

# ◆ E.L. Educational Endowment News ◆

September 2005

“Our Goal is Excellence in Education”

Let's Make a Difference

## The Endowment Is...

A non-profit corporation formed by parents & the business community to enhance the educational opportunities for all students in the East Longmeadow public schools. Through gifts and bequests from citizens, businesses and organizations, the Endowment provides annual assistance directly to the schools for the benefit of the students of East Longmeadow. Each year grants are used to augment educational opportunities not provided for in the budget process. Grants are awarded to fund proposals impacting students at all grade levels and care is exercised to ensure that as many student as possible benefit from such grants and the benefits are repeated for a period of years.

## Mark Your Calendar

The Dinner Dance will be held on March 4, 2006 at Elmcrest Country Club. You will enjoy great food and music along with the chance to bid on raffle prizes. Since all proceeds benefit the Endowment, not only is this a great way to support the education in town but also to attend the “Social Event of the Year”. Tickets and additional information will be available soon.



## Board Members

Mark Beglane (Clerk)  
Chris Buendo  
Laura Caine  
Laurie Cirillo  
Nancy Cokotis  
David Cronin  
Damon D'Amico  
Matt Flanagan  
Nick Giuggio  
Chris Graziano  
Steve Graham (Pres.)  
Jeff Haughey  
Al Kasper (Vice Pres.)  
Mark Kustwan  
Dan Manley  
Bill Preye (Treas.)  
Marna Shields  
Arminster Singh  
Gina Szykaruk

## Thank you for a Great Year!

The Endowment raises its money through contributions and by holding two fundraising events each year.

Thanks to your efforts the Endowment had a great year.

Here's the results from last year.

Dinner Dance.....\$21,000  
Golf Tournament.....\$10,400  
Other Contributions.....\$4,100

You can help increase the fund balance by attending either of the fundraisers, by making a contribution through the United Way (select the Endowment as the specific charity for your contribution), or by making a personal contribution.

Checks may be made payable & mailed to:

E.L. Educational Endowment Fund  
P.O. Box 1011  
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Your tax deductible contribution is welcomed and will be greatly acknowledged.

## New Members Announced

The Endowment is pleased to welcome new board members: Mark Kustwan, Marna Shields and Arminster Singh. With their different backgrounds they are sure to be assets to the Endowment.



## Start Planning Now

Next year's golf tournament will be held on June 5, 2006 at Elmcrest Country Club. Some exciting changes are in the works to make this an even better event, so start planning your 4-some now! Tickets and additional information will become available soon.

## Fund Balance

As of 6/30/05

	2005	2004
Cash.....	\$39,600	\$40,600
Investments .....	\$253,700	\$233,600
Liabilities .....	\$10,500	\$0
<b>Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$303,800</b>	<b>\$274,200</b>

## Golf Benefit Raises Over \$10,000

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament was held at Elmcrest Country Club on June 6, 2005. Over 110 enthusiastic golfers attended this fundraising event in which approximately \$10,400 was raised for the Endowment. A sincere thank you goes out to all the friends, family, and businesses who helped make the tournament a huge success.

## Students to Update Website

A special thank you to Nicolette Mushenko and her high school students who have agreed to update the Endowment's website.

Visit us at:

[www.Eastlongmeadow.org/schools/welcome.htm](http://www.Eastlongmeadow.org/schools/welcome.htm)

to get all the current happenings at the Endowment.



## A Thank you from Mountain View!



Grade Four teachers at Mountain View School are very grateful that the East Longmeadow Endowment Fund has awarded us a grant to purchase much needed Social Studies materials. The Massachusetts State Frameworks for the grade four Social Studies curriculum has been recently changed from ancient civilizations to United States Geography, Native Americans, Immigration, Canada, and Mexico. Although we have been doing our best to acquire materials that align with these new frameworks, additional items that we have purchased with the grant money such as reproducible activities workbooks, class sets of Native American legends, class sets of junior atlases, and videocassettes of Canada and Mexico, will allow us to increase the students' knowledge of the new curriculum. This, in turn, will impact students' performance on the state MCAS test for History and Social Science.

We have recently begun receiving our materials purchased with our grant money in our classrooms. It is with much excitement that we share them with our students.

Again, we thank the East Longmeadow Endowment Fund for this opportunity to acquire new materials that will benefit our entire five fourth grades, now, and for years to come.

Sincerely,  
 Mary Collins, Katherine Fernandes,  
 Patricia Hitchcock, Nancy Morrow and Beverly Steele

### SUMMARY OF GRANTS BY SCHOOL ( 1996-2005)

School	Requests	Requests Funded	% of Requests Funded	Dollars Awarded	% of Total \$
Meadowbrook	36	13	36%	\$11,100	12%
Mapleshade	26	11	42%	\$13,945	15%
Mountain View	23	11	48%	\$ 9,625	11%
Birchland Park	25	10	40%	\$15,900	18%
High School	68	20	29%	\$20,020	32%
Mtview & Mshade & Mbrook*	1	1	100%	\$ 5,000	5%
Mshade/Mtview	2	1	50%	\$ 2,500	3%
All Schools**	4	2	50%	\$ 3,400	4%
Grades 3 – 8	1	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>\$90,490</b>	<b>100%</b>

### IMPACT GRANTS (1999-2002)

School	Year	Description	Dollars Awarded
High School	1999	A+ Certification Program	\$15,000
Meadowbrook	2001	Expand Music Program	\$12,500
High School	2001	Convert into 2 Computer Labs	\$12,500
Mountain View	2002	Install 32" wall-mounted TV/VCR's	\$ 7,500
Mapleshade	2002	Purchase Reading Books and Travel Carts	\$ 7,965
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$55,465</b>

**GRAND TOTAL**

*All numbers are approximate*

**\$145,955**



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