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George Peabody Legacy Awards



Congratulations to our 2022 George Peabody Legacy Award Recipients!

On Thursday, October 20, 2022, the Peabody Education Foundation honored this year's George Peabody Legacy Award winners at the Higgins Middle School. This award was created to recognize and honor the educators and philanthropists from within the community who work to provide a lifetime of contributions to our educational system. Nominations for this award were solicited from the public and selected by a nomination committee. The Award winners included:

- Eric Buckley (Retired)
- Ellen Burke (Posthumously)
- Judith McVann (Currently teaching)
- Mark Metropolis (Retired)
- Linda Robbins (Retired)
- Michalene Hague (Currently Teaching)

Congratulations to all the winners! Their names have been added to the Legacy Award wall located outside the Higgins Auditorium.

And special thanks to our Legacy Award sponsors, including:

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Check out the impressive histories of our recipients and more pictures from the event on our website:

[PeabodyEdFoundation.org](https://www.PeabodyEdFoundation.org)

PEF Grants Program



A reminder that applications are still being accepted

The PEF Grants Program Committee would like to remind teachers and principals that applications are still being accepted for the 2022-2023 school year.

There are now two opportunities for funding:

Individual Teacher Grants: Teachers are welcome to submit individual grants for their classroom with a \$1500 cap limit. Applications are currently being accepted and will continue to be accepted and reviewed on a rolling-basis **until February 1, 2023**. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

School-wide Grants: Principals/Department Heads are welcome to submit grants that benefit entire grades or schools with a \$10,000 cap limit. Applications are currently being accepted and will continue to be accepted and reviewed on a rolling-basis **until February 1, 2023**. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Since September, more than **\$24,000** has been granted to teachers and schools! Some of the programs that have already been approved this school year include:

2022 PEF GRANTS FUNDED SO FAR ...	
Grant Program:	Description
STEAM Night	A portable hands-on Steam Museum comes to the school
Classroom Magazines	Jr. Scholastic and New York Times Upfront subscriptions for 8 th Graders
Let's Find Out	Scholastic Classroom magazines for kindergartners
Young Audiences Arts for Learning	Performing and visual arts programs
Partnering with the Peabody Police	Peabody Police officers reading specific books to 2 nd and 3 rd graders across the district
Sensory Walls	A space on a school wall that provides touch sensory input to children's fingers and hands, allowing children to explore their senses.
Welch School Chess Club	Developing learning and chess skills for students
Mindfulness in the Classrooms	A visit and books from Dr. Christopher Willard who will speak and read to the students/teachers about how "Breathing makes it better".
Legacy Pins & Tiles	An interactive ceramic mural about connections through identity
Exploring Literature	Scholastic Storybook Magazines exposing grades 3-5 students to a variety of genres in literature
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "A Christmas Carol" • "House of Seven Gables"
Classroom Calm Spots	Social/emotional support materials for classrooms
Respect, Responsibility & Safety	School Mascot bracelets handed out to students for positive decision making
Spectrum Yoga	Yoga program designed for special needs students
The Observer	Printing costs for the High School literary magazine
First Families of Plimoth Colony	A live performance of a resident of 1627 Plimoth Colony brought to 3rd grade students
Paper Pulp Painting	A paper making project

For guidelines and applications, click below:

PeabodyEdFoundation.org

Click below to check out our new PEF Grants Overview:

[YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)



Guest Reader Program



Update on our Guest Reader Program

Thank you to all of the teachers who have signed up for this wonderful program! The PEF is in the process of matching up teachers and readers right now. Information will be sent out to all shortly as the program will begin in early January and run through May.

Career Day



Career Day is BACK!

After a pause in this worthwhile program due to the pandemic, Career Day at the High School will return on April 13, 2023! More information to come! Stay tuned!

Mental Wellness Initiative



Thank you to JB Thomas/Lahey Foundation!

The JB Thomas/Lahey Foundation has graciously donated \$17,000 to fund "Think Space" in all elementary schools! The objective of this initiative is to keep students in their classrooms so they can continue to listen and be exposed to the material that is being taught. Additionally, they will not feel singled out to leave their classroom when they need to utilize learned skills and materials to access social emotional learning strategies and tools. The goal of this program is to design a small area in every classroom with the tools students need to be calm, think, reflect, learn and ultimately to thrive. By building in the strategies and supports at the elementary level, this will carry students to the middle school level. Special thanks to Maria Champigny who submitted the application on behalf of the Elementary School Adjustment Counselors/teachers.

Additional programs and resources for all school levels, along with teachers and parents, are currently being developed by the Mental Wellness Initiative Committee. Stay tuned for some updates!

Donations



North Shore Bank makes large donation to PEF!

The PEF is excited to announce that North Shore Bank has donated \$25,000 to support Mental Wellness programs provided by the PEF in the Peabody School System! The check was presented to the PEF Board of Directors on Giving Tuesday, November 29, at the Andover Street branch. The PEF truly appreciates the continued support of North Shore Bank. Special thanks to PEF Board of Directors member and North Shore Bank Marketing Guy Chris Pesce for his efforts.



Donations Made in Honor or in Memory of ...

The PEF has received many donations in honor or in memory of someone near and dear to them. If you would like to make a donation in someone's honor/memory, the PEF will notify the family or recipient and let them know that we have received that donation. What a great way to honor someone for the holidays or a special occasion or remember a loved one!

Do You Shop on Amazon for the holidays? Your Purchases Can Benefit the PEF and Your Students!

Did you know that if you shop at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), Amazon makes a donation to the PEF? Just list the Peabody Education Foundation as your program of choice and Amazon will send the PEF a donation each month! Those pennies add up quickly and could be buying books or supplies for your classroom!

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/peabodyedfoundation)!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A HEALTHY AND SAFE 2023!

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