



YARMOUTH EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

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

Specifically, the Yarmouth Education Foundation will:

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

LETTER FROM THE BOARD

We on the Board continue to be amazed by the level of dedication and passion demonstrated by the teachers and administrators of the Yarmouth Schools. We had another successful year of gathering community donations and turning those funds into innovative projects lead by teachers and students. One highlight of the year was the first ever STEAM Night, attended by hundreds of Yarmouth families last spring. Students brought their families to YES to engage in the state of the art STEAM lab with teacher-led activities spread across the building, for all to access and enjoy together. Both the event and the lab were sponsored by community donations to YEF!

We deeply appreciate your continued support, our mission simply would not be possible without it. Together, we can spark new curiosity in students, aid teachers as they seek to deeply engage learners, and contribute to the continued excellence of educational opportunity in our community. Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely, The YEF Board



Some YEF Board members at STEAM Night

**SINCE 2010, YEF
HAS FUNDED
NEARLY
\$600,000
IN GRANTS
TO OUR
SCHOOLS!**



Wakami Gatherers interactive nutritional experience at YES



Starry Night grant being awarded to HMS 6th grade teachers

A commitment to our community since 2010

The Yarmouth Education Foundation (YEF) began with a small group of forward-thinking parents in the fall of 2010. From their early conversations about how to take our great schools further to having now awarded almost \$600,000 worth of innovative grants, YEF has become an invaluable part of the Yarmouth community. The continued work of YEF can only be accomplished 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 vital part of the organization's continued success.

How does the grants process work?

YEF raises money through individual and family donations, sponsorships and annual fundraising events to fund innovative programs in the Yarmouth schools. Teacher, faculty and student grant applicants submit written applications to YEF, then present their proposals to a Grants Advisory Committee composed of community members, YEF board members, and educators. The Grants Advisory Committee uses the YEF mission as a guide in determining which grants applications are funded. With much excitement, there is a grants parade announcing the grant recipients at each school.

Want to know how to join the Grants Committee or Board of Directors?

Email us at yefsecretary@gmail.com

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Thanks to the support of donors and volunteers, YEF continued its mission of promoting and enhancing innovative education for Yarmouth students by awarding grants totaling nearly \$24,000 in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Revenue during the fiscal year was approximately \$71,397. The majority of this revenue (\$53,634) came in the form of individual contributions given during YEF's Annual Appeal campaign. Almost all of the additional revenue was raised through corporate sponsorships (\$7,150) as well as our Clipper Honors program (\$7,556). YEF designates 75 percent of the prior fiscal year revenue to fund grants.

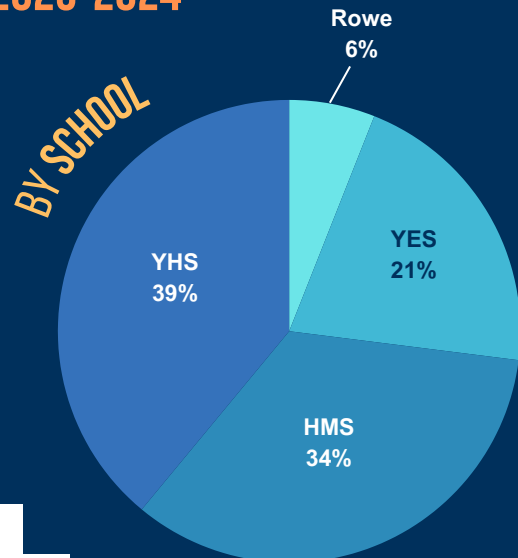
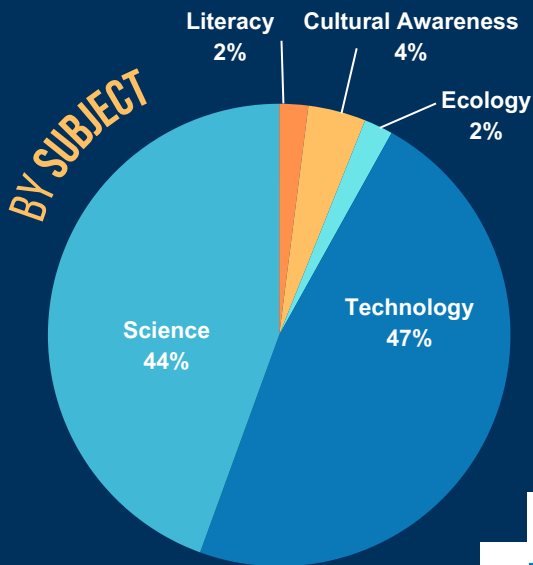
Operating expenses for the fiscal year totaled \$23,188. Operating expenses consist of marketing to develop awareness of YEF's mission and expenses to promote grant applications, maintain a donor database, and general administration. Marketing expenses were \$7,314 of the operating expenses, which include events like STEAM Night.

STEAM Night 2024!

Our funding of the inaugural STEAM Night included an evening of engineering design challenges, science experiments, math activities, programming and robotics games, and team-building challenges for all YES students and families. The event was so successful, it will be replicated year-over-year.



