



*Awarding Grants to Enrich the Wrentham Education Experience*

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## Win Win for Wrentham!

*Wrentham Elementary School Trust, Inc. (WEST) receives donation of \$6000 from Wrentham's record breaking Longest Baseball Game.*

**Wrentham- August 09.** Wrentham Elementary School Trust, Inc (WEST) Treasurer Charlie Kennedy was delighted to receive a check this week, for \$6000 from Jim Lucas, originator and coordinator of Wrentham's Longest Baseball Game which broke the world record this Spring. Also present at the presentation were WEST Director Audra Kennedy and Terry McGovern President of Wrentham's Youth Baseball Softball Association. To date Wrentham's Longest Baseball Game has raised over \$70,000 and WEST is just one of the 7 charities benefitting from it.

Local charity WEST is an independent, 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, responsible for raising funds which it awards as grants to support innovative educational enrichment projects in the Wrentham Elementary Schools. Run by a voluntary board of Directors and Fundraising Committee, aims to provide educators with an additional source of support for programs that fall outside the reach of the school's operating budget.

In 2009 already, **WEST** has awarded grants that have supported a Kindergarten field trip to Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary to learn about the original production of maple syrup, purchased an African Percussion ensemble for the music department, and provided additional literature in K-1 classrooms. Further grants that have been awarded more recently include the support of a year-long project enabling creative first graders authors to write, illustrate, and publish their own professionally bound book, an in depth science program for all fourth grade students featuring live owls and an exciting new project that will allow advanced sixth grade math students to pursue their interests to a higher level by partnering with K.P. High School honor students.

Over 800 of the town's younger generation played in the record breaking baseball game which lasted was more than 28 hours longer than the previously longest recorded game in Major League Baseball history. Many of the same children that played so well in the game in June will benefit directly from this contribution to **WEST** as they return to school in early September.

Since its inception, **WEST** has been pleased to raise and award over \$14,000 in grants to local area teachers, each of which have contributed to the aim of enhancing the educational experience and maintaining educational excellence in the Wrentham Public Schools. For more information on **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). For more information on Wrentham's Longest Baseball Game visit <http://thelongestbaseballgame.org>

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Picture; From Left to Right; Audra Kennedy **WEST** Director and Charlie Kennedy **WEST** Treasurer receive donation of \$6000 from the Longest Baseball Game Jim Lucas and Terry McGovern