



# Annual Report

## 2021-2022

Students utilize the new STEAM equipment at Yarmouth Elementary School.

## Back to a new normal

In 2021-22, the Yarmouth Education Foundation (YEF) was able to return to the traditional cadence of grants with two rounds of grant presentations. Teachers and faculty came forward with some amazing and innovative requests that will benefit a wide range of students. The generosity of our community makes the awarding of these grants possible and the YEF Board and Grants Committee cannot thank our supporters enough.

## A commitment to our community since 2010

The Yarmouth Education Foundation began with a small group of dedicated parents in the fall of 2010. From the early conversations about taking our great schools one step further, to now having awarded over \$550k worth of innovative grants, YEF has become an invaluable part of the Yarmouth community. This work can only be done with the help of our generous volunteers who give donations of both time and money. The partnership between YEF and the Yarmouth community is a large part of the continued success of the organization.

YEF raises money to fund innovative programs through donations, sponsorships, and annual fundraising events. Teacher and student grant applicants present their ideas to a Grants Advisory Committee comprised of community members, board members and educators. The Grants Advisory Committee uses the YEF mission as a guide to determine which grant requests are funded. With much excitement, there is a grants parade announcing the winners at each 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 2021 fiscal year totaling approximately \$41,000.

Revenue this year was \$100,000. The majority of this revenue, \$67,872., was generated through our Annual Fund campaign.

## Our mission

The Yarmouth Education Foundation 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.

The additional money was raised through our Corporate Sponsorship program (\$15,665) and our Clipper Honors program (\$16,625). YEF designates 75% of the prior fiscal year revenue to fund grants.

Operating expenses for the year totaled \$21,515, consisting of expenses to promote grant requests, develop the awareness of YEF's mission, maintain a donor database and general administration.

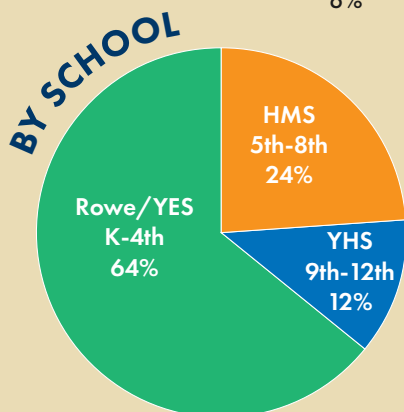
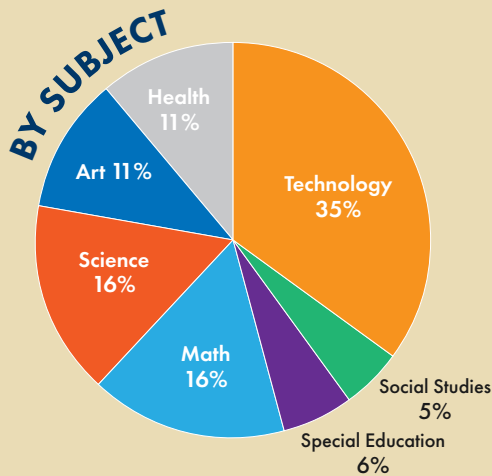
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## Clipper Honors

Our Clipper Honors Program provides an opportunity for parents or caregivers to thank, honor or congratulate an educator, administrator, bus driver or any school employee through a donation to YEF. With a donation of \$25 or more, YEF will also include a gift for the recipient. This year, YEF included gift certificates to local businesses, Thoroughfare and Clayton's.

**\$16,625**  
raised this year!

## Grant distribution



## LIFE CYCLE OF FROGS & AMARYLLIS PLANTS

Grant applicants: Deborah Landry and Renee Rhoads, YES

Fourth grade students focus on the life cycles of animals and plants, physical and behavioral traits of organisms, inheritance of traits and natural selection. This grant provided students the opportunity and the supplies to observe the life cycle of local Wood Frogs and Amaryllis plants in their own classroom. Observing the hatching frog eggs develop into tadpoles and froglets gave students a fun and unique experience which enhanced their learning and understanding. These observations simultaneously engaged students in scientific practices, like making predictions, measuring and observing, recording and analyzing data, forming conclusions from evidence, and discussing their conclusions with their teacher and peers.

## GROUP ELO-EXPLORING RACE IN LOCAL HISTORY

Grant applicants: Justine Carlson and Sarah Harrington, YHS

An Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) is a semester-long learning experience driven by student interests and supported by an in-school coach and an outside mentor. This structure allows students the time and support to dive into a particular subject and design a course for independent learning, and supports alternative learning pathways outside of the traditional classroom setting. This grant helped students learn more about, and better understand Maine and Yarmouth's position and influence between the Colonial Era and Civil War as it relates to race. YEF provided the funding for students to participate in a number of experiential activities including field trips, discussions with guest speakers and film viewings.

