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FOLK Fund Celebrates 20 years of Grantmaking in support of Killingly Children & Youth

2019 marks a very important milestone for FOLK - our Fund’s 20th Anniversary of grantmaking. Since 2000, the FOLK Fund’s continuing mission has been to inspire the love of learning in current and future Killingly children and youth by supporting innovative, enriching school initiatives that are proposed and led by Killingly educators.

Thousands of Killingly youngsters have benefitted from the 149 grants that FOLK has awarded to date. Many individuals are at the heart of FOLK’s success - generous original and follow-up gifts from Class of ’66 Alumni, Alumni volunteers, continuing dedication and thoughtful grant applications of Killingly teachers. Our endowment ensures that grants will continue in perpetuity.

As we celebrate our 20-year milestone, and look forward to an exciting future for FOLK, we invite everyone who feels a connection to Killingly to join us in transforming the FOLK Fund into a genuine community-supported educational legacy.

The Friends of Learning in Killingly invite you to join us for

FOLK’s 20-Year Milestone Awards Reception

To Honor FOLK Grant Recipients for 2019 & celebrate our 20-Year Anniversary of Grantmaking

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street, Conf. Rm 102, Danielson, CT

Refreshments will be served

RSVP by Mar.8, 2019 to Killingly Superintendent’s Office (LuAnn Goyette, tel 860-779-6600 or pgoyette@killinglyschools.org) or Keely Doyle, tel: 860-779-6603 kdoyle@killinglyschools.org or OR Greater Worcester Community Foundation Tel: (508) 755-0980 or email: jvokutoro@greaterworcester.org

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* FF: Founding Friend
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Killingly friends of learning awards grants

Killingly High School teacher Jim Hutson (left) receives congratulations for his FOLK award from FOLK Founding Member Bob Beauregard.

DAYVILLE — On March 14 the Friends of Learning in Killingly concluded their 19th cycle of annual grantmaking by hosting the 19th Annual FOLK Fund Awards Reception honoring this year’s award recipients. Those being honored were teachers Ellen Huie, Jim Hutson, Joe Lewerk, Carol Records, Lisa Vance, Kim Wainacht, Cheryl Wakely, and teaching team Mike Morrill, Mike Eddy, and Pam Ames.

“The mission of the FOLK Fund is to help all Killingly children reach their full potential,” said Janice Ahola-Sidaway, Chair of FOLK’s Advisory Committee. “Each year since 2000, through a competitive process, FOLK awards mini-grants to Killingly teachers in support of their innovative enrichment initiatives. This yearly reception, and the grants themselves, give us the opportunity to honor the teachers whose thoughtful initiatives and constant dedication to their students make the fund’s mission possible.”

The FOLK Fund is unique in that it is the only Foundation-linked entity that solely provides annual grants to educators in the Killingly public schools for school-based initiatives. To date, nearly 150 FOLK grants have been awarded to the Killingly schools, with a total value of nearly $50,000. This year’s Awards Reception coincided with FOLK’s launch of its first-ever fundraising initiative. For the last 19 years, the Fund has been solely financially supported by members of the KHS Class of 1966 and its friends.

Next year – 2019 – will mark FOLK’s 20th year of annual grantmaking.

“We want to commemorate this milestone in a special way, by reaching out to everyone who feels a connection to Killingly – local businesses, service groups, residents, Killingly alumni - to join us in helping turn the Fund into a genuine community-supported legacy,” said Bob Beauregard, Co-chair of FOLK’s 20th Anniversary Fundraising Initiative. “Every dollar of your donation goes toward FOLK grants, and your donation is tax deductible to the maximum extent. All tasks carried out by the Friends of Learning in Killingly volunteers are done without pay.”

FOLK’s goal has always been about inspiring the love of learning in Killingly children and youth; and this year’s supported initiatives once again provide wonderful examples of that goal.

Killingly Central School music teacher Kim Wainacht will use her grant to purchase eight sets of Boomwhackers, those bright color-coded plastic tubes cut to different lengths corresponding to a particular pitch of the scale when tapped on the floor.

