

# 2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

## YARMOUTH EDUCATION FOUNDATION



## SINCE 2010...

The Yarmouth Education Foundation has funded over **125 grants**

and awarded **more than**

**\$300,000**

across the four schools – making a positive impact on thousands of Yarmouth students.

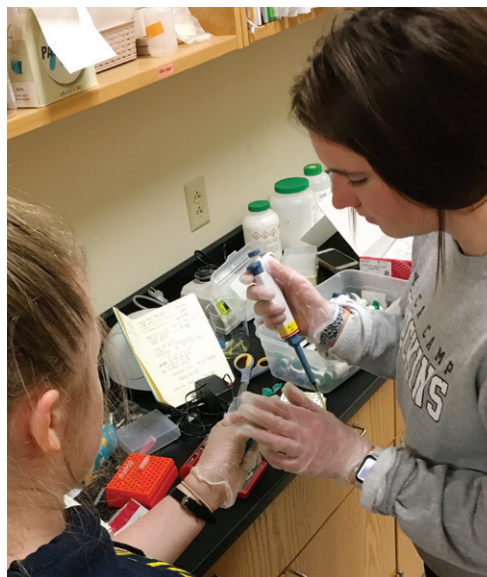
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## OUR MISSION

The Yarmouth Education Foundation (YEF) is an independent, 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the overall educational experience of students in the Yarmouth School Department. The Yarmouth Education Foundation promotes and enhances educational excellence by generating independent funding for innovative educational projects and initiatives that fall outside the standard budget and support the curriculum.



The Yarmouth Education Foundation:

- Encourages teacher innovation and teaching excellence by providing funding opportunities for new initiatives.
- Provides financial support to help the Yarmouth School Department respond to emerging education needs.
- Develops a long-term relationship between the community and the schools.



## HOW IT WORKS THE GRANT PROCESS



YEF raises money to fund innovative programs through donations, sponsorships, and fundraising events such as the Blue Jean Ball, Shop Local and the Clipper Honors program.

Educators can apply for grants during the fall or spring grant cycles. Grant applicants present their ideas to a 13-member Grants Advisory Committee comprised of community members, board members and other educators.

The Grants Advisory Committee uses the YEF mission statement as a guide to determine which grants are funded. With much excitement, there is a grants parade announcing the winners at each school!

## LOOK INSIDE

Read about our 2018-2019 impact and achievements...





**\$52,200**  
IN GRANTS FUNDED  
2018-2019

**18** GRANTS

**70** VOLUNTEERS

**150** DONORS

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OUR IMPACT



## BACK TO BLUE JEANS

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Jean Ball was a tremendous fundraising success  
RAISING MORE THAN

**\$30K**

**50+**

HOST COMMITTEE FAMILIES

**\$12,000**

RAISED FROM AUCTION ITEMS

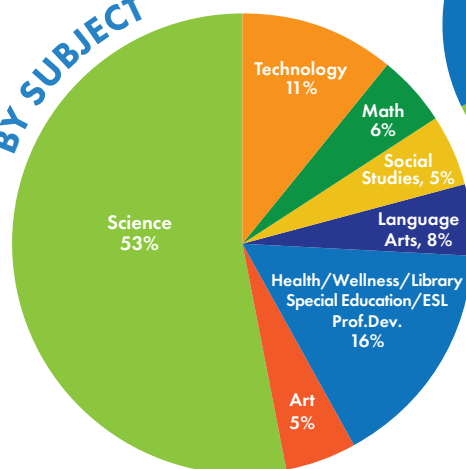


## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

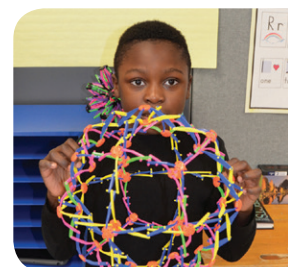
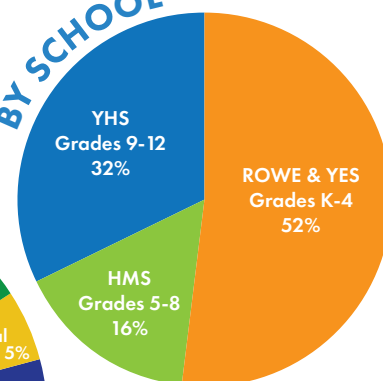
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## GRANT DISTRIBUTION

BY SUBJECT



BY SCHOOL



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Thanks to the support of donors and volunteers, YEF continued our mission of promoting and enhancing innovative education for Yarmouth students by awarding grants during the 2019 fiscal year totaling approximately \$52,200.



