



**EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION  
OF THE CHESTERS**

# 2017-18 Annual Report

Educational Foundation of the Chesters

September 2018

The Educational Foundation of the Chesters is proud to share our accomplishments for 2017-18. We would like to thank the many donors, corporate and local business sponsors, parent volunteers, teachers, principals, Board of Education, and our hard working Board of Trustees for enhancing and expanding educational opportunities in our Chester Public School District. All of the wonderful programs and grants funded this year were made possible with your tremendous support!

## 2017-18 Highlights

- Raised over \$36,600 through donations, fundraisers, and corporate and local sponsors
- Funded 12 grants for a total of \$30,062

## Spring Stampede



This year the rain held off during the annual Spring Stampede and Fun Run. Over 300 participants came out to cheer each other on. Thank you to all of the runners and generous sponsors for their support. A special thank you to our platinum sponsors Shoe and Sneaker Barn and Nitro Fitness Gym.



It's official! The 2017 Educational Foundation of the Chesters Read-A-Thon was a huge success! There were 250 students who participated this year. We celebrate our young readers from Dickerson and Bragg who together logged 192,235 minutes, which is an increase from last year! We thank the parents, friends, principals, and teachers who supported the students and their efforts to raise close to \$15,000 in pledges! This fundraising effort will continue to provide funding for grants, purchases of technology to support innovative classroom learning programs, new school clubs, and more!

## Our Mission

The Educational Foundation of the Chesters is an independent, 501(c)3 non-profit, organization dedicated to providing an enriching educational experience for every student in the Chester Public School District. Our mission is to promote educational excellence and prepare students for success in the 21st century by generating independent funding for innovative, educational projects that support the curriculum but fall outside of the district's standard budget.

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## Be a Power of 100 Supporter!

What can happen if 100 families donate \$100?  
Amazing things to enrich the academic pursuits of our Chester students!



### Fall & Winter Grants 2017

#### **Dickerson Elementary:**

- A realistic fiction author visit by Sarah Weeks -*awarded to Susan Connelly.*
- Using yoga to create mindfulness and a positive classroom learning environment -*award to Katherine Cianci.*

#### **Bragg Intermediate:**

- 5th Grade Select Chorus will participate in the NJSMA Choral Celebration -*awarded to Robert Gruver.*
- Growing Plants and Minds, hydroponic tower - *awarded to Melissa Bene and Lisa Pennella*

#### **Black River Middle School:**

- Mr. Stephen Kozan, author residency - *awarded to Joseph Pizzo.*
- Grammar software No Red Ink- *awarded to Gina Lorusso, Doreen Aiello and Joseph Pizzo*
- Sponsoring exhibits at the Chester Science Fair -*awarded to Michael Stagg*
- Visit by Franny Briggs Kopila Valley School, Nepal - *awarded to Janet Aaronson*

### Spring and Special Grants 2018

#### **Bragg Intermediate:**

- Holocaust Education Assembly – *awarded to Danielle Meekings*
- Google Expedition Virtual Reality – *awarded to Michele Stanton and the Technology Coaches*
- Gaga Pits – *awarded to Russell Schilp*

#### **Black River Middle School:**

- Tuba and Piccolo, the high and low! – *awarded to Dr. Kenneth Piascik*

### 2017 Funded Special

#### Grants:

*These grants were awarded in the Spring of 2017, but executed during the 2017-2018 school year.*

Ø In the Middle of a Poetry Slam with Mayhem Poets – *awarded to Joseph Pizzo, BRMS*

*“With high energy spurred by mindful and controlled mayhem, these poets performed magic by showcasing the English language in unique and fascinating ways. Their insight into the language was indeed infectious for all in attendance.” - Joseph Pizzo*

The Ed. Foundation would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following donors:

### Annual Giving and United Way

**Valedictorian** (\$1,000+):

*David Foster*

**Principal's List** (\$250+)

*Eileen Manning*

**Honor Roll** (< \$249):

*Christian Barsi*

*Alex Halem*

*Patrice Laudano*

*Tonimarie Lesh*

*Donna Manuel*

*Timothy McFadden*

*David Profito*

*Mike Tomasco*

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<b>Fund Balance, July 1, 2017</b>		<b>71,370</b>
REVENUE		
Contributions		3,639
Interest Income		22
Fundraising		
Spring Stampede (net expenses)	14,477	
Read-A-Thon	12,865	
Power of 100	5,610	
Sub-Total Fundraising		32,953
Other		70
Total Revenue		36,684
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Grants Awarded		(29,354)
Administration & Insurance		(2,228)
Total Disbursements		(31,582)
Change in net assets		5,103
<b>Fund Balance, June 30, 2018</b>		<b>76,474</b>