“Pitch is a very abstract concept for young children. Boomwhackers are easy and fun to play, and are a great visual for the concept of pitch,” Wainacht said. “The children also learn to listen carefully and work cooperatively.” She plans to teach first graders several children’s songs that will be featured in the first grade concert.

Killingly Intermediate School librarian Lisa Vance will use her grant to purchase two Breakout Box Kits. Each kit contains a wooden box with locks, hidden contraptions, timers, keys, and other diversions, that challenge teams to work together to

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2018 FOLK grant recipients: seated, from left: Carol Records (Killingly Memorial and Killingly Central School), Lisa Vance (Killingly Intermediate School), Cheryl Wakely (Killingly High School), Standing, from left: Ellen Huie (Killingly Central School), Joe Lewerk (Killingly High School), Mike Morrill (Killingly Intermediate School), and Jim Hutson (Killingly High School) accompanied by Student Technology Association officers Camille Benoit (Secretary) and Joey Raheb (President). Missing from photo: Kim Wainacht (Killingly Central School), Mike Eddy and Pam Ames (Killingly Intermediate School).

Killingly High School Technology Student Association Secretary Camille Benoit and President Joey Raheb. They will be competing at the 40th Annual State TSA Conference this April.
FOLK Launches its First-ever Fundraising Campaign!

2019 is a very special year for FOLK. For the first time in its 20-year history of grantmaking, FOLK is reaching out to all those who feel a connection to Killingly - KHS Alumni and “friends”, local businesses and groups – to ask for their support. Our strategic goal is to raise $75,000 in order to increase the number and value of our yearly grants. Our overarching goal is to transform the Fund into a vibrant community-supported collective educational legacy for the children of Killingly. As word has spread about our Capital Campaign, we have been gratified to see the growing number of Killingly Alumni and “friends”, and local businesses and service clubs, who have generously responded to our appeal. We are edging ever closer to the mid-point of our target. If you haven’t already done so, please help us reach our goal by donating today! We would love to add your name to our Donor Wall. And if you wish to stay anonymous, that’s fine too! Just tell us.

Friends of Learning in Killingly FOLK Fund
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A Tale of three types of Lead Gifts

Lead gifts are so important at the early stages of a philanthropic initiative. When the FOLK Fund was founded back in 1998, lead gifts by Ralph LaChance, Paul LeFrancois, Janice Ahola-Sidaway, and Chris Burke helped insure its successful launch.

This time around, Campaign Co-chair Janice Ahola-Sidaway, Co-chair Bob Beauregard and his wife and Founding Member Sandra, and Founding Member George Kataja have filled that role. Janice had planned to leave a gift to the FOLK Fund in her will, but FOLK’s 20th Anniversary inspired her to fast-forward part of that gift to help kick-start the campaign and to also have the pleasure of seeing the Fund mature and flourish.

For Sandy and Bob, giving to the Fund became a meaningful way to affirm their commitment to family. Three generations of the Franklin-Beauregards are Killingly Alumni – Sandy’s father, their siblings and children, and themselves. FOLK’s 20th Anniversary inspired them to memorialize beloved family members and to honor Sandy’s mother.

The first installment of their lead gift was made in memory of Bob’s father and mother, Charles and Rita; and the second was an equally generous “Christmas gift” to Sandy’s mother that memorialized Sandy’s father Irwin, and honored her mother, Glenna, the beloved spry 93-year-old matriarch of the Franklin-Beauregard family. They gave other gifts in memory of Sandy’s recently deceased cousin and to commemorate the birthday of their long-departed nephew. Even Sandy and Bob’s adult children, Robin and Todd, felt the pull to join FOLK, each making their own generous gift.