## STEM LAB MILLING MACHINE

Grant applicant: Tom Pitman, YHS

Students in the YHS STEM Lab will now craft custom parts to fulfill design requirements using this YEF-funded Milling Machine. Milling machines are very versatile. They are used to machine flat and irregular surfaces as well as drill, bore, cut gears and produce slots. The acquisition of this machine will allow greater opportunities for fabrication of parts to complete mechanical assemblies designed by students. Instead of relying on off the shelf parts that are expensive and sometimes difficult to procure, students now have the ability to reach beyond the ordinary and manipulate materials to suit their needs.

## LEARN! GROW! MOVE!

Grant applicants: Lauren Scribner and Margot Margarones, YES

Learners at YES can now pedal to success! YEF was thrilled to fund a Sensory Pedal Work Desk. This two-station desk allows students to pedal while working. The grant enhances the curriculum by offering student movement breaks without leaving the learning environment. It provides the opportunity for students to develop strategies for self-regulation of mind and physical movement that leads to positive growth in behavior, academics, and mindset. YES staff is committed to differentiating learning, meeting students physical needs and keeping students actively engaged in real time learning tasks without disruption and YEF was pleased to support them with this work station.

## YARMOUTH SHELLFISH NURSERY

Grant applicant: Morgan Cuthbert, HMS

YEF has been a big supporter of the Yarmouth shellfish nursery since giving funding for its initial inception. This grant enables the 7th grade science team to do some upkeep on existing infrastructure as well expand the program in a new and improved location. With a new nest cam, students will be able to monitor the working waterfront even from the classroom, and a challenge will be issued to design and build parts for the updated nursery bringing STEAM and science classes together.

## YES STEAM ROOM START UP

Grant applicants: Nicole Colfer, Ryan Gleason and Todd Abbott, YES

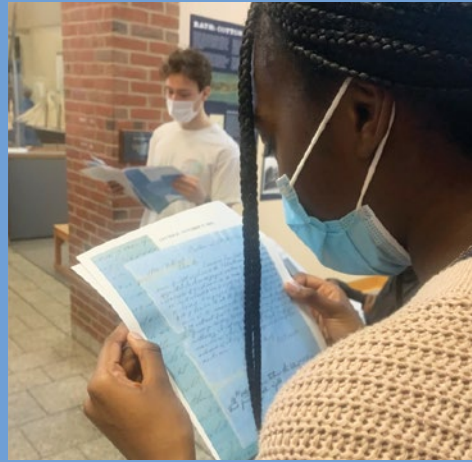
Students at YES can now count STEAM as one of their weekly specials. This was a huge add to the curriculum at the beginning of the 2022/23 school year. YEF was thrilled to provide funds to fill the new STEAM classroom with state-of-the-art equipment that will be utilized by all YES students. With this grant, students will have the ability to launch model rockets, learn coding, robotics, and participate in activities that promote free thinking and encourage problem solving.

## ROBOTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: TAKING OUR PROGRAM TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Grant applicant: Jay Harrington, HMS

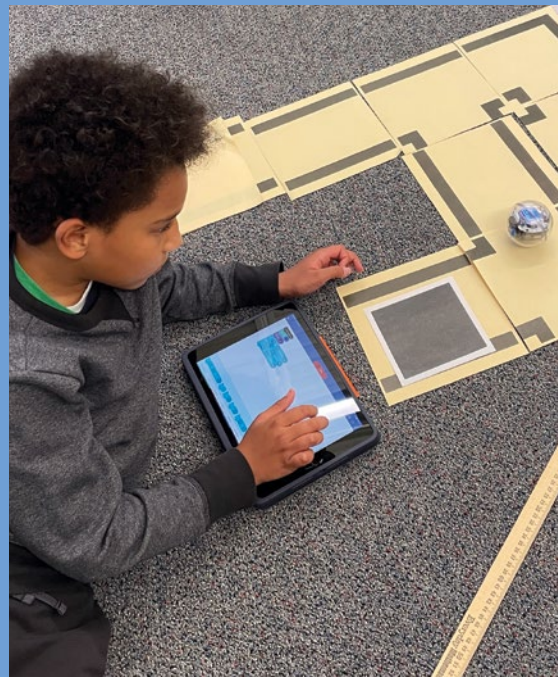
Thanks to grants from YEF, the HMS Robotics club has grown and thrived since its start more than 10 seasons ago. In the spring of 2022 they qualified for the VEX Middle School World Championships in Texas. The grant provided funds for needed materials for the competition as well as supplies that will enable the club to grow and involve more students.

## A closer look at a few of our grants



A YHS student uses the new STEM Lab milling machine.

ELO students analyze picture books with social justice themes; they also studied documents at Maine Maritime Museum.



The STEAM room at Yarmouth Elementary School provides students with new and exciting activities each week.



HMS students compete with their robot at the 2022 VEX Middle School World Championships in Texas.

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# The YEF annual fund... \$67,000+ raised!

Since COVID has constrained in-person large gatherings such as our Blue Jean Ball for the past couple of years, we have depended on the generosity of the community via our annual appeal. Through this effort we were able to raise \$67,872. YEF is immensely grateful for this support and the awarded grants could not have been possible without it.

More information about donating to YEF can be found at [YarmouthEducationFoundation.org](http://YarmouthEducationFoundation.org).

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The STEM Lab milling machine at YHS.



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