

ANNUAL REPORT
POQUOSON EDUCATION FOUNDATION
2016 - 2017



*Investing in Excellence:
Poquoson's Children, Poquoson's Future*



CLASSROOM GRANTS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY TEACHERS AND THEIR STUDENTS!



REFLECTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS, 2016-2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for being such a special part of the Poquoson Education Foundation's fundraising efforts. We love celebrating our successes with you. Having you as our loyal supporters is a gift to Poquoson City Public Schools.

On this day, and every day throughout the New Year, please know how much we value the trust you have in the Poquoson Education Foundation. Your contributions will be used for classroom needs, scholarships for graduating seniors, upgrading technology, supporting student involvement in national and international competitions, and providing recognition for outstanding student and staff achievements.

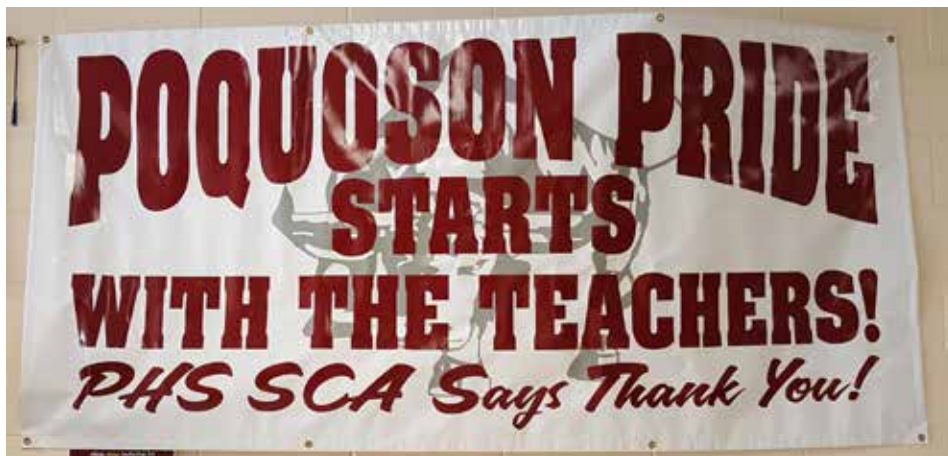
Because you care enough to be a dedicated part of our "fundraising family," your allegiance to Poquoson City Public Schools reinforces that the tradition of excellence continues to thrive in our school district. Poquoson's Children, Poquoson's Future!

Sincerely,



Judy M. McCormick, Ed.S.

President, Poquoson Education Foundation, Inc.



FROM PEF STUDENT ADVISOR

"...I wanted to let you know that I, along with the rest of the school, really appreciate all of the time and work that the Poquoson Education Foundation invests in order to fund opportunities and programs for students and teachers. I have been spreading the word about all of the scholarships that are offered by PEF and the continued brick sales, and will be sure to apply for the scholarships as well. I am very grateful to have been able to be involved in a small part of what PEF does this school year, and also to have been ordered a brick, it really does mean a lot to me!

I would like to wish you and the Poquoson Education Foundation continued success in the future towards working to help further the educational mission at the Poquoson City Public Schools. I cannot emphasize enough how much all of your hard work and effort has helped the students and each of the schools be as productive, academically successful, and enjoyable as possible."

