



## **Mission**

NEF's mission is to "encourage creativity, innovation and excellence in our students" and we strive to do this each and every day with the support of parents, teachers, students, corporations, foundations, individuals and the community at large. Through our fundraisers: the annual Golf Outing, our Trustee Appreciation Breakfast, Cents for Kids, Yuks for Youth, parent donations at registration, Honor a Teacher and the Building a Passion Breakfast, we are able to provide the following on-going programs and services to School District 203.

## **Annual Innovative Grant Awards**

Over the past 19 years, NEF has awarded more than 700 grants that fund creative, innovative and excellent ideas in all of our schools. Each year 30-50 grants are awarded that provide experiences that excite, motivate and help students grow, learn and achieve in the categories of Cultural Studies, Fine Arts, Health/Physical Education, Literacy and Math/Science. Each school principal also receives a discretionary \$1,000 Trustee Award every year.

## **Study Skills Academy**

This signature NEF program, now district-wide, grew out of an annual award-winning proposal that piloted the establishment of an SSA in our 14 elementary schools. Today, NEF provides funding to 21 of our schools for their Study Skills Academy, which gives students the extra help they need to learn how to study from a skilled educator. The SSA has been credited with helping to raise District 203's standardized test scores.

## **Kid Boosters**

Our Kid Boosters program provides financial assistance to meet the specific and unique needs of District 203 students and supports opportunities which enhance their educational, physical, or socio-emotional growth. The NEF lends a helping hand to students and their families who have exhausted all other means of assistance in acquiring, for instance, a wheelchair, eye glasses or counseling – issues that keep a student from learning effectively.

## **Healthy Breakfast**

The NEF provides funding for this elementary school program in order to ensure that all of our young students start their day ready to learn.

## **Leave a Legacy**

NEF welcomes contributions and bequests into a permanent, unrestricted endowment which supports the programs and services in our schools. NEF also provides a conduit for individuals and their families to fund and administer memorial funds from personal gifts or community contributions. These restricted funds are used to support specific grants or provide student scholarships based on the wishes of the contributors.

## **Contribute & Volunteer**

Please consider making a financial contribution to NEF by simply visiting our website listed below. In addition, consider becoming involved by offering your time and talent as a volunteer on one of our committees that work toward the fulfillment of our mission.

***Thank you for all of your support!***

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