



SPRING 2021

# The Compass

Thanks to your support WEST has awarded nearly \$300,000 in grants to our school

## What is WEST?

WEST is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2007 by parent volunteers. Its mission is to foster the highest quality educational experiences for Wrentham students by funding curriculum enrichment programs that fall outside the current school budget.

## How does it work?

WEST members work to raise private capital to fund these important educational programs. Wrentham elementary teachers then apply for grants for these innovative projects.

## How can you help?

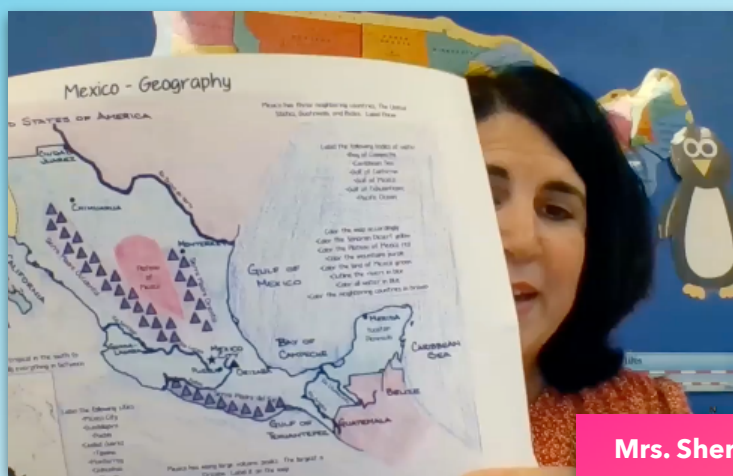
**Join us!** To find out how you can volunteer, contact [info@wrenthamwest.org](mailto:info@wrenthamwest.org)

**Donate!** Details at [www.wrenthamwest.org](http://www.wrenthamwest.org)

Sponsor our event or donate to the online auction! Looking for a great way to promote your local business? We'll make sure the word gets out about how awesome you are!

**Tell us your idea!** We're always looking for new ways to raise funds for our schools.

## Grant Spotlight: Teachers Pay Teachers



**Mrs. Sheri Coleman,**  
WPS grade 4 teacher,  
downloaded multiple  
geography lessons for  
the 4th-grade class.

With access to thousands of resources ready for digital download or printing, Teachers Pay Teachers is the largest online resource and educational marketplace for teachers. Teachers Pay Teachers was a crucial tool for educators when the pandemic hit and technology played a front role in accessing lessons for students. WEST paid for a \$6,000 credit toward TpT so our teachers could access material they needed without reaching into their own pockets. Lessons for our children continued seamlessly and new material was shared throughout this school year. Children in pre-K through grade 6 were able to benefit from the resources our teachers found.

# Art Grants

*"Art is important. We tend to think it is a luxury, but it gives people deep pleasure, because beauty is the personification of hope that something grander is at work."*

- Gil Dellinger, Painter

When schools shut down last spring due to the pandemic, Delaney's art teacher, Mrs. Krista Langley-Haner, applied for a WEST grant to get proper art materials in the hands of students who didn't have them at home and would typically count on having fun with these materials in the art room. With this grant 50 at-home art kits were created.



Ralph Masiello's 1-hour presentation introduced to first graders the process that published author/illustrators use to produce a book. He stressed reading and research skills, and shared his drawing strategies as the children drew with him. In doing so we hope to motivate and encourage the children to be interested in writing/illustrating their own stories!



## Mad Scientist Grant



The Mad Scientist performance sparks the imagination by professional instructors equipped with highly-cool gear to deliver unique, hands-on science experiences to Wrentham's 6th-grade students. The "Don't Try This At Home" program has students conducting experiments such as creating an electrical circuit with the audience's bodies, creating a tiny lightning storm, changing water's temperature instantly, seeing how a rainbow is made, floating on a Mad Science hovercraft, building super bouncy balls and so much more!



# Shining Stars

**D**o you have someone you'd like to thank? You can order a Shining Star for as many school staff members as you'd like! Not only will you make their day, but the funds will go towards educational programs in the upcoming school year. What better way to give a heartfelt thanks to the people who work so hard for our kids? Go to our website [www.wrenthamwest.org](http://www.wrenthamwest.org) for more details.

*"It's more than a piece of paper. It recognizes the love and passion we have to be the BEST we can be for each individual student. Receiving a shining star symbolizes the acknowledgement from the parents that we accomplished that goal!"*

**- Kristin Pitman, Health Teacher**



*"Receiving a WEST shining star is the BEST feeling! A shining star certificate is a wonderful validation that a Wrentham family has loved learning with me! Additionally, their donation to WEST will allow even more families amazing learning opportunities in our sensational schools."*

**Mandi Kelley, Grade 4 Teacher**

# Corporate Supporter Spotlight: Julie Etter Team

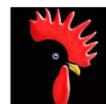
WEST would like to thank the Julie Etter Team for its 2021 sponsorship! Corporate sponsorships allow WEST to fulfill its mission to enhance our students' learning through local businesses.

The Julie Etter Team proudly supports WEST because of their core belief in being a part of the communities they serve. The Julie Etter Team is led by Julie Etter. She lives in Wrentham with her husband Tim and her two children DJ and Joel.

Julie has been in real estate for more than 15 years and has had the honor of being the #1 Agent in Wrentham for homes sold on several occasions, most recently in 2020. As a former teacher herself, she has a full understanding of the needs and challenges that teachers face on an annual basis, and with that background comes a heartfelt desire to help in any way possible.



## Our 2020-2021 Corporate Partners



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