— Christine Siu, Vice-President, SCA, PHS

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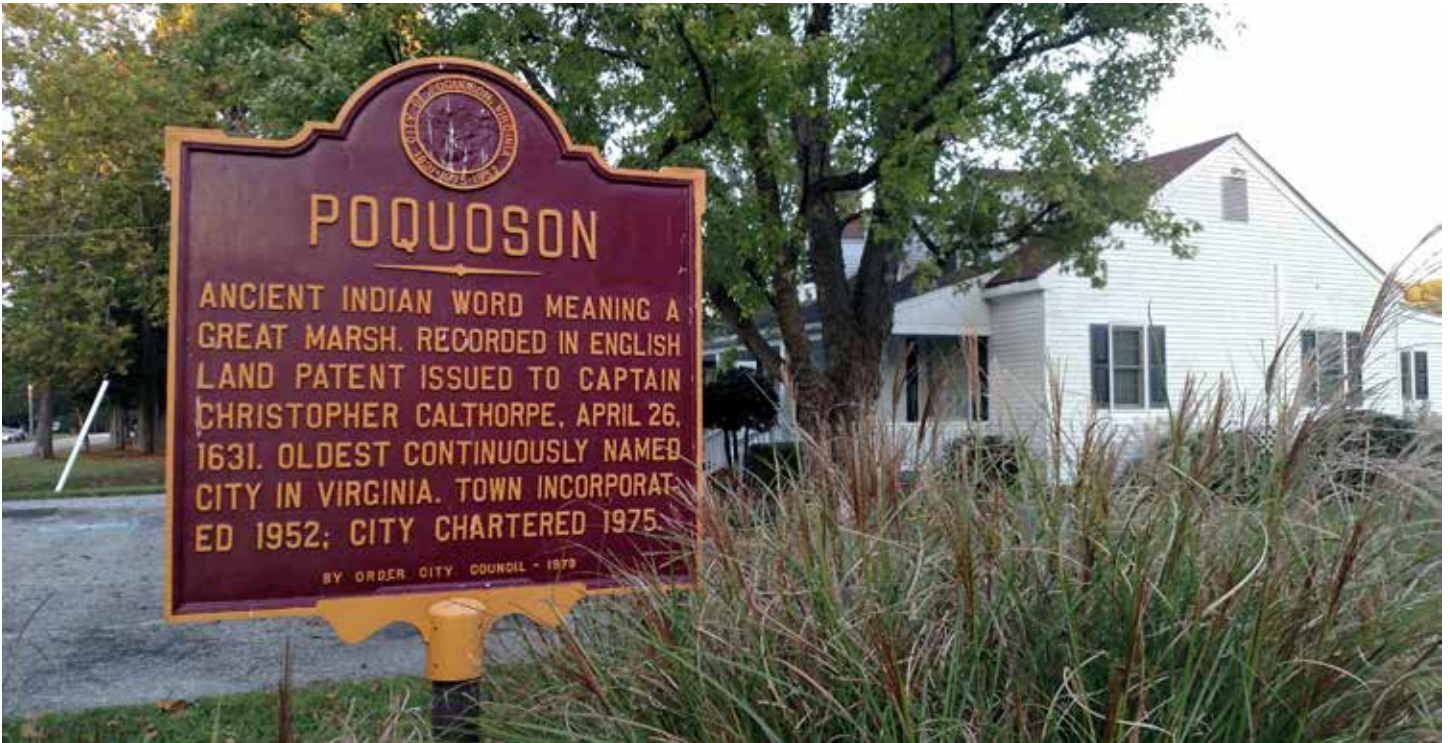
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Directors each purchased a golf shirt with the PEF logo. Back, left to right: Bruce Knight, Melissa Gardy, Debbie Pummell, Gail Wojciechowski, Sharon Harper, Pat Kimsey. Front left to right: Ginny Napier, Mary E. Stallings, Judy McCormick



MISSION

The mission of the Poquoson Education Foundation is to encourage and solicit community endowment and investment in the highest quality education for the Poquoson City Public Schools and to manage the growth and disbursement of those investments for the benefit of the students and the staff in perpetuity.

LONG-RANGE FOUNDATION PLANS

- Award mini-grants to teachers to fund innovative instructional classroom projects
- Provide continuing education opportunities for students and staff
- Provide recognition of outstanding student and staff achievements
- Support student involvement in national and international programs
- Award scholarships to graduating seniors
- Provide funding for community education programs
- Develop an Endowment that is invested for future asset growth



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT A GLANCE

AWARDED

- PEF Academic Excellence and PEF-managed Scholarships: **\$22,175**
- Classroom Grants: **\$25,894**
- Student Grants: **\$5,000**
- Mackenzie Clarke Music Grants: **\$1,385**
- Teacher Professional Development Grant: **\$1,000**
- PCPS Technology Grant: **\$44,000**

FUNDRAISERS

- "Run for the Bulls" 5K Run/2-Mile Walk: **\$24,955**
- Legacy Walk Brick Sales: **\$550**
- Poquoson Yacht Club March Event: **\$30,107**
- Amazon.com's Charitable Program: **\$159.58**
- Hi Ho Silver Boutique Sales: **\$382.26**
- Kroger Grocery Store Education Fundraiser: **\$75**

DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS

- **\$86,968.77**

RECOGNITIONS

- Eleven retiring educators and staff members, each with a gift card to Surf Rider Restaurant and a bouquet of fresh flowers
- Four Teachers of the Year, each with an honorary brick for the Legacy Walk at PHS
- Poquoson Primary School teachers and staff with a breakfast buffet for having the highest percentage of participation in the 2016 "Run for the Bulls"

SPECIAL EVENTS/PROGRAMS

- Promoted PEF's fundraisers, brick sales, and grant programs at all schools during August "in-service week"
- Sponsored the Real Men Read program at both the elementary and primary school
- Donated \$1000 worth of backpacks & school supplies
- Participated in the December Poquoson Community Food Drive

"RUN FOR THE BULLS" 5K RUN/2-MILE WALK – OCTOBER 29, 2016

Bright and early on Saturday morning, October 29, 2016, at Poquoson High School, one could witness an endearing, inspiring and comforting piece of Americana! Runners, walkers, families, children, beloved dogs - all gathered to participate in the "Run for the Bulls" 5K Run/2-Mile Walk, the 5th annual fundraiser to support classroom grants and student scholarships. This event was hosted by the Poquoson Education Foundation (PEF) and the Kiwanis Club of Poquoson.

