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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Wrentham Elementary Schools Trust, Inc. Raises \$3,500  
To Support Educational Enrichment Programs.**

~ Celebrity Comedian Headlines Fundraiser That Draws more than 100 Parents for a Night of  
Laughs ~

Wrentham, MA, March 10, 2009 – WEST (Wrentham Elementary Schools Trust, Inc.) hosted a Comedy Night and Dinner on Saturday night, March 7, at 3 Restaurant in Franklin, MA to raise grant money to support enrichment programs in the Wrentham Elementary Schools.

The night's headliner was celebrity comedian, Frank Santorelli, best known for his role as the Bada Bing bartender in the HBO® hit series, The Sopranos. The evening was a great success and raised over \$3,500 for WEST. Over 100 attended to enjoy the entertainment and show support for the Wrentham Elementary Schools. A highpoint of the evening was certainly the auction of an "Evening at the Celtics" which alone raised \$800 for the Trust. The sought-after Celtics Tickets package was kindly donated by Wrentham parent, Tom Tormey, and bought by Mark DeFlaminis, while John Orrico generously matched the \$400 bid. The night also featured a 50/50 raffle that was won by Bob and Stephanie Baker.

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“The surprise live auction was a great success and certainly added to the fun of the evening,” said Audra Kennedy, Committee Chairman. “We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended for their support and generosity. With their help, WEST can provide Wrentham educators with an additional source of financial support for curriculum enrichment programs that currently fall outside the reach of the schools’ operating budget.”

Established in 2007, WEST is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, responsible for raising private capital to fund educational enrichment projects for the Wrentham Elementary Schools. Since its inception, WEST has been pleased to award over \$7000 in grants to local area teachers. So far in 2009, WEST has awarded \$4700 for a wide variety of programs. Funds that WEST receives now will determine the grants available in the Fall of 2009 for which the Board of Directors will be accepting applications in late Spring.

To make a donation or for more information about WEST and the projects that it has already funded for the children of Wrentham Elementary Schools, please visit [www.WrenthamWEST.org](http://www.WrenthamWEST.org)

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### **Photograph attached;**

WEST Fundraising Committee Member Julie Corcoran (left) shares a joke with Comedian Frank Santorelli (right) at the WEST Comedy Night and Dinner at 3 Restaurant in Franklin, MA on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>