



Wrentham Elementary Schools Trust, Inc.

The Compass

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, WEST HAS AWARDED
24 GRANTS TOTALING \$32,500

Welcome to the second edition of *The Compass*, a bi-annual newsletter providing updated information on the activities of WEST. WEST is a non-profit organization working to raise private capital through corporate sponsors, innovative fundraising activities, and individual tax deductible donations to fund innovative educational enrichment projects, to maintain the standard of excellence in the Wrentham Public Schools.

SCHOOL WEATHER STATION FUNDED WITH SUPPORT FROM WRENTHAM CO-OP

Wrentham Public School now has its very own weather station that will allow students to monitor and record local weather conditions, thanks to corporate sponsor Wrentham Co-operative Bank who donated \$5000 to WEST to fund the installation of a WeatherBug™ tracking station at the school.

The WeatherBug™ is an interactive, computer-linked weather station capable of monitoring over 15 different elements of local weather at and around the Wrentham Schools. Live data which will be continuously accessible in every classroom via a web-based feed, will allow students and staff to measure and record all aspects of weather

such as wind speed and direction, temperature, relative humidity, barometric pressure and dew point. The WeatherBug™ also has a rain gauge that will monitor different parameters of rainfall.

Students will learn to collect, interpret and manipulate their own weather data from within their own classrooms, and to make relevant scientific observations and predictions. Students might even become their own weather forecasters.

The project presents an exciting opportunity for 4th grade students studying weather and climate as part of their Science and Technology/Engineering Curricu-



lum. It meets WEST's prime objective to enrich the Wrentham learning experience and is sure to bring the weather unit of the curriculum alive.



Live weather data from the Wrentham Public Schools can be accessed at www.WeatherBug.com zip code 02093

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CLIMBING WALL A HUGE SUCCESS

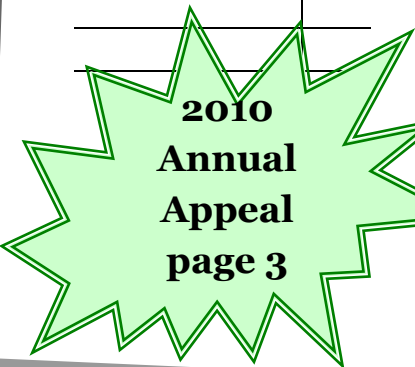


Grade 6 Students meeting the challenge of the WEST climbing wall in the Gibbons Gym.

The climbing wall that was funded by WEST and installed in the Gibbons Gym in February has proven to be a great hit with students and staff alike. Each and every student in the Wrentham Public Schools has now had a chance to challenge themselves kinesthetically/ physically, emotionally, socially, and cognitively on the wall.

"I have been most impressed with how helpful it has been for all students but especially the special needs and behavior students", said Physical Education Teacher Adam Moon. "They really seem to focus on the task at hand and feel as though they can go at their own speed, which is very important for many children. So far they have done free climbing, route following (very challenging, even for the oldest students), challenge course and spelling/forming sentences while climbing."

Fall Grant Award 2009



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WEST AWARDS OVER \$10000 IN SPRING GRANTS

The WEST Effect

WEST was pleased to award over \$10,000 in grants this Spring. The following projects were funded which meet the WEST goal of enriching the Wrentham education experience.

Be a Weather Bug - \$5000 to Mrs. Becky Stockbridge, Director of Technology and Grade 4 Staff to install a Weatherbug™ weather station permanently at the Roderick School.

Science is PICTURE Perfect - \$400 to Mrs. Belmonte (GATE) for the purchase of a collection of picture books selected specifically for their detailed illustrations and the ability to capture the interest of enrichment students in Grades 3-6 and provide an exciting and innovative approach to the exploration of physical science, life science and Earth and Space.

Steps to Respect Bullying Prevention Program - \$801 to Marilyn Diamond and Daniela Paparo for the purchase of a teaching program aimed at facilitating class discussions and interactive lessons for Grades 3-6 in support of the Wrentham Elementary Schools code of conduct to promote a safe school environment free from bullying.

Improving Student Learning through Reading Intervention and Differentiated Instruction - \$1500 to the Grade 2 teachers to purchase a range of grade appropriate reading books and supplemental materials for use in differentiated instruction and small group intervention classes to ensure that all students are reading at or above grade level.

Pilgrims Puritans, the Revolutionary War, Oh My! \$1000 to Mrs. Lori Detrollo and Grade 3 teachers for the purchase of supplemental materials such as DVD's,

books, reproduction artifacts and virtual tours that will illuminate the curriculum for the 3rd Grade as they learn about the life in the America during the formative period of 1620 to 1776 leading up to the Revolutionary War.