It was an early, sunny, crisp fall day. Upbeat music provided by a local DJ, Nigey Nige, energized everyone as the morning transitioned from the pre-dawn hour to 8:30 am when the event officially began. Registrants found their spot behind the starting line and prepared to hear the words "Ready. Set. Go." Participants, the Peninsula Track Club crew, PEF & Kiwanis Club volunteer helpers and family & community supporters recited the Pledge of Allegiance and listened afterwards to the inspirational rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, sung by a PHS senior, Emily Edwards. And then, runners and walkers were off!



Delighted medal winners!



Runners are timed by the Peninsula Track Club.



Registration volunteers have a lot of fun.



Kiwanian and Race Director Rich Clifton, PEF President and co-event organizer Judy McCormick, Superintendent, Kiwanian and PEF Board member Jennifer Parish enjoy presenting medals at the primary school where the race ends.



Director Sharon Harper enjoys being a hostess of the Hi Ho Silver event!



Legacy Walk



Guests enjoy looking and examining the jewelry.



Sharon and Ed Harper initiate the "Live" auction.



Gail Wojciechowski, committee chair, left, deems the event a HUGE success!



Guests compete enthusiastically against each other during the live auction, much to the delight of auctioneer Sharon and her assistant Ed.

The whole morning was filled with lots of laughter, encouraging cheers and shout outs, and applause for medal winners. Smiles were in abundant supply. The 5K Run/2-Mile Walk was a grand success. Close to \$25,000 were raised by the hard work and support of the Poquoson Education Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Poquoson, the Peninsula Track Club, the many generous sponsors, the participants and volunteers who all joined together to invest in our Poquoson teachers and students. All these "investors" believe strongly that they are investing in excellence.

For the fourth time in a row, Poquoson Primary School won the contest sponsored by PEF for having, percentage-wise, the most teachers and staff members participate in the Run for the Bulls event! The prize that entices so many school staff members to participate is food. In May, a hot buffet breakfast of eggs and sausage was served, along with assorted pastries, deviled eggs and cinnamon cake. Compliments and thank yous proved the breakfast before school was a huge success!

HI HO SILVER BOUTIQUE FUNDRAISER – NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Hi Ho Silver provided the opportunity for PEF to host its second fundraiser at their boutique in the Tech Center on Jefferson Avenue in Newport News. This private jewelry party was held from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and 15% of sales was earned by PEF. Boutique staff and PEF directors were in attendance to help guests and to provide refreshments. The evening event was enjoyable and a profit of \$382.26 was made for grants and/or scholarships.

LEGACY WALK CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

The Legacy Walk located at Poquoson High School continues to add pleasure and trigger memories as students, teachers and staff members, graduates, families, community members and others enter and exit the building. The walkway was established in the spring of 2010 as a fundraiser for classroom grants and scholarships. Over seven years later, bricks continue to be sold, and over \$22,225 have been raised.

CASINO NIGHT AT POQUOSON YACHT CLUB – MARCH 25, 2017

It's true! Elvis was sighted, along with Marilyn Monroe, at the seventh annual Casino Night fundraiser in March at the Poquoson Yacht Club. Guests were sure they were in a world famous casino enjoying heavy hors d'oeuvres, socializing with friends, bidding on auction items and playing the night away with unlimited currency, also known as "play money." Their luck at the gaming tables turned into great prizes, such as a selfie stick, Magic Bullet blender and gift card to the Grey Goose Restaurant in Hampton. Their luck bidding on silent and live auction items bought them a week at OBX, or a "Dine Around Poquoson" gift card bucket filled with cards to Poquoson Diner, El Rancho, Anna's Pizza, Crab Cake House, Scorpio's Deli, and Little Philly Cheesesteaks or a beautiful work of art from Iris Studio in Poquoson.

Businesses and community members were extremely generous with donations of sponsorships and auction items that helped this event to be the most successful ever. Poquoson Yacht Club, as a sponsor, provided the venue. Over \$30,000 were raised for grants and scholarships.

And YES, Elvis and Marilyn were there! Proof is in the photos!

BACKPACKS DONATED TO POQUOSON CITY SCHOOLS

A donation of \$1,000 was made during the fall of 2016, earmarked for the purchase of 50 backpacks. These backpacks were distributed to Poquoson City Public Schools' Student Services Department for students in need of a backpack and school supplies. The packs were filled with pens and pencils, erasers, notebook paper and other items to help students have a successful school year.