GRANT DISTRIBUTION 2023-2024



YEF FUNDED OVER
\$22,000 IN GRANTS

TO TEACHERS & STUDENTS THIS YEAR!

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to honor and thank

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CLIPPER
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\$7,556
RAISED
THIS YEAR

THANK YOU YARMOUTH FAMILIES!

The Clipper Honors program provides an opportunity for parents or caregivers to thank, honor or congratulate a teacher, administrator, bus driver or any other school employee through a donation to YEF. With a donation of \$25 or more, YEF will include a gift for the recipient. This year, YEF included \$10 gift cards to local businesses, Estabrook's and Royal River Books.

NON-FICTION IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grant applicant: Michelle Raber, HMS

This pilot program gave seed money to create a non-fiction library in the 7th grade teacher classrooms. The teachers have found that non-fiction, historical fiction, and biographies often get overlooked by students at this age. By creating a classroom non-fiction library, a read aloud each trimester, and a non-fiction book review assignment, the teachers hope to encourage student interest in this genre.

LE FLOFRANCO CONCERT

Grant applicants: Kayleigh Navarro Co-applicant Monica Sandifer and Jennifer Hunter, HMS and YHS

Middle and High School french students had the opportunity to travel to Noble High School to see Le Flofranco perform. The event featured a French music experience inspired by a "March Madness" style bracket competition to engage students with French songs. This initiative, which started as just an idea in 2017, has grown into a large international event involving students from over 4,000 schools worldwide. A truly unique experience to promote language learning through an interactive concert that encourages active participation and engagement with French culture.

YHS BUTTERFLY AND VEGETABLE GARDEN

Grant applicants: Bryan Quigley Co-applicants Levi Herr, Spencer Moore, YHS

This student-led grant created a hardy, native filled garden for pollinators and a space for a vegetable garden in an underused area on the school property by replanting native species and removing invasive plants. This effort supports the local ecosystem, benefiting pollinators like butterflies and bees, while providing an educational hands-on experience for students.

WAKAMI GATHERERS

Grant applicants: Blair Currier, YES

YES has focused on "bringing the diversity of the world" to school and this grant gave students the unique opportunity to participate in a nutrition-focused event featuring Atlantic wakame, led by Holly Thompson, author of The Wakame Gatherers. Holly introduced students to the cultural significance and culinary uses of wakame through a book reading and interactive taste-testing session during lunch. Students sampled Atlantic wakame seaweed salad and miso soup and voted on their favorite recipe. This innovative event broadened students' cultural awareness and food appreciation by connecting them with Japanese traditions and encouraging hands-on learning.

eDNA

Grant applicants: Chris Hill Co-applicant Deborah Landry, YHS

A technology not typically seen in a high school biology classroom, students in Yarmouth are able to investigate the existence of both invasive and threatened species in aquatic environments by testing for the presence of environmental DNA (eDNA).

STARRY NIGHT

Grant applicant: Zachary Callahan, Jen Harber, Crystal Found, HMS

A yearly star-viewing night tied directly to the Astronomy unit for all 6th grade students. It is hands-on events like this that students remember and carry with them even as the specifics of the astronomy content wanes (moon-pun intended).

STEREO MICROSCOPES 2.0

Grant applicant: Deborah Landry, Rowe and YES

Stereo microscopes allow students to see creatures and objects invisible to the naked eye. In 2023 YEF funded a supplementary grant to scale the initiative to reach more students and classrooms.

ROBOTICS CLUB HMS

Grant applicant: Jay Harrington, HMS

The HMS Robotics program is an incredible success. With each year of vibrant competition and increased student engagement, technology and equipment evolve and deteriorate. To remain competitive, YEF continues to support this initiative as Robotics moves to earn official club status and earn the financial support of the District.

CUSTOM TABLES AND STOOLS FOR YHS ROBOTICS CLUB

Grant applicant: Paul Lamson-Laplume; Co-applicant Tom Pitman, YHS

With the aim to create a more collaborative, ergonomically-functional workspace Paul Lamson-Laplume and Tom Pitman designed and built new tables for the HMS Robotics Club with materials funded by YEF. The tables allow the lab to be more organized as they feature more tabletop area for working and collecting parts.



LeFLOFRANCO concert for HMS & YHS



Stereo microscopes for Rowe & YES



HMS Butterfly and Veggie Garden



Robotics Club at HMS



Wakami Gatherers lunch at YES



And what about all those eclipse glasses? YEF provided glasses across the whole district for our students to experience a partial solar eclipse on April 8th, 2024!

THE ANNUAL APPEAL: OVER \$53,000 RAISED!

Each fall, YEF turns to our generous community to ask for financial support as part of our Annual Appeal campaign. Over the past few years, this effort has become our organization's primary source of revenue.

This year we were able to raise approximately \$53,634. YEF is immensely grateful for the continued support of this community, and our mission simply would not be possible without it. Thank you!

Information about donating can be found at yarmoutheducationfoundation.org, or scan the QR code below.

thank you!

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Clear skies for Starry Night 2024

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