- We will thank guests for their tax-deductible contributions

Support our schools and have fun at the same time! All proceeds raised go directly to fund HEF school grants. If you are interested in hosting, RSVP to the "Entertaining for Education" chairs.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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December 14, 2010

Boston Marathon
Applications Due

Mid April 2011 Grant Applications
available on HEF website
(www.hinghameducation.org)

May 9, 2011

Grant application deadline



WHO ARE WE?

The Hingham Education Foundation is a non-profit, community-based organization committed to enriching the quality of public education in Hingham. Since its incorporation in 1992, the HEF has awarded grants to enhance educational quality throughout the system. Funds for the HEF's programs are generated through community contributions, and all monies raised are used to extend public funding for the schools. All donations, in-kind contributions, and volunteer hours are gratefully accepted. For further information, please call 781-740-8217 or visit our website at www.hinghameducation.org.

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* Please welcome our new board members.

Goodbye and thank you to the following departing board members:

Anna Maria Anthony
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December 1st our
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make your kids
a little smarter.**



That's because on December 1st, we're donating 50% of the proceeds of every burger and sandwich we sell to the Hingham Education Foundation.



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And our ice cream truck, Harvey, will be blending up **FREE SHAKES** (for a donation) out front to raise even more money for the HEF.
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