This backpack program was co-sponsored by Stephens Office Supply in Poquoson.



PEF President Judy McCormick, Superintendent Jennifer Parish and PEF Treasurer Gail Wojciechowski



Civic club members Ed Harper, Buddy Green and Tom & Sally Stephens help man the truck.

POQUOSON COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE – DECEMBER 2016

PEF teamed up with the sponsors of Poquoson's annual Community Food Drive in December. A contest among the four schools for the most items of food donated was organized and promoted by PEF. With the generous donation of 25 certificates for pizzas by Domino's Pizza, the class at each school with the most food donated was treated to a pizza party. Food items poured in! Cash donations totaling over \$500 also poured in! PEF directors and other community civic club members took turns manning the bus that housed the collection. The food drive was declared a huge success! Plus, pizza party winners were extremely happy!



READERS: Front row, left to right: Ed Harper, Bruce Knight, Martina Sneed, Charlie French, Principal Janet Harper, Assistant Principal Kimberly Gryszko, Brandon Ratcliff; Center row, left to right: James Earley, Gene Hunt, Bud Southall, Jeremy Jordan; Back row, left to right: Lt. Kelly Waddell, Lt. Gregory Deaver, Deputy Fire Chief Michael Bryant, Crosby Forrest, Buddy Green, Carey Freeman, David Hux, Stephen Clarke (Not all readers are pictured.)

REAL MEN READ PROGRAM AT PES & PPS – MARCH 2, 2017

PEF joined in the fun of celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss in March by sponsoring the Real Men Read program at the elementary and primary schools on March 2. Over thirty community leaders in various roles, including the deputy fire chief, school administrators, a local pastor, business owners and managers, police officers and city council and school board members, each read a Dr. Seuss book to a classroom of excited students. Afterwards, they talked to the students about how important reading is in their lives and their careers. These students were razor-focused on the reader as well as on the book.

Student SCA leaders at PES escorted the readers to their classrooms. Student ambassadors at PPS had the privilege of leading the readers to their classrooms. All students at PPS were treated to a reading over the PA system by a published children's author, Martina M. Sneed, from York County. Ms. Sneed read her book *Sterling the St. Bernard Plays a Sport*.

Following the readings, a reception in the library media center was held as a "thank you" to the author, the readers and the administrators at PES and PPS for their support of this program that helps to foster a love of reading in young students.

Charlie French, former PEF director and president, organized the program and participated as a reader.



PPS principal Janet Harper with author Martina Sneed



PEF directors, l to r: Melissa Gardy, Bruce Knight, Sharon Harper, Judy McCormick; Back row, Linda Riggs, Jeremy Jordan, Pat Kimsey

CLASSROOM GRANTS AWARDED

Due to the increasing number of grant proposals and successful fundraisers, the classroom grant budget was increased to \$30,000 and a separate category for student grants was established, with a sum of \$5,000 earmarked for national/international competitions and conferences. The total number of fall 2016 and spring 2017 grant proposals was 88; total awarded was 72. These 72 funded grants totaled \$25,894.67.



The "Arrive Alive" program at PHS was funded by a grant for drivers' education students. This program's focus is to persuade drivers NOT to text or talk on their cell phones or drink alcohol while driving. Instructors work with individual students who are in a simulator and who find out quickly how easily it is to crash when texting or drinking.

The PEF's "prize patrol" continues to enjoy visiting the schools to present a PR check to grant winners. Often, the winners are awarded during their faculty meeting. Sometimes, the prize patrol shows up unexpectedly at the winner's classroom door, which not only makes the teacher's day, but gives the students an opportunity to share in the excitement.

Sets of balloons showing up at each school for years was a tell-tale sign it was "grant award" day; now, the sign is an armful of colorful long-stem flowers, along with a stash of PR checks bound for classrooms or a faculty meeting for those teachers who wrote either an innovative grant of up to \$1,000 or an instructional grant up to \$300. Congratulations to the following winners:

FALL 2016

PPS

- Alystra Barefoot – Amazon Boogie Boards
- Lindsay Insley – Amazon Boogies Boards
- Kim Gryszko – Ready to Go Favorites, Scholastic Emergent Library
- Amber Bray – Lap Desks, Carpet Mats, Fun Rugs Reading, Floor Pillows
- Amber Bray – Writing Extravaganza (supplies)
- Connie Landon – Talk and Stir (food, books, supplies for cooking)
- Caitlin Orsborne – Multisensory Learning
- Patti Roberts – Domino Math
- Renee Weeks – Wobble Chairs
- Wendy Green – "Write" Color to Improve Reading & Writing

