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Peabody EDUCATION Foundation

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PEF Grants Program:



LAST CHANCE FOR GRANT MONEY THIS SCHOOL YEAR!!!

Time is running out! Funds are still available through the PEF Grants Program for both individual teachers for their classroom students and principals/department heads for their grades/schools! Applications are currently being accepted and will continue to be accepted and reviewed on a rolling-basis until **February 1, 2022**. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis until the funds are gone.

To date the PEF Grants Program has funded some great programs, including:

- *A Forensic Science Guest Speaker*
- *Higgins Helping Hawks Student Mentoring Program*
- *Curriculaughs in Literacy*
- *Intergenerational Book Club*
- *Scholastic Classroom Magazines*
- *Wake Up Brain Bins*
- *Young Audiences of Mass*
- *Makerspace STEAM Weekly Classes*
- *Curious Creatures Reptile Zoo*
- *Art Mural Contest*
- *Let's Find Out Magazines*
- *Rainforest Reptile Shows*
- *Printmaking Materials*
- *PBL Hot/Cold Chocolate Stands*
- *STEM Math Enrichment Program*
- *STEAM Museum*
- *Sign Language Materials Library*
- *Books!!!!*
- *Outdoor Classroom Water Quality Study*

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TODAY!

Please fill out the [electronic application](#) on our website which you can download, complete and email to us at PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com. For more detailed information on the Grants Program, please check out the [PEF website](#). Any questions? Please email PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com

Guest Reader Program:

Guest Readers ready to read!



Thank you to all of the teachers and guest readers who have signed up for this wonderful program! There are 47 classrooms that will have readers this year! The program will begin the week of January 10 and run through the week of May 20. Teachers and guest readers should contact each other prior to the week of January 10 to establish a mutually convenient reading schedule and review reading materials. Please remember to contact your guest reader if your class will be unable to participate on a scheduled day.

Donations:

North Shore Bank announces large holiday gift to PEF!



The PEF is excited to announce that North Shore Bank has donated \$10,000 to support funding for crisis intervention and mental health services to students most in need through the PEF! North Shore Bank has always been a community supporter of the PEF and is thrilled that they have become a key sponsor, assisting the PEF in providing grants to principals, teachers and their students. Thank you, North Shore Bank!

Peabody Rotary makes donation to PEF!



The PEF is also excited to announce that the Peabody Rotary Club has donated \$1,000 to support the ongoing efforts of the PEF. Thank you, Peabody Rotary!

Help Us Help Our Kids!

The mission of the Peabody Education Foundation is to enhance the quality of public education in the Peabody Public Schools. In December of 2020 the PEF launched a new initiative, “Help Us Help Our Kids”. The goal is to work with school administrators, teachers, and parents to find ways we can make an impact on our children’s lives during these unprecedented times. We are reaching out to the community once again this year to raise funds to help ease the financial burden faced by the Peabody School Department. We need to work together to reverse the effects of this horrible pandemic and do something positive for our children!

We welcome your donations to “Help Us Help Our Kids”. They will gladly be accepted at <https://www.peabodyedfoundation.org/contribute/>. One hundred percent of all donations will be used to benefit the school children of Peabody.



Holiday Magic:

Higgins Middle School and PEF Team up with Santa's Magic to Spread Holiday Cheer to Our Veterans



Special thanks to the Higgins Middle School students who wrote holiday messages in donated Lovepop cards which were then distributed to over 500 veterans at Christmas time. The PEF has supported Santa's Magic (which supports veterans in hospitals) for a number of years. This small act of kindness brings great joy to our veterans!

Birthday Books are on the way!



The PEF Birthday Books Program recently made headlines! Click below to check out the Item Live article!

<https://www.itemlive.com/2021/12/27/a-happy-birthday-for-peabody-students/>

Several schools have already started to implement the program, while others have placed their orders and are waiting on the delivery of books. By the end of the school year, every elementary school student in the City will have a birthday book they can call all their own! Special thanks to the coordinators in each school, to Karen McGovern, PEF Board Member, who is helping to oversee the program and handle any questions or concerns, and to the JB Thomas/Lahey Foundation for helping to fund the Program.

Remembering Cara Murtagh:



The PEF and GraVoc took a moment during the Holidays to pay tribute to Cara Murtagh and her love of shoes!

These beautiful shoe decorations belonged to Cara and were given to Mary Bellavance, a member of our foundation, by Cara's mother, Carol Murtagh. As many know, Cara had a deep love and passion for her heels, even during the winter months! We miss our friend Cara deeply and continue to carry on her legacy - "*Every Student, Every Day.*"





**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU, YOUR STUDENTS AND YOUR FAMILIES.
HOPING FOR A HEALTHY AND SAFE 2022!**



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