



Petoskey Education  
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## Petoskey Education Foundation Awards Fall 2018 Mini-Grants

Thanks to our generous donors, the Petoskey Education Foundation (PEF) was able to award fall mini-grants totaling more than \$6,000, all of which will directly impact our students and staff.

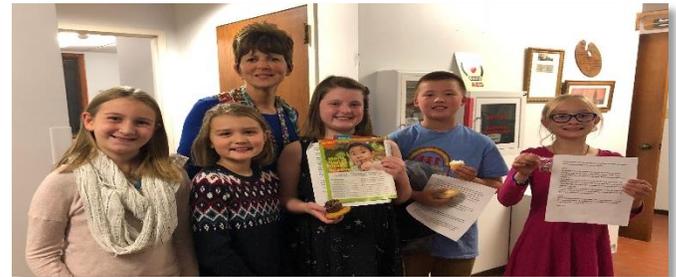
Established in 1989 and governed by 11 volunteer trustees, the PEF pairs private donations with deserving causes and unmet needs in the district. Its mission is to help all Public Schools of Petoskey students achieve their highest potential by helping fund programs and improvements the district would otherwise be unable to fund. The foundation believes that supplemental funding is critical to ensuring that students receive an exceptional education.

Twice each school year, once in the fall and again in the winter, the PEF awards a series of mini-grants to teachers and programs. The fall round of mini-grants will be used in all schools in the district in the following areas:

- Purchase of “Hello, Dolly!” materials for Petoskey Middle School
- Purchase of Girls’ Group and reading materials at Ottawa Elementary School
- Purchase of alternative classroom seating at Central Elementary
- Purchase of microscopes for the PHS Science Department
- Purchase of school supplies for the PHS Northmen Den
- Funds toward creating a college- and career-ready culture at PHS
- Purchase of physics STEM support tools at PHS
- And many, many more items and programs!

Thank you for your continued support! You make a difference in our students’ lives!

*For more information about the Petoskey Education Foundation, including how to make a tax-deductible donation, visit our [website](#) or call the Spitzer Administration Building at (231) 348-2100.*



## Elementary Students Speak Up About Plastic Straws

Our students show initiative as they model our Full Value Agreement (Work As A Team, Be Safe and Speak Up). As an example, some of our environmentally-conscious elementary students took it upon themselves to take action regarding the use of plastic straws in our school cafeterias. Their “Straw Committee” was created after a group of concerned students read an article about garbage islands forming in our oceans. They met during their recess hour, sought feedback from community members, and met with Dr. Scholten, all of which resulted in a district-wide ban on plastic straws (except for students who require special accommodations).

## FIRST Robotics Students Meet Disney Imagineer Grant Imahara

Petoskey’s middle and high school robotics teams had the opportunity to meet a fellow “maker” during a recent Lecture Series event at North Central Michigan College. Disney Imagineer and star of Discovery Channel’s Mythbusters Grant Imahara spoke to an audience of more than 700 people, including 250 FIRST Robotics students from across the state. Pictured below is the PHS team, Petoskey Paladins 3618.



## District Literacy Coaches Receive “Special Place” Award



PSP’s three district literacy coaches, Sam Willson, Amy McMullen and Lisa Oehring, are the recipients of our 2018–2019 “Special Place for Everyone” award. The award is

presented in the fall to one person, group or organization that is making a difference in our schools. They were presented with “Special Place” polo shirts and a \$500 check to be used to further their work within the district.

Our three literacy coaches began last school year with a sense of urgency and hope. Their challenge was to provide coaching supports so that our youngest elementary students would reach or exceed their reading potential.

Through job-embedded, professional development and shared resources, our coaches have joined staff, parents, the Petoskey Education Foundation, Charlevoix-Emmet ISD, and the Petoskey District Library to help our students find reading success and enjoyment.

Our coaches:

- Are committed to elevating student literacy skills
- Possess specialized literacy knowledge
- Share strategies that are the best predictors of student growth
- Build collaborative relationships with adults and students
- Conference, model, assess, observe, co-plan and target good teaching strategies

Our three coaches have been committed to literacy partnerships and practices that have helped our students thrive. We are anxious to see our staff and students continue to grow with their help.

Congratulations go out to our three coaches for all of their hard work, time, talent and continual pursuit of excellence alongside our young learners.

## 2018 PEF Golf Outing



The annual PEF Golf Outing, held at Petoskey-Bay View Country Club on July 12, raised more than \$26,000 for the Petoskey Education Foundation. Thanks to all who support this great event! Save the date for next year’s golf outing: July 11, 2019!

## 2018 Kayak for a Cause



Trustees Mary Ling and Superintendent Dr. John Scholten raised more than \$2,500 kayaking and biking this past summer for the PEF. Funds raised go directly toward the Foundation’s Climate Change Initiative, which provides support across the entire school district for its Full Value

Agreement work. The Full Value Agreement, “Be Safe (both physically and emotionally), Teamwork and Speak-up,” has guided and served as a backbone for the Public Schools of Petoskey’s goal to always improve upon the culture of the entire school district. In essence, it serves as the schools’ “character education” platform.

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