PES

- Nicole Lantz – Wiggle "Kore" Stools (1)
- Nicole Lantz – Wiggle "Kore" Stools (2)
- Nicole Lantz – Wiggle Stools (3)
- Cheryl Piercy – IntelliScanner
- Laura Knight – Learning Stools
- Alice Villa – Whiteboards, Dry Erase, Answer Buzzers, Batteries
- Sandra Taylor – Legos to Teach-Across the Curriculum
- Kim Montalvo, Tim Hatok – Animal Robotics Petting Zoo
- Sarah Bricchetti – Pumpkin Pets (mini pumpkins)
- Sarah Bricchetti – StoryWorks Jr.
- Tamara Weeks – Scholastic News
- Sandra Taylor – Quick Word Books (individualized Student Dictionary)
- Courtney Spence – Bringing Stories to Life with StoryWorks
- Jennifer Brnich – Flocabulary Subscription

PMS

- Christina Dudley – Spanish I Cultural & Motivational Activities
- Jennifer Romanelli – Seaperch Kits, Thruster Pack
- Sally Lovell – 3D Maker Bot Printer
- Cathy Holland – Let's Speak French
- Leslie Harris – Teachers Pay Teachers (supplemental materials)
- Dara Sherman – Key-tuned Tubanos -World Music Drumming Curriculum
- Chris Tyler – High Interest Sports Books for Reluctant Readers

PHS

- Science Department – Digital Pocket Thermometers
- Livia Gong – Atom Building Games
- Gloria Insley – Arrive Alive Simulator Tour
- Gloria Insley – Arrive Alive Simulator Program
- Jennifer Romanelli – Pool, Garden Hose, Sump Pump, 3-D Printer
- Mary Cumbie – King Lear Performance at Theater
- Scott Bumbaugh – Sheet Music/Licensing Fee

SPRING 2017

PPS

- Meredith Archer – Library Learning Centers, Boogie Board Writers
- Kerry Griffin – Boogie Board Jots (12)
- Chrystal Sizemore – Boogie Board Jots (12)
- Lisa Barton – Boogie Board Jots (12)
- Sophia Vrtachnik – Boogie Board Jots (12)
- Sharon Martin – Adapting Print - Dyslexia Font
- Amanda Vollman – Boogie Board Jots (12)
- Julie Edwards – Wireless Headphones
- Terry Keener – Word Work Center

PES

- Tim Hatok – Math Computer Program Art
- Kelly Dix – Flex and Learn Seating
- Antonia Diggs – Sensory/Anxiety Stress Fidget Accessories
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- Jennifer Byers – NeoRok Stool (Wiggle Chair)
- Sandy Taylor – STEM Club Engineering Tools
- Kelley Randall – Color Code your Thinking!
- Kelley Randall – Hokki Stools
- Nicole Lantz – Boogie Boards Jot 8.5 E-Writers (12)
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- Dory Holder – Graphic Novels
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PMS

- Kelly Purdie – Teacher sharing Website "Teachers Pay Teachers"
- Kelly Purdie – New Dictionaries
- Deborah Smith – Science Materials
- Chris Tyler – Engineering in Action Books
- Leslie Harris – View-Master Deluxe VR Viewers (10)
- Leslie Harris – Belking Speaker and Headphone Splitter/Mouse (10)
- Susan Collins – Hokki Stools
- Cathy Holland – Foreign Language Classroom Assessments (French 1 and 2)

PHS

- Marie Call – Power Cubes
- Marie Call – Hanging Organization Caddy/Pickers Cards (20)
- Marie Call, Beth Roper – Power Cubes
- PHS Biology Teachers – STEMs of Growth
- Daniel Diggs – STEM materials - (High Altitude Ballooning)

The appreciation shown by grant winners and their administrators is reason enough to keep pounding the sidewalks, making phone calls and sending emails and letters to solicit sponsors and donors for events, programs and fundraisers. The classroom and student grant programs are a mission for PEF. The community, businesses and organizations have readily joined in to help PEF meet its goals. Since spring 2010, almost \$193,000 have been awarded to appreciative and excited teachers for classroom grants.