Dean Randall “Randy” Davis was, arguably, the most popular, well-rounded and highly respected member of the KHS Class of 1966. Randy was Class president, honor society member, and a sport-loving guy; but most importantly, he was kind and thoughtful to everyone. Randy went on to study Engineering at UConn. FOLK Founding Member George Kataja counted Randy as one of his best friends through high school and college. Their dorm rooms at UConn were only feet apart. After receiving his degree in Engineering from UConn, Randy became a pilot with the rank of 1st Lt in the US Air Force; but his life was cut short when he died tragically while serving his country. Even after half a century, George thinks frequently with great fondness of his old friend. FOLK’s 20th Anniversary became an opportunity for him to honor Randy’s memory with a very generous gift to the Fund.
In Spring 2018, KHS Junior Sydney Berube placed 1st in the Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Architecture category at the Technology Student Association (TSA) State Conference, thereby qualifying her to compete in this category at the TSA National Conference in Atlanta, GA. Then, after a six-hour competition, imagine the thrill she felt when she placed among the top ten national finalists! FOLK is proud to have helped make it possible for her and her KHS TSA classmates to participate in these conferences. KHS teacher Jim Hutson, who is the longstanding KHS TSA advisor, was awarded the grant.

KIS librarian Lisa Vance purchased 2 Breakout EDU Kits with her 2018 grant. A kit consists of a box with lots of settable locks, hidden contraptions, other diversions, and keys. An educator creates or uses a lesson around a particular topic that incorporates clues, puzzles, and so on. A team of students works cooperatively to “break into” a locked box by solving the challenging puzzles and following directions carefully before the timer runs out. In addition to focusing on subject matter, the Breakout experience teaches 4 important skills – the 4 Cs that are considered valuable for future employability: critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication. Vance explained, “The tasks in a Breakout are not simple, and often require much trial and error. I told the students that beyond the academic portion the goal was to show perseverance and collaboration. Almost every team stumbled along the way to success. It was inspiring to hear them encourage each other not to give up.” One 5th grade commented: “We worked hard and didn’t argue in a mean way. Also, we didn’t give up and kept on trying.” Another wrote, “I thought that my teammates were not going to be nice to me because I am not the talkiest kind of person, but that didn’t matter. They were really nice and kind.” To date, over 200 KPS students have already experienced a Breakout.

A 2017 grant to KIS Music teacher Allegra Plantier helped with the costs of producing Once Upon a Mattress in April 2018. 35 student actors and crew worked tirelessly to prepare and carry out the production.

375 patrons attended the two-night show, a remarkable turnout for a new after-school program at KIS.

KCS Music teacher Kim Wainacht’s 2018 grant was used to purchase 8 sets of Boomwhackers - bright color-coded plastic tubes cut to different lengths. When tapped on the floor, differently colored tubes emit a particular pitch of the scale. They are a fun way to learn pitch and harmony, concentration and individual responsibility (students have to tap on cue), and cooperative music-making. “They were featured in our first-grade concert. Working with boomwhackers provides a foundational experience to participating in band, chorus and orchestra programs when the students are older,” she added.

Each Spring the Nutmeg Book Award program nominates ten young adult books of fiction suitable for grade 9-12. The next April, Connecticut students vote for their favorite book. KHS librarian Cheryl Wakely used her 2018 grant to purchase hard copies of the ten 2018 nominated titles, and promotional materials, so she could introduce all Freshmen to the books. “Many students are familiar with the program from their middle school years, so arrival of the Nutmeg books is a familiar and popular event,” she said. The KHS library media specialist met with all 11 Freshmen classes. The promotion was very successful, with library book circulation increasing significantly in May, June, and September.

In Spring 2018, KHS teachers Mike Morrill, Mike Eddy, and Pam Ames used their 2018 grant to purchase two Oculus Go Virtual Reality headset units. Morrill explained, “As part of our yearlong exploration of Global Warming we used the Oculus Go system to virtually bring students to the greenmant ice sheets using the program This is Climate Change: Melting Ice. Our students now have a completely different understanding after virtually visiting the melting glaciers than we could have communicated in any other fashion. They described the ‘feeling’ of being on the Greenland ice sheet in dramatic detail. They could conceptualize the amount of ice melt going on virtually standing above the glacial rivers looking down into one of the thousands of moulins that have appeared on the ice sheet…. There is not a single subject taught at KIS for which the Oculus Go system does not have a teaching resource. This technology can put ‘experiential education’ literally in every classroom seat at our school.”

