

## **2014-2015 GRANTS UPDATE**

The Alumni Foundation was able to fund a wide variety of grants for the 2014-15 school year. We were pleased to be able to help so many diverse and worthy programs. Here is a brief summary:

**AfterSchool Advantage** – Funds were again donated (for snacks and paper products) to help support this very popular and highly effective 6-12 after-school academic enrichment program run by teachers and volunteers.

**High School Science Olympiad Team** --For the sixth year funds were granted to help with the costs of supplies and materials to be used in competition by this award-winning team. Our students have placed very highly in both local and state competitions.

**ER Positive Peers** – Funds were provided to underwrite recognition luncheons for students in grades 6-8 who met the goals of the program, which helps reinforce the value of positive attitudes as they relate to personal and work situations.

**Door Monitor T-Shirts** –Funds were given to buy t-shirts for fifth-grade student leaders who help Kindergarten children get organized and ready to face another challenging day at school.

**T-Shirts for Special Olympics** – Funds were once again given for t-shirts to be worn by ER athletes who participated in last year's aquatic Special Olympics. Additional shirts were funded so parents and program volunteers could show their support for the athletes who represented the district.

**Student of the Month Backpacks** – Funds were once again this year given for backpacks presented to students grades 6-12 who were recognized for making positive contributions to the ER school community. The backpacks were presented during student of the month breakfast celebrations.

**FITS (Fun in the Sun) Scholarships** – Funds were provided for students grades 1-7 to attend this summer enrichment program.

**Drag Race T-Shirts** – Once again last year funds were granted for t-shirts for the student pit crew members and faculty crew for this 8<sup>th</sup> grade technology program which concludes the school year with a CO 2 Drag Racing event.

**Senior Bash** – Again last year funds were given to help students who could not afford the cost of attending this year-end celebration. This alcohol and drug free night prior to graduation encourages students to have fun in a safe and responsible way.

**Quarterly Recognition of Honor Roll Students** – Funds were given for ice cream sundaes for those students grades 6-12 who earned a spot on the honor and credit rolls.

**Percussion Drum Practice Pads** – Funds were given to purchase these practice pads for the bands grades 7-12.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington, D.C. Trip** – Funding was provided to pay for the trip to the **Newseum**, a museum dedicated the First Amendment, especially Freedom of the Press.

**Girls with Goals** – Funds were given to pay for snacks at meetings, t-shirts, and books for participants for this recently formed group for girls in grades 6-8 which was founded to empower girls to make important decisions with confidence.

**T-Shirts for Middle School Level Alumni Connection Day** – Funds were provided for t-shirts for students grades 6-8 for this special day in June when students have a chance to take part in grade level competitions, picnic, and meetings with alumni.

**T-Shirts for fifth Grade Kickball Tournament** – Funds were given to purchase t-shirts for the fifth graders as they took part their classroom kickball tournament which emphasizes collaboration, sportsmanship and community spirit.

**Welcome to East Rochester Urban-Suburban Picnic** – Funds were given to pay for an August picnic welcoming our new Urban-Suburban students and their families to our district. Students and their families had a chance to meet with members of our student body and staff.

**SOLE: Summer Opportunities – Learning Experiences** – This new initiative for students in grades 6-8 provided for online learning in Math and ELA during summer vacation. Funds were provided for the summer-end celebration of ice cream sundaes and a free swim at the Kate Gleason Memorial Pool.