Comments and Thank Yous from grant winners:

Kelly Purdie, PMS English Teacher – *“Thank you again for your generosity. These grants help make stronger classrooms and bring meaningful additions to each student’s educational experience.”*

Daniel Diggs, PHS Science Teacher – *“Thank you so much for awarding me a PEF spring grant this year. Using the grant money, our students designed and launched a balloon that made it to outer space.”*

Antonia Diggs, PES Teacher – *“I really appreciate you and your generosity by giving us this opportunity to try something new that can help any/all students when the regular things aren’t working. We couldn’t do what we need to without you! You are absolutely wonderful!! Thank you so much.”*

Connie Landon, PPS Teacher – *“I cannot begin to thank you enough for your generous grant to me this past school year. Your generosity enabled me to present 28 different “Talk and Stir” lessons to our AM and PM IPOP students...They were always so excited to see me for our time together – we had such a great time!”*

MARKETING STUDENTS AWARDED GRANT – MAY 2017

PHS Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) students, under the direction of business teacher Lisa Bowden, earned a trip to Anaheim, California, to compete in

the International Career Conference. This opportunity offered these six students real world business experiences through competitions that also included role plays, tests and leadership workshops. A donation of \$1,500 was granted to this team to help defray costs.

Mrs. Bowden expressed appreciation for the donation to PEF from her students: *“PHS DECA can’t thank you enough for all you do to support us. These competitions strengthen the students’ business, marketing, management, financial, hospitality and entrepreneurship skills to ensure their success in industry.”*

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAMS AWARDED GRANT – MAY 2017

Poquoson Odyssey of the Mind (OotM) team members continue to make Poquoson City Public Schools, family members, the community and their coach Norm Remchuk proud of their hard work and dedication that enable them to compete successfully at regional, state and national competitions.

In May, two teams totaling 14 students, were awarded \$3,500 to offset costs of travel and hotel expenses. The World Finals was held at Michigan State in Lansing.

As usual, the students did not disappoint. The elementary school team competed against 42 teams from all over the world, including Poland, China, Singapore and Canada. The team had the 2nd highest score in the spontaneous portion of the competition and placed 5th in the world.

The high school team competed against 46 teams from places such as Mexico, Canada, China, South Korea, and Hong Kong. They had the 2nd highest long term and 3rd highest style scores in those portions of the competition. PHS placed 6th in the world.

PES Team: Cameron Brewer, Skyler Weston, Dylan Robinson, Mikayla McDaniels, AJ Smith, Kristopher Holloway, Beau Baggett.



DECA students at international competition, left to right: Connor Moaratty, Michael Mettille, Tyler Bielenberg, Brian Chou, Bryana Hogge, Elyssa Roberts



Science students under the direction of teacher Daniel Diggs launch a balloon into the atmosphere.



Poquoson Elementary School team at Michigan State



Poquoson High School team at World Finals in Lansing



Directors: Sharon Harper, Treasurer Gail Wojciechowski, President Judy McCormick, Vice President Ginny Napier, Jeremy Jordan, Secretary Mary E. Stallings, Debbie Pummell, Pat Kimsey, Linda Riggs, Allison Sutton and School Board Chairman Steve Kast

PHS Team: Justin Bias, Cam Ross, Eden Fullingim, Sondra Fan, Elisabeth Baggett, Jack McKenna, Colby Baker. (Justin, Cam and Eden have been OotM finalists all four years of their high school career.)

"I want to thank you for your support this year. It was a great year for the Poquoson Odyssey of the Mind Program and the teams had an amazing time at World Finals." – Coach Remchuk

"Thank you for your generous contribution this year to our Odyssey of the Mind Team! Two Poquoson teams traveled to Michigan State University to compete with teams from all over the world. PES achieved 5th place and PHS achieved 6th place in this competition. We are very proud! Thank you again for your support! We couldn't have done it without you!" – Poquoson OMERS, written on balsa wood

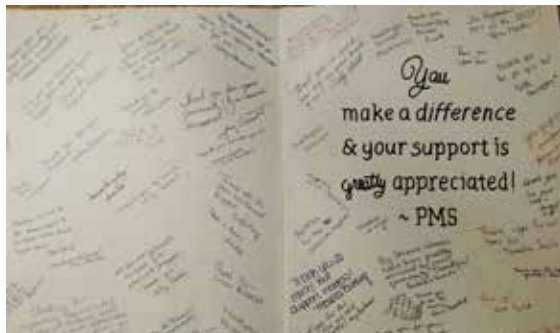
PCPS AWARDED TECHNOLOGY GRANT – SPRING 2017

Forty-four thousand dollars (\$44,000) were awarded to Poquoson City Public Schools for technology-related equipment, software, and furniture. PEF was recognized for this donation during the School Board meeting on May 16.

In remarks to the School Board, Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Parish expressed much appreciation for this very generous donation as well as commented on the work that PEF does to support students and teachers:

"The Poquoson Education Foundation has raised over half a million dollars since the start of the 2009 – 2010 school year through the hard work of the Board of Directors. A majority of the funds they raise go back into our classrooms through teacher grants or to students in the form of college scholarships and grants to offset costs of attendance at national competitions...Most recently, the PEF Board voted to donate \$44,000 to the school division to be used to purchase technology items...I cannot begin to express my appreciation to the members of the Board of Directors of PEF and all of the community members and businesses who support them financially and with assistance at the fundraising events...Our PEF Board of Directors has truly made a positive difference for our students and teachers over the years."