Each year, recent grant recipients submit a report summarizing the implementation of their project, its outcomes, impact, long-term benefits to students, and financial statement. Here are a few highlights from recent reports.
Dan Durand (’14)
Michael Eddy (’17, ’18)
Kimberly Eiler (’13)
Jeff Ethier (’14)
Mon Gardiner (’07, ’08, ’10, ’16)
Chuck Gatti (’05)
Arlene Gauthier (’04, ’06, ’11)
William Gazzola (’05)
Laura Gencarella (’12)
Dale Goodwin (’00, ’01)
Donna Guillot (’04)
Julie Gutierrez (’04)
Janet Hallbergh (’03)
Ellen Huie (’18)
Jim Hutson (’16, ’18)
Richard Jerr (’10)
Nancy Juholah (’09)
Sandra Kelley (’10, ’11)
Doris Kennedy (’01)
Karen Kent (’11)
Kelley Kussey (’04)
Jessica Lackenbach (’06)
James Lackner (’08, ’09)
Simonne Lamothe (’10)
Andrea Lassan (’00)
Cheryl Wakely (’13, ’18)
Gloria Morrison (’09)
Lisa Morton (’14)
Barbara Mudd (’01, ’07)
Jennifer Nadeau (’04, ’13)
Gale Norman (’11)
Kathleen O’Brien (’04)
Rachael Pelletier (’13)
Michelle Pepin (’02, ’08)
Jennifer Piehler (’11, ’15)
Allegra Plantier (’10, ’17)
Kevin Plouffe (’14)
Barbara Porter (’11)
Carol Records (’08, ’09, ’12, ’18)
Annice Rockwell (’12)

Rachelle LeBlanc (’12)
Joseph Lewerk (’11, ’14, ’17, ’18)
Colleen Lugauskas (’11)
Kathy Magalas (’09)
Patricia Maher (’05, ’06, ’13)
Lorraine McLeish (’08, ’11)
Jan McRobert (’06, ’07, ’13)
Amanda Milliken (’12)
David Minikowski (’12)
Diane Misseri (’02, ’03, ’05)
Michael Morrill (’17, ’18)

Special Thank You from FOLK

We are thrilled and grateful to report that in honor of our 20th Anniversary of grantmaking, the FOLK Fund recently received a very generous gift from an anonymous donor. The name of the donor will remain a wonderful mystery, even to the 20th Anniversary Campaign Co-chairs Janice Ahola-Sidaway and Bob Beauregard. On behalf of FOLK and of all the Killingly youngsters who will benefit from future FOLK grants, Thank You!

FOLK Award Recipients 2000-2018

Pamela Ames (’18)
Kelly Andrews-Babcock (’08-’10, ’14)
Bonnie Beland (’10)
Cheryl Boothsnoon (’10, ’13)
Terri Bordonaro (’94, ’05)
Hillary Borges (’15, ’16)
Paula Bourdeau (’07)
Cynthia Brady (’05)
Nancy Breault (’07)
Pam Bramlett (’03, ’06)
Jane Camarco (’03, ’03)
Erica Caouette (’08)
Alex Caserta (’02, ’05)
Bob Chalifoux (’04)
Mary Jo Chretien (’14)
Denise Cooledge (’14)
Julie Corden (’07, ’09-’11, ’15)
Steven Craig (’09, ’15, ’17)
Misty Crowley (’07, ’12, ’13, ’16, ’17)
Michael Dallis (’13)
Claudia Danna (’00, ’03)
Kelly Davidson (’15, ’17)
Heidi Devine (’09, ’17)
Mary Doiron (’83)

