



Academic Excellence Starts with a Strong Foundation

Masconomet Education Foundation 2013 – 2014 Update

With your generous support, The Masconomet Education Foundation (MEF) has completed its fourth successful year. MEF continued its mission of supporting excellence and innovation in education during the 2013 – 2014 school year. We believe it has never been more important to prepare our students to compete with students around the world. By giving our educators access to supplemental funds, they can react more quickly to new trends in education and ensure our students are better prepared to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

While initially focused on helping Masconomet update its technology infrastructure with more than \$50,000 in grants, MEF has a broader mission:

- **21st Century Classrooms** with interactive teaching and learning experiences.
- **Global Initiative Programs** aimed to prepare students for their future in this evolving global economy.
- **Collaboration on innovation in education** among teachers, administrators, and parents.

During the past year, MEF funded a number of teacher-initiated grants that demonstrate the commitment to support this broader mission. These grants enabled motivated teachers to expand the curriculum with innovative and engaging projects. These projects included

- **Arduinos in Engineering** – enables students build computer-controlled devices
- **Gratitude Graffiti** – interactive art to encourage students to show gratitude
- **Television Broadcasting Preparation Program** – improves student run television
- **Visualizing Microorganisms** – microscope cameras for use in Life Sciences classes
- **Classroom Audio Systems** – improves teacher communication to students

For the 2014 – 2015 school year, MEF will be working with teachers and school administrators to support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiatives. According to the STEM Education Coalition, “STEM education is closely linked with our nation’s economic prosperity in the global economy. STEM skills prepare more students for the best jobs of the future that will keep the U.S. innovative, secure, and competitive.” In order to support STEM initiatives, we need your help and donations. MEF will hold a Dancing with our Stars Fundraising event on January 31, 2015 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Watch for more information this Fall.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who donated to MEF and helped get this new organization off the ground. With your help, we were able to make significant contributions to Masconomet. Most of all, I must thank our very dedicated Board Members and volunteers who, despite their full time jobs, busy family lives and involvement in other community organizations, found time to make MEF a success. Thank you!

Sincerely,
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