People of the East - \$1060 to Mrs. Lori Detrollo and Grade 3 teachers for History and Social Studies. Once again an opportunity for WEST to fund this enlivening interactive workshop by contemporary Wampanoag presenters who provide first hand insight into the culture and way of life of the local Native Americans in both the 17th and 21st centuries.

Learning Through Literature - \$225 to Marie Garozzo, Speech Language Pathologist and Andrea Crabtree Special Educator, for the purchase of specially selected children's literature that can be used to help in the development of social and emotional skills where needed in Grades 4-6 while also meeting the goals of the ELA curriculum.



Bringing history to life- 3rd Graders handle real Wompanoag artifacts as part of the People of the East presentation.

SAVE THE DATE
Comedy Night
Friday March 12th
2011 at Restaurant 3
 featuring
Local celebrity, actor
and comedian
Tony V!

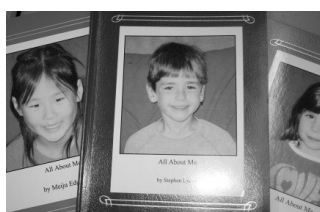
Make your Teacher a "Shining Star!"

Honor your teacher with one of these prestigious certificates by donating to WEST in their name.

Our thanks go to Sheri Allan of SKA Graphic Communications for her help in the design of our new Shining Star Certificates.

See our website for details.

Grade 1 Celebrates Becoming Authors

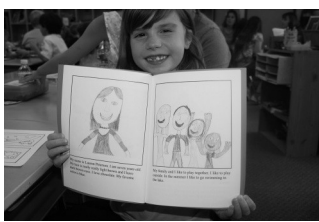


"All About Me" books published by Wrentham First Graders .

All first grade children were presented with a very special book entitled "All About Me", at an Authors Breakfast for them and their parents in June. The books were special because the students had written their own books with a grant funded by WEST.

The books were a culmination of a year-long endeavor during which the children learned the writing process from the construction of a simple sentence to the formulation of ideas for stories to match their illustrations. The project entitled **Author Celebration** - was funded by a WEST grant awarded in Spring of 2009. which covered the cost of materials and the publication of each professionally bound book by Student Publishing Company.

"We were thrilled with the quality of the childrens' work", said Mrs. Lu McNeal, coordinator of the project. "They were highly motivated throughout the entire process. It allowed children to work at their own level and everyone to be successful. We believe the children are leaving first grade excited about being a published author and illustrator. We know this is the beginning of creating lifelong writers"



A first grader shows off the book that she wrote and published.

Mathematicians- Past, Present & Future

Graphing calculators purchased with a WEST grant (Spring 2009) provided cutting edge technology to eleven Grade 6 GATE students who, in partnership with a Math honors student from K.P. High School, learned to conduct research, collect and analyze data, solve real world problems and advance their own math skills.



\$4000 Grant from CVS Caremark

Wrentham Public Schools were recently awarded a CVS Caremark Community Grant of \$4000 for the purchase of a computer program aimed at developing early reading skills in students throughout the primary grades.

The Lexia Early Reading Program is a web-based program that provides individualized reading practice for students within the classroom while also providing immediate feedback on the student's response. This high-interest, computer-based program will benefit students who require more direct instruction and practice in developing their early reading skills and identify those who continue to struggle with the acquisition of early reading skills and who need supplemental instruction.

The CVS Caremark Community Grants Program is a program aimed at enriching the lives of children with disabilities and awards are made to organizations that support inclusive educational programs and to ensure that students with disabilities are not left behind in school.

The purchase and use of the Lexia Reading Program by the Wrentham Public Schools will allow a greater level of inclusion for children with reading disabilities in the classroom and reduce the number of students who will require additional reading support and/or special education services in later grades.

L.L. Bean Bike Won in Early Bird Bike Draw



Mr Fricker is seen here receiving his prize from WEST President Audra Kennedy.

