



Awarding Grants to Enrich the Wrentham Education Experience

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PRESS RELEASE

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Local Merchants support Wrentham Schools in Night of Celebration for Education

Wrentham Elementary Schools Trust, Inc. (WEST) raises over \$4000 for school in their "Celebration for Education" evening at the historic Proctor Mansion Inn

WRENTHAM- November 2009: The Board and Fundraising Committee of **WEST** (Wrentham Elementary Schools Trust, Inc.) wish to thank everyone who contributed to the success and enjoyment of their Celebration for Education Evening held last month at the historic Proctor Mansion Inn, Wrentham.

With the support of many generous local businesses and donors, the evening raised over \$4000 for **WEST**, which will be used in coming months to 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.

Nearly 70 guests attended the evening in the elegant and historic surroundings of the Proctor Mansion, to enjoy wine and beer tasting expertise provided by Wampum Corner Wine and Liquors and the Eagle Brook Saloon. Food was also provided by the Eagle Brook, who offered shrimp and cheese platters, while the Black Rock Café of Wrentham provided a starter of a mini Caesar salad also with grilled shrimp. "3" Restaurant in Franklin supplied Caribbean chicken and delicious meatballs were provided by Cafe Assisi of Wampum Corner.

Marcia's Pantry provided an exclusive plate of assorted pastries with a seasonal influence evidenced in her unique pumpkin flavored whoopee pies and in keeping with the season, warmed apple cider and Apple Crisp were supplied by Wrentham's own Big Apple.

Each guest received a souvenir glass bearing the WEST logo to remind them of their contribution, which they took home in signature bags provided by Bambi's. Floral decorations were provided by Doherty's flowers and door prizes and incentives were kindly donated by Magic Shears of Wampum Corner and Nail Sensations, Wrentham.

WEST is an independent, 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, responsible for raising private capital to fund innovative educational enrichment projects. It was established in 2007 to support educational excellence in the Wrentham Public Schools and has been pleased to award over \$14,000 in grants to local area teachers.

Since the beginning of the year the **WEST** effect has already been enjoyed by the 3rd and 4th grades in Wrentham Elementary. Through grants awarded by **WEST**, the school has played host to live owls in the exciting presentation "Eyes on Owls" which enlightened and educated the children on the physical adaptations of the fascinating birds. Most recently the school welcomed native Wampanoag visitors who with the aid of their own genuine artifacts brought the culture of The People of the East alive to their entranced audience.

WEST continually accepts donations and legacies which it uses to maintain a standard of educational excellence in our Wrentham's schools. If you would like further information on **WEST** and the projects that it has already funded for the children of the Wrentham Elementary Schools, please visit www.WrenthamWEST.org

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Picture 1: Members of the **WEST** Board of Directors and Fundraising Committee at the recent **WEST** Celebration for Education at the Procter Mansion Inn, Wrentham; from L to R: Heather Poirier, Jeff Marsden, Michelle Rouse, Julie Corcoran, Erin Aaron, Patrick King, Audra Kennedy (President), Greg Pazurchek, Melanie Jutras, Deidre Foley, Lisa Daley and Jacqueline Bruner.

Picture 2: Marcia Wilson introduces a class of 4th graders to the Eurasian Eagle Owl in her Eyes on Owls presentation brought to the Wrentham Elementary School by a grant awarded by **WEST**

Picture 3: Genuine artifacts bring the culture of the Wampanoag people to life for 3rd graders in a presentation entitled People of the East brought to the Wrentham Elementary School by a grant awarded by **WEST**.