Purchased were 5 Mimio Boards (interactive whiteboard systems) for all of the schools, 33 Chromebooks and Chromebook cart for PHS, 13 interactive projectors for use in all schools, laptop computers for the IT and the student services departments, and furniture for one of the new PMS computer labs. Input from IT staff, school administrators and others ensured that important technology needs of the school system were met with this grant.



PMS teachers are so thankful for the technology funds!



PPS students were a huge part of the thank you card!

Thank yous for this grant came in different ways:

"Dear Poquoson Education Foundation, Your generosity to Poquoson City Public Schools is amazing! Thank you for your recent donation to the division. We were very excited to hear of your \$44,000 toward technology purchases. It will certainly be put to good use! Thank you again for your generosity. Best, Janet Harper, PPS Principal"



New furniture for one of the computer labs at PMS!



Five new Mimio interactive whiteboard systems!

MACKENZIE CLARKE MEMORIAL GRANTS AWARDED – JUNE 2017

In June, PPS music teacher Kim Pohto and PHS special education teacher David Blackstock each won a music grant to purchase equipment needed for their music classes. A set of drums for \$894.91 was purchased for the primary music students. Drums totaling \$490 were also purchased for a high school special education music class, co-taught by David Blackstock and band director Doug Spruill.

The Steven and Jennifer Clarke Family decided to change their daughter’s memorial scholarships to music grants, to be awarded to music teachers in order for more music classes and students to benefit. PCPS music teachers must apply for these grants.



David Blackstock with Judy McCormick and PHS principal Michelle Cihak



Kim Pohto with Judy McCormick and PPS assistant principal Kimberly Gryzsko

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDED – JUNE 2017

With the establishment of the Holcomb Law Firm’s “Teacher Professional Development Grant” and a generous donation from the law firm, a PHS science teacher was awarded a grant of \$1,000 to defray costs of a college course. Wayne and Colleen Holcomb along with PEF President Judy McCormick, PHS principal Dr. Michelle Cihak, and Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Parish surprised Lisa Hall with the announcement she had won this grant, for which teachers at all schools could apply. This is the first time that a special professional development grant has been awarded to a PCPS educator through PEF.



Grant winner Lisa Hall with, left to right, Judy McCormick, Wayne and Colleen Holcomb, PHS principal Michelle Cihak and Superintendent Jennifer Parish

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Poquoson Education Foundation awarded ten scholarships to members of the Poquoson High School graduating class of 2017. Drew Barden and Evangelia Maurakis each received a \$2,500 PEF Academic Excellence scholarship; Caroline Smith received the Timothy Mark Rohrer Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000; Mariah Hanson received the Howard and Stevie Evans Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000; John Matzeder received the Bayne Family Scholarship for \$1,250; Emily Morgan received the Thomas Family Scholarship for \$1,000; Savannah Martin received the Craige and Mary E. Stallings Scholarship for \$1,000; Lauren Taylor Moore received the Roger N. Messier Memorial Scholarship for \$500.00; Nicholas Rote received the Ellen C. and H. Grey Forrest Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000; and Jessica Brown received the Asher Goldman Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000.

The Poquoson Education Foundation also manages the Poquoson Garden Club Scholarship which awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship to Caroline Smith and a \$500 Scholarship to Nicholas Rote.

Two new Memorial Scholarships were awarded: The Garrett Ball Memorial award for \$1,350 to Evangelia Maurakis and the Triston Hunt Memorial Award for \$537.50 to Robert Carter Redman.

The Kiwanis Club of Poquoson worked in conjunction with the Poquoson Education Foundation to award the following scholarships: the \$2,000 Brian Wilson Kiwanis Club of Poquoson Scholarship to Lauren Taylor Moore and the \$1,000 Kiwanis Club of Poquoson Scholarships to Alison Joyner, Evangelia Maurakis, Caroline Smith and Madison Young.



Caroline Smith



Emily Morgan



Evangelia Maurakis



Nicholas Rote



Savannah Martin



Robert Carter Redman



Dale Rush (center)



Dr. Doris Feltman (center)



Judy Lemmons



Susan Northcutt



Alice Johnson



Denise Junghans



Martha Barrett



Linda Jamison



Marcia Bearekman



Robin Owen



Amanda Vollman



Jacklyn Sinclair



Jennifer Bunting



Michael Smith

Since 2010, the Poquoson Education Foundation has awarded over \$150,000 in PEF and PEF-managed scholarships to graduating seniors.

