



BENSALEM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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The Bensalem Education Foundation (BEF) was formed by a group of concerned citizens and administrators to secure resources in support of programs that will benefit and improve the educational opportunities of students in the Bensalem Township School District.

Donation News

BEF is pleased to announce the following donations:



- **PARX Casinos** – donated \$5,000 for unrestricted use in the HS renovation project. Funds will be used in the chemistry labs.

- **American Paddy's Productions**

– donated the new signs in front of BHS as well as \$2,000 for the performing arts (\$1,500) & OTN (\$500) departments.

- **The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia** – donated a weight rack, valued at \$400, to the athletic department.



Contact BEF to learn more about making a donation at educationfoundation@bensalemsd.org.

Family Fun Day – Save the Date!

BEF is planning a Family Fun Day on **June 4, 2016** at Cherokee Day Camp in Bensalem (Rain date: June 5, 2016). Cherokee has a pool, swings, rock climbing wall and other family-friendly activities. The committee is also working on scheduling some special activities and surprises! Watch for more details coming soon! If you would like to be on the planning committee, contact Tammy Wood-Moghal (twood@bensalemsd.org).

BHS Performing Arts Center Premiere

The Bensalem Township School District and BEF partnered to present the Premiere of the BHS Performing Arts Center on November 23, 2015. More than 500 people attended the evening of performances by BHS student groups. BHS alumni, Jeff Skversky and Trish Hartman, both currently at 6ABC in Philadelphia, and BHS retired teachers, Donald Thullen and Mark Banchi, spoke at the event.

BEF supporters of the "Take a Seat" fundraiser were invited into the auditorium before the start of performances, so they could choose "their" seats and sit in them for the evening's performances.

The cafeteria and Owls Television Network (OTN) were also open for tours, and activity groups and clubs set up tables in the cafeteria, so attendees could learn more about the breadth of opportunities for students at BHS.

It was a wonderful evening for the entire community.

"Owl Walk" Brick Purchases Support the Library

BEF and the Bensalem Alumni Association are proud to partner on a project to support the library. The groups are selling bricks that will be placed in an area outside of the north entrance of the renovated high school. Bricks are available in two sizes (4"x 8" and 8"x 8"). Three or six-line inscriptions can honor or memorialize an alumni, student or teacher.

Find out more or order:

<http://www.bensalemsd.org/Page/10949>

BEF Helps Furnish Sensory Room at Struble Elementary

Struble Elementary recently furnished a room in their building as a sensory room. The sensory-rich environment provides an opportunity for students to collect themselves, relax and have a break from the regular classroom environment. It is particularly useful for learning support students. The funds donated by BEF were used for items such as therabands, a rocker, an electronic aquarium, light covers, body socks, a weighted lap pad, chair massager, hand fidgets and bins filled with a variety of beans.

Welcome to
our newest board members:
Kathy Leon
Val Ridge

BEF joins state and national school foundation association

Bill Lewis, BEF Vice President, recently attended a regional meeting of the Association of PA Education Foundations (APEF). This statewide group is organized to provide support and resources for education foundations throughout PA. APEF is a state-level affiliate of the National School Foundation Association (NSFA), so membership in the PA-based organization includes access to resources offered by the national organization as well. Working with other education foundations around the state and the country will offer BEF insights and ideas that have been tried by others.



Donations to BEF are tax-deductible!

Donations are tax-deductible and can be made for any building in the district. Simply contact us, so that we can ensure that your donation is applied to the specific school or program. Email: educationfoundation@bensalemsd.org.

Ongoing Fundraisers

Find out more about these fundraisers on the BEF web site at www.bensalemsd.org/BEF:

- **Riggins Coffee Program** – Get a reusable coffee cup with the Bensalem B (\$9.99 plus tax) or a coupon book containing ten coupons, each good for any size coffee at Riggins' Street Road location (\$5) to support our cafeteria fundraiser in collaboration with **Riggins' Café and Gas Station, 2030 Street Road**. Both items are available at the Riggins Store (across from Wendy's on Street Road.)

- **Artwork Note Cards** – The artwork preservation committee continues raising funds to make photos of the art from the walls of BHS into framed images for the renovated building. Two different sets of note cards are available. Each pack contains two each of four designs and eight envelopes. Cost is \$15/pack or 2 packs for \$24 (sales tax included).
- **"Take a Seat" fundraiser** – It's not too late to get your name on a seat in the auditorium. Sponsor a single seat for \$50 or a group of five seats for \$200.
- **Power Up Program** – Check if you can save money on your electric bill and help BEF at the same time. Anyone who signs up for gas or electric through the BEF program helps BEF get a monthly donation from Stream Energy. Participants remain as customers of PECO Energy, but PECO purchases the electric or gas from Stream. Bills, repairs and service communications are still through PECO.



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