The L.L. Bean Bike offered as part of the 2nd annual Golf Ball Drop was won by Mr. David Fricker of Beach Street, Wrentham whose number 130 was randomly selected from the 274 golf balls sold by midnight on Jun 18th. Mr. Fricker purchased his golf ball at Art on The Common on June 5th as part of the 2010 Golf Ball Drop and was automatically entered for the Early Bird Draw. The bike that was offered as an incentive to kick start this year's ball sales was kindly donated by event sponsor:

Robert P. Moskal DMD, PC
Center for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

WEST 2009 Comedy Night & Auction Raises \$5000

Local funny man Jimmy Dunn, best known for his antics on NECN's Fan Attack and as the taxi driver in the



Comedian Jimmy Dunn with WEST Board Members Audra Kennedy and Julie Corcoran.

locally filmed TV advertisement for Olympia Sports, was a huge hit at the 2009 comedy night held last March at Restaurant 3, in Franklin.

As well as keeping the audience laughing, Dunn played the leading role of Auctioneer with great success, exchanging banter for bids on a wide range of exciting sporting items and memorabilia that were donated to WEST for sale by auction. Items included a football signed by Tom Brady, golf equipment packages, and a pair of Club Seats for the Celtics vs. Spurs.

The evening raised over \$5000 towards funds that were made available as part of the Spring grant awards. WEST would like to thank everyone who supported the evening and to acknowledge the generous contributions of the evening's sponsors: TD Bank, Kennedy and Associates, PC Certified Public Accountants, Pine Oaks Golf Course, The New England Patriots Association, ForeKicks, Craig and Tracey Murphy, Tom and Michelle Tormey, "3" Restaurant and many of the local cafes and restaurants who donated gift cards as contributions to the auction.



Sports memorabilia and items donated for Auction at the 2009 Comedy Night contributed to the success of the evening in raising over \$5000 for WEST.



2010 Annual Appeal

Every dollar raised will help to fund our endowment and support Wrentham Elementary School programs that will dramatically impact the quality of our children's education as well as the vitality of our community. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

I Wish to Donate:

- \$200
- \$100
- \$75
- \$50
- \$25
- other _____

- Credit Card**— visit www.WrenthamWEST.org and click on Donate Now to make your donation
- Check** — Complete and return this form with your check made payable to **WEST** and mail to P.O. Box 852, Wrentham, MA 02093

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____ email _____

_____ Please provide me with a receipt. _____ I wish to remain an anonymous donor.
_____ **** My company/employer will match my contribution to WEST!**

****Please contact your benefits or human resource director to determine if your company will match your gift to WEST. Share with your company that we are a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing and maintaining educational excellence in the community.**

Thank you for your considerate contribution.

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2010 Corporate/Business Sponsors



Wrentham Co-operative Bank



For information on how to become a corporate sponsor of WEST please contact info@WrenthamWEST.org

Thank you to our Sponsors!

WEST Volunteer Opportunities

WEST is always looking for volunteers to help achieve our goal of awarding exciting grants to your teachers. Please read the following list of opportunities to see what interests you. There are many occasions to volunteer as much or as little time as your schedule allows. Check a box and fill in your contact information. **Send in this form to your classroom teacher marked 'WEST Mail' or drop us an email.** We look forward to being in touch.

Volunteer	Description	Time
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletters, flyers and posters	Help fold and then distribute items in the teachers mailboxes. Help to hang posters at the schools and around town.	Minimal.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sell golf balls	Help us throughout the year to sell golf balls at special events.	1-2 hours a few times a year.
<input type="checkbox"/> Wrentham Day 9-11-2010	Volunteer at our table to help introduce WEST to the public.	2-3 hours on Wrentham Day.
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan fundraising events	Love to plan parties and meet new people? This is a great opportunity to do just that while supporting your child's school.	Depends on the event.
<input type="checkbox"/> Help at fundraising events	Maybe you don't have the time to plan an event, but you do have the time to help out at the event.	A couple of hours on the event day.
<input type="checkbox"/> Shining Star campaign	Help to advertise, collect and/or distribute our Shining Stars to our teachers. Great way to get to know the teachers.	Stars are given out twice a year.
<input type="checkbox"/> Donate money	Every dollar raised will help support the Wrentham Elementary School's curriculum and have an effect on the quality of our children's education as well as our community. Your contribution is tax-deductible.	The time it takes to log onto our website or send in a check.
<input type="checkbox"/> Media Relations	This volunteer(s) is responsible for communicating WEST news to the public via newspapers, school newsletters, local TV, etc. This is an exciting opportunity to become involved in our school community.	This is a strong commitment but is a wonderful opportunity to be involved.
<input type="checkbox"/> Website	This volunteer will need some website knowledge to keep our website up to date with our activities.	A couple of hours a month.
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent Liaison	This volunteer will help communicate to the parents of children involved in a WEST funded grant what the grant is about and its' benefits.	2-3 hours twice a year.

Name	Email & Phone Number
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