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***B.E.S.T. "Renovates" Kitchen Tour...***  
***Introducing the B.E.S.T. Homes Tour, Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm***  
***Fourth Edition of "Homeowner's Resource Directory" raises over \$21,000 for Boxford's Schools***

Boxford, MA – April 22, 2007 – Boxford Elementary Schools Trust (B.E.S.T.) – It's been a wet, cold spring but warm weather looks like it finally has arrived -- and so has the annual B.E.S.T. Tour, newly-renovated as the B.E.S.T. Homes Tour! On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, B.E.S.T. will be hosting a self-guided tour of 10 homes to benefit the foundation's *Touched by Technology* initiative.

In addition to outstanding kitchens, tour participants this year will have the opportunity to view a media room, a poolside cabana, a master bedroom suite, and historic renovations. Most of the homes will have professional project managers on hand to discuss their work and answer any questions participants may have.

Another new tour feature includes raffle items that will be available at each home. Tour-goers will have the opportunity to purchase tickets in advance for these luxury items the day of the tour. Please refer to [www.bestforboxford.org](http://www.bestforboxford.org) for more details.

**Area Businesses Support B.E.S.T. and help raise over \$21,000 for the *Touched by Technology* Initiative**

An important element of the homes tour is the *B.E.S.T. Homeowner's Resource Directory*, which is a cornerstone of B.E.S.T.'s fundraising efforts. This directory is a useful reference tool for anyone looking to do work on their homes, both regular maintenance and renovations and includes helpful information on schools, libraries, recycling, useful websites and more. It also gives area businesses the opportunity to support public education. B.E.S.T. board members constantly are looking for innovative ways to raise funds and keep the burden of curriculum enrichment off of taxpayers; this directory has proven to be a tremendous success. All Boxford residents and tour attendees will receive a complimentary copy of *The Homeowner's*

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*Resource Directory.* The following businesses have participated at a Diamond, Platinum, Gold or Silver level:

**Diamond** - Howell Design & Build; **Platinum** - ND Landscaping, Cuvée Storage Systems; **Gold** - Aires Group, B&G Cabinet, Coldwell Banker – Gwen Washburn, CEM Home Maids, Eagle-Tribune Publishing, Kraunelis Insurance, Meadowview Construction, Soucy Insurance; **Silver** - Alex’s Landscaping, Beaulieu Cabinetry, Benjamin Nutter Architects, Carole Kitchen and Bath, Classic Construction, Edward Jones Investments, Interiors by Decorating Den, Merriam Vineyards, Wachovia Securities, Windsor & Davis Homestyles.

In addition, CEM Home Maids is going to give 5% back to BEST for all carpet cleaning jobs they book as a result of their ad in the directory. Gwen Washburn of Coldwell Banker is this year’s Tour sponsor. B.E.S.T. appreciates individuals’ support of these businesses.

All B.E.S.T. tour-goers will visit Cole School the morning of the tour to pick up their tour map and a free copy of the directory. Advance sale prices for the kitchen tour are: Tour only - \$20; or Tour plus a gourmet lunch from Nancy’s Catering - \$30. To order tickets, visit [www.bestforboxford.org](http://www.bestforboxford.org) or call 978-302-0848.

#### **About B.E.S.T.**

The Boxford Elementary Schools Trust (**B.E.S.T.**) was founded in 1996 as a non-profit, 501C(3), educational foundation. An all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to fostering excellence in Boxford’s elementary schools, B.E.S.T. provides grants in three primary areas; technology, professional development, and educational in-residence programs. B.E.S.T. has contributed nearly \$200,000 to our public schools, including a \$40,000 *Touched by Technology* grant. The goal of the *Touched by Technology* initiative is to provide technology-infused classrooms that will engage the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner and allow for more creative and efficient approaches to curriculum. For more information about B.E.S.T., visit [www.bestforboxford.org](http://www.bestforboxford.org), email [info@bestforboxford.org](mailto:info@bestforboxford.org) .