Emily Rose (’17)
Bethany Royer (’08)
Cheryl Rucki (’15, ’16)
Marjory Salisbury (’12)
Sara Schmidt (’09)
Lisa Siegmund (’06)
Sara Sunner (’03, ’07)
Mary Todd (’06, ’14)
Tanya Topazio (’06)
Gena Torre (’17)
Barbara Jean Toth (’07)
Meghan Tubridy (’01)
Lisa Vance (’18)
Anne Vassbinder (’10, ’11)
David Vaughn (’16)
Kim Wainacht (’16, ’18)
Cheryl Wakely (’13)
James Weigel (’10)
Jacqueline Wetherell (’16)
Michael Wuenischer (’09, ’11)
Jill Zangerl (’10, ’17)
Katherine Zartun (’14, ’15)

FOLK Award Recipients 2000-2018

open it. They think critically, trouble- shoot, and work under pressure as they strive to solve a series of curriculum- based problems. “Students will be highly challenged and engaged within a relaxed, fun environment,” said Vance.

Killingly High School technology teacher Jim Hutson serves as advisor to the school’s Student Technology Association (TSA). He will use his grant to help support TSA students to compete at the TSA State and National conferences in such events as Robotics, Public Speaking and Technological Debates, Photographic technology, and the like. Hutson said that “these experiences will help our students pursue their dreams in science and technology.”

Killingly Intermediate School teaching team of Mike Morrill, Mike Eddy, and Pam Ames received a grant to purchase two Oculus Go Virtual Reality headsets, so students can better grasp the human impact on the earth when they study a special unit about the Colorado River Delta. “The headsets will enable us to virtually bring our students right there, so they can experience the impact that the 20 dams have had on the life of the river delta, as well as the recently launched delta restoration project,” Morrill said.

A key goal of the unit of study will be to link design and engineering practices studied in the STEM classes with concepts studied in the KIS science classes. A significant amount of other educational software has been developed, making the devices useful across a range of subject areas.

Other funded projects include a fieldtrip led by Killingly High School teacher Joe Lewerk to Fort Trumbull and the Submarine Force Museum as part of a study on the technological role played by Eastern Connecticut during the Cold War, a grant to librarian Carol Records for a subscription to a popular highly regarded online innovative curriculum database to support Killingly Central and Killingly Memorial educators, the purchase by Killingly High School librarian Cheryl Wakely of hardcover copies of the ten titles in the 2018 Connecticut Nutmeg Book Award program, and a grant to Killingly Central art teacher Ellen Huie to help enhance the painting and sculpture centers in her art room.

The purpose of FOLK’s newly launched fundraising initiative is to strengthen the Fund’s grantmaking capabilities. “The FOLK Fund is legally endowed, which means it will continue to impact the lives of future Killingly children long after all of us have passed,” said Ahola-Sidaway, who is co-chairing the 20th Anniversary Fundraising Initiative. “We invite all those who feel a connection to Killingly to join us in becoming part of this legacy initiative.” Donations to the FOLK Fund can be sent to Friends of Learning in Killingly (FOLK) Fund, c/o Greater Worcester Community Foundation, 370 Main St., Suite 650, Worcester, Mass. 01608-1738, or call (508) 755-0980, email: donorserv- ices@greaterworcester.org. Donations can also be made online using a secure server. For more information on FOLK and its Fund contact Bob Beauregard at rbeau00@hotmail.com or Janice Ahola-Sidaway asid- away@uottawa.ca.

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2019 Grant Review Process in the Works
We are pleased to report that Killingly educators seeking support have now submitted their 2019 applications. The review process is now underway and will be legally completed by late February. All grant applications and written reviews are completed directly online, through the secure Greater Worcester website. The Advisory Committee, a sub-group of the reviewers, meets in early February to make final grant decisions.

Remember FOLK in Your Will
Have you considered making a gift – large or small – in your will to the FOLK Endowment Fund? It’s a great way to give back to the Killingly school community after your lifetime. Your gift will generate an estate tax deduction. Address: Friends of Learning in Killingly (FOLK) Fund, c/o Greater Worcester Community Foundation, 370 Main St, Suite 650, Worcester, MA 01608.