Appreciation from winners:

Nicholas Rote: "...To say that college is painfully expensive feels almost like an understatement, but it is thanks to not only organizations like yours, but also people like you, that eager students like myself are able to find our ways through such tough times. From the core of my being, thank you for everything that you do."

Andrew Barden: "Thank you so much for providing me with \$2,500 toward college tuition through the Academic Excellence Scholarship. With this money I am able to better afford Hampden-Sydney College where I will be majoring in mathematical economics and swimming on the varsity swim team. Again, thank you for all the opportunities you provide through your scholarships and grants."

RETIREES FROM POQUOSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS HONORED

Eleven retiring teachers and other staff members were honored with a gift card to Surf Rider Restaurant and a bouquet of beautiful flowers. Several PEF directors visited each school in June to surprise the honoree who, afterwards, expressed much appreciation for being recognized and appreciated. Congratulations to these retirees for stellar service:

- PHS – Alice Johnson, Teacher; Denise Junghans, Teacher; Martha Barrett, Teacher; Cindy Killough, Teacher
- PMS – Marcia Bearekman, Teacher; Linda Jamison, Custodian
- PES – Doris Feltman, Director of Student Services; Susan Northcutt, Teacher; Judy Lemmons, Para-professional
- PPS – Robin Owen, Bus Aide
- PCPS – Dale Rush, Instructional Resource Teacher

"Dear Members of Poquoson Education Foundation, Thank you so much for your recognition upon my retirement. I have been enjoying the lovely bouquet of maroon and gold flowers you presented to me on Wednesday and I'm looking forward to enjoying some delicious seafood at Surf Rider... I thank you for everything you have done and continue to do for education in Poquoson City Public Schools."
Very truly yours, Martha Barrett

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR HONORED

The 2017 Teachers of the Year were honored during Convocation on August 25 at Poquoson High School. PEF Director Allison Sutton recognized these teachers, and presented them with a certificate that indicated an honorary brick had been purchased for each of them by PEF for the Legacy Walk.

Congratulations to these stellar educators!

- PPS – Amanda Vollman
- PES – Jacklyn Sinclair
- PMS – Jennifer Bunting, Division Teacher of the Year
- PHS – Michael Smith

FINANCIAL REPORTS – INCOME AND BALANCE

Poquoson Education Foundation Income Statement For the Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2017

	Current Month		Year to Date	
Revenues				
Sales-Bar	\$ 0.00	0.00	\$ 1,500.00	95.24
Interest - PEF General Fund	5.73	100.00	74.94	4.76
Total Revenues	<u>5.73</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>1,574.94</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Cost of Sales				
Total Cost of Sales	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Gross Profit	<u>5.73</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>1,574.94</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Expenses				
Supplies Expense	0.00	0.00	188.59	11.97
Filing Fees	0.00	0.00	25.00	1.59
Printing/Mailing Expense	0.00	0.00	932.80	59.23
Back Pack Donation Program	0.00	0.00	850.00	53.97
Total Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,996.39</u>	<u>126.76</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 5.73</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ (421.45)</u>	<u>(26.76)</u>

Poquoson Education Foundation Balance Sheet June 30, 2017

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Union Bank & Trust - Checking	\$ 25,498.53
Union Bank - Money Market	35,471.82
Total Current Assets	<u>60,970.35</u>
Property and Equipment	
Total Property and Equipment	<u>0.00</u>
Other Assets	
Total Other Assets	<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 60,970.35</u>
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	
Current Liabilities	
General Fund - Unrestricted	\$ 18,041.84
PEF Endowment Fund	26,149.01
Asher Goldman Scholarship Fund	3,100.95
Thomas Education Fund	14,100.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>61,391.80</u>
Long-Term Liabilities	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>61,391.80</u>
Capital	
Net Income	(421.45)
Total Capital	<u>(421.45)</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital	<u>\$ 60,970.35</u>

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Support the Kroger Community Rewards Program! All you need is a Kroger Grocery Store card and PEF's Kroger Plus number, 80113.

Give through the United Way!

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5K RUN/2-MILE WALK – OCTOBER 29, 2016

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Poquoson Schools Receive Distinguished Achievement Awards Congratulations to Poquoson City Public Schools!

The Poquoson City Public Schools earned division recognition along with Poquoson Elementary School, Poquoson High School and Poquoson Primary School by receiving the 2017 Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award. This award recognizes divisions and schools for meeting all state and federal benchmarks and making progress toward the goals of the governor and the state board. This year's Distinguished Achievement Award was earned by only 15 divisions and 231 Virginia schools.



Poquoson High School



Poquoson Middle School



Poquoson Elementary School



Poquoson Primary School

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