



# BOXFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TRUST

## Become a 2018 Supporter of BEST

BEST is one of the two parent-led organizations in town created to support and benefit our elementary schools through community based events and opportunities that enhance learning. BEST functions like a charitable foundation – we raise private funds to support innovative teaching tools, technology, teacher training, and longer-term school initiatives. If a teacher wants to try something new, but needs help funding it – BEST provides funds to the teachers. We look to fund initiatives that have the broadest possible effect on our community, and the best chance of helping teachers bring innovation to our district.

In the past five years, BEST has funded an average of \$31K in grants each year to teachers at Cole and Spofford Schools. These added extras in our classrooms are what differentiate Boxford Schools from those of surrounding towns. BEST is honored to bring these enhancements to Boxford, but we can't do it alone. In the past, we raised all of our funds through events and other fundraising programs. We are now reaching out directly to ask you to become a **Supporter of BEST.**

### Donate Three Ways!

1. Send your donation in a sealed envelope to the school office via your child's backpack. Please mark envelopes: BEST
2. Mail your donation to BEST, P.O. Box 176, Boxford MA 01921.
3. Donate online at: [www.bestforboxford.org/donate](http://www.bestforboxford.org/donate)

Your tax-deductible donation will enable us to fund grants for the current school year.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I will donate:  \$120 become a **Friend of BEST**

\$90 (3 children)

\$60 (2 children)

\$30 (1 child)

Other Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

If each family donated just \$30 per child, we would be able to meet our funding goals for the school year.

I will **double my donation** by including my company's **Matching Gift Form**

Friends of BEST will be listed on the BEST bulletin boards at each school (for example: The Smith Family or In Memory of Nanna Jo). Use the line below to let us know how you would like your listing to appear. Leave blank if you would prefer your donation to be anonymous:

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## What kinds of grants does BEST fund?

Thanks to your support, BEST funded the following grants during the 2016/2017 school year:

- **Full classroom of Chromebooks for Grade 4**
- **Train-the-trainer Professional Development for Cole School STEM teacher** to acquire additional Project Based Learning strategies and train other teachers in the techniques
- **Supplies for Spofford Pond School Greenhouse**
- **OSMO iPad Learning Center** in Grade 2
- **In-classroom Science Libraries** that complement the new science curriculum for all classrooms in Grade 2
- **In-classroom library** for Grade 6 classroom on digital and global citizenship
- **Interactive “J” Touch Communication Board** for the Language Based Learning Center at Cole School
- **Professional Development from the Landmark Outreach Program** for Spofford Pond School Grade 6 teachers to learn enhanced Study Skills and Executive Function Strategies for students

Some examples of things we funded in the past include:

- **Science from Scientists**
- **Grade 6 Science Fair**
- **Chicken Hatchery**
- **Integrated Rock Band**
- **Greenhouse & Weather Station**
- **Smartboards in every classroom**
- **Digital Art Studios**
- **A dozen complete technology classrooms (1:1 iPads or Chromebooks)**
- **Power of our Words professional development on word choices in school**

### Donate when you shop!

Shop through ***smile.amazon.com*** and select Boxford Elementary Schools Trust as your charity of choice. BEST gets .5% of your qualified purchase price back as a donation!

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