Revenue this year was approximately \$63,300 with the signature event, the Blue Jean Ball, raising \$32,000. YEF designates 75% of the prior fiscal year revenue to fund grants.

Operating expenses for the year totaled \$16,700 consisting of expenses to promote grant requests, develop the awareness of YEF's mission, maintain a donor database, and general administration.

**\$7,300**  
RAISED THIS YEAR!



Our Clipper Honors Program provides an opportunity for parents or caregivers to thank, honor or congratulate an educator, administrator or bus driver through a donation to YEF.



# 13 FALL 2018 GRANTS

- **Kindergarten Light Lab Kits** (Rowe School)
- **Growing Our Brains** (Rowe School)
- **STEAM Makerspace Cart & Coding Robots** (Yarmouth Elementary School)
- **Staff & Student Mindfulness** (Yarmouth Elementary School)
- **YES Weather Station** (Yarmouth Elementary School)
- **Wind Firefly** (Yarmouth Elementary School)
- **Fossil Labs at YES** (Yarmouth Elementary School)
- **Finding Balance** (Yarmouth Elementary School)
- **Math with Greg Tang Jr.** (Harrison Middle School)
- **Seaweed Nursery Kit & Restorative Marine Farming** (Harrison Middle School)
- **Investigating Dog Genes** (Yarmouth High School)
- **Hamlet Alive** (Yarmouth High School)
- **Heart Rate Monitors in Psychology** (Yarmouth High School)

# 5 SPRING 2019 GRANTS

- **LEGO Education WeDo 2.0 Sets** (Yarmouth Elementary School)
- **Tripods for Art** (Yarmouth Elementary School)
- **Casco Bay Water Quality Buoy** (Harrison Middle School & Yarmouth High School)
- **Self Defense for Yarmouth Girls** (Yarmouth High School)
- **Motors and Mechanisms** (Yarmouth High School)



# GRANT HIGHLIGHTS



## ROWE SCHOOL LIGHT LAB KITS

This grant provided new light lab kits for all seven kindergarten classrooms. The kit included lenses, prisms, mirrors, flashlights, and a colored light ray box. During this exciting light lab study, students discovered that light is needed to see objects in the dark, light can travel through objects, light can bounce off objects, light can bend, it has many colors, and it also has energy. This expanded "light lab" will be an innovative science unit for our youngest learners every spring.



## YARMOUTH ELEMENTARY MINDFULNESS

This grant is designed to improve student and staff wellness at Yarmouth Elementary School. Mindfulness is the nonjudgmental awareness of the present moment. It helps people of all ages respond calmly to situations, improve mental health, and cope with stress. A mindfulness coach led a staff workshop and spent six weeks at YES visiting all classrooms. This innovative approach to wellness had a positive and lasting impact on students and staff.



## HARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH NIGHT

It was a fun family night out at Harrison Middle School, and the evening was all about math! This grant brought respected mathematics educator and math game developer Greg Tang Jr. to Yarmouth. He spent time conducting math workshops with fifth grade students, provided professional development for teachers, and hosted a math night for families. The night was filled with fun math games and challenges for students, staff, and families.



## YARMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL DOG GENES

AP Biology students had the unique opportunity to study the DNA of dogs. They collected saliva samples from their beloved family pets and used innovative technology and equipment to discover why dogs look the way they do. This opportunity helped students understand the technology and tools that biologists use in the real world. They used the scientific process of trial and error, and it helped them understand genetic testing in humans as well.



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**YEF blog**

Read about our latest grants in action!  
Our blog features articles about our grants and their positive impact on Yarmouth students across all four schools.



In addition to our traditional grant cycles, we're excited to share that we also awarded nearly \$20,000 in scholarships so Yarmouth teachers could attend innovative Learning & the Brain conferences.

Within the past year, we've given 10 educators the opportunity to attend this world-renowned program.

They return and share their knowledge with YEF, with their peers, and in their classrooms. These educators come home with excitement and inspiration. This partnership has been a big success, and we are proud to help Yarmouth classrooms in this way.

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