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November 23, 2016

Dear Residents & Friends of MEF,

In this season of thanks and giving, we are so grateful for our supporters of learners of all ages in the Maranacook community. The need to supplement local education continues to exist. If you are able, please consider giving a donation to help support new programs.

Because of our generous donors, we've awarded more than \$25,000 to area educators and students. To commemorate this achievement, we are excited to announce a new initiative – **The Maranacook Distinguished Educator Award**. This monetary award will recognize a local outstanding educator who demonstrates exemplary drive, care and support of our most precious commodity; our children. More details on the nomination and selection process will soon be published.

This past schoolyear, MEF supported the following projects:

- ☞ a Buddy Bench and books for Mt. Vernon Elementary School, that **"fosters new friendships and spreads the message of inclusion and kindness,"** said teacher Christy Owens.
- ☞ iPad technology for Readfield Elementary's literacy specialist Maria Rungi, **"Students who used to hate writing are now begging me to write and create new books."**
- ☞ a watershed science curricula developed by Cami Wilbert, Education Coordinator of the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed. Third-grade teacher Jennifer Tweedie, from Readfield Elementary said, **"Students engaged in a hands-on lesson and "moved" through the water cycle. They were still talking about the process months later!"**
- ☞ a project developed for Mount Vernon and Wayne Elementary Schools to improve oral reading fluency among students.
- ☞ learning materials to help reduce the reading achievement gap among Kennebec Valley YMCA campers. **"I like the peacefulness and the lighting of the cabin....it has my favorite books and encourages me to write and read," said a camper.**

MEF award descriptions may be found at <http://www.maranacook.org/mef/>. Stay tuned for our 2016-17 grant announcements at [www.facebook.com/maranacookeducationfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/maranacookeducationfoundation).

MEF is comprised of a volunteer board; no money raised goes to any administrative overhead. Your deduction is completely tax deductible.

You may donate directly online using PayPal™ from our website or mail to PO Box 133 in Readfield. We conduct fundraising just once a year. You are welcome to give any time of year that best fits your budget.

Please help us spread the word about the good work of the Maranacook Education Foundation in our community.

Sincerely,

Doug Boyink, President  
Maranacook Education Foundation

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