

# SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY

## LYME/OLD LYME EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

October 2007

### A Message from the President ...

The LOLEF has created a way for Lyme and Old Lyme community members to make a contribution to support programs, projects, and activities that increase the breadth and effectiveness of educational opportunities for residents of all ages. Our organization is especially interested in promoting ways to build educational partnerships between students and community members. Thank you for your support.

~ Adam S. Burrows, LOLEF President (2005 – Present)

## Inaugural Year Grants Making a Difference in Our Communities

The Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation, Inc. provides funds only for qualified community programs that most closely align with the LOLEF philanthropic priorities established within our Mission. Formal Grant Applications may be submitted in writing or via e-mail at any time throughout the year. Our Grant Committee meets twice a year (June and December) to review grant proposals and make funding recommendations to the larger LOLEF Board. Grant application forms can be downloaded from the website at [www.lolef.org](http://www.lolef.org).

Broadening education beyond the schools has been a priority of the foundation and to this end the foundation has invited grant applications from the community, school teachers and students. We have just completed our first grant cycle and are excited to announce that we have recently awarded grants to fund four innovative educational/community enrichment programs. The grants are supporting these projects:

- **ELDRIDGE BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT MILE CREEK SCHOOL** — Grant provisions will continue the expansion and maintenance of the butterfly garden started by Sherry Eldridge, a recently retired teacher at Mile Creek School.

- **LANGUAGE LAB TECHNOLOGY** — Grant provisions will expand the ability for teachers and students to publish and share language development translations within and across grade levels as part of the Language Arts and World Language Departments in the Middle School and High School. Jeanne Manfredi, the grant applicant and sponsor, explained that the Apple iWeb® technology not only improves evaluation of learning benchmarks, but also facilitates presentation of student language translations to other classes, i.e., Spanish 4 students can publish a story



*Budding young artist sketches in Mile Creek School's Eldridge Butterfly Garden*

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THE 2006/7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation works closely with, but is independent of, the school district. Our Board of Directors consists of community members representing parents, business leaders and residents with a strong commitment to high quality public education.

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MEETINGS

The Foundation's Board of Directors meets monthly (dates and locations posted on our website). Please feel free to join us in our discussions or simply to learn how you can contribute to this worthwhile cause. New Directors will be elected at the upcoming Annual Meeting (October 29, 2007). If you are interested in being considered for a position on our board or if you would like to learn more about us and our plans, please contact any of our Board Members or e-mail us at [info@lolef.org](mailto:info@lolef.org).

## Inaugural Year Grants

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book on the web for the younger levels to read - including text, visual and audio representations. The technology is applicable for all grade levels in District 18 and allows others to read, listen to, and view languages presented by others and not just the classroom teacher.

- **LYME SUMMER READING PROGRAM** — Grant provisions permitted Lyme Consolidated School, in conjunction with Lyme Public Library, to purchase books for their summer reading program for the benefit of students as well as the community. The collaborative program encourages summer reading among older elementary students with a long term goal of creating lifelong readers and learners.
- **LYSB FAMILY CURRICULUM** — Grant provisions will be used to purchase materials to expand the curriculum of the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau's Parent Resource Program which provides ongoing and comprehensive parenting education programs for members of the Lyme and Old Lyme community.

Grant proposals are invited for the next round of applications. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year with decisions made bi-annually in June and December.



*Babies are everywhere at LYSB Parent Resource programs*

## LOLEF Sponsors CTCEF Workshop

LOLEF is now a recognized CTCEF (Connecticut Consortium of Education Foundation) affiliate. CTCEF actively participates in local, regional, and statewide initiatives to continually develop and implement sound business procedures. The consortium comprises of 77 active education foundations statewide and is the only organization in Connecticut uniquely positioned to unite local education foundations with local school districts, caring communities, and each other. The CTCEF regional workshop held at LEARN on April 3, 2007 was sponsored by LOLEF. The meeting was well attended by representatives from education foundations in CT, RI, and NY. The participants represented by a wide range of experience shared ideas and issues related to newly formed foundations to those that have been established for a number of years. Topics gave information and suggestion for developing and maintaining an excellent Board of Directors as well as fund raising through corporate sponsorship and other initiatives.

## Building an Education Foundation

The Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation has just completed its inaugural year. The Foundation was established in 2006 with the mission to create, continue or enhance valuable educational programs above and beyond those traditionally provided by the Region 18 school district. Our plan is to align our work with the needs identified through the district's strategic planning process and encourage innovative and effective learning opportunities for students of all ages. Copies of the foundation's brochure are available on request and by-laws can be downloaded from the web site at [www.lolef.org](http://www.lolef.org).

# Sponsors' Generous Support Makes Educational Grants Possible

The Foundation would like to acknowledge and extend sincere gratitude to the **Chester W. Kitchings Foundation** for its very generous donation. In addition, the LOLEF Board is very appreciative of the contributions and support of the **Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club**. These generous contributions have greatly aided our newly created non profit organization to support the growth and development educational opportunities in our communities. LOLEF extends a sincere thank you to the many individuals who sent contributions during this first year.

LOLEF has received a challenge grant of \$4,000 from an Old Lyme business. Our challenge is to raise an additional \$4,000 to match the grant. We will appreciate your consideration of our ability to effectively receive \$2 for each dollar you may contribute as a business or as an individual. The donor firm is **IR Services, LLC**, a business consulting firm that produces corporate communications for shareholders of public companies [www.corpirservices.com](http://www.corpirservices.com).

The Foundation's Board of Directors meets monthly typically on the second Monday of the month. Scheduled meetings (see dates below) are held at 7:30 PM at the Center School library on Lyme Street in Old Lyme.

October 29	November 19	December 10
January 14, 2008	February 14, 2008	March 10, 2008
April 7, 2008	May 12, 2008	June 9, 2008

*All proceeds from fundraising events and direct donations to the Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation, Inc. are identified and recorded in accordance with all federal and state tax-exempt expectations.*

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*The work of the LOLEF is made possible by the generous contributions of many individuals and businesses. We gratefully recognize the donors who made contributions between September 2006 and September 2007.*

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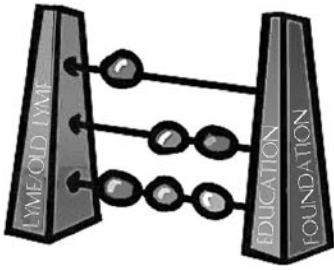
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## Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation Highlights

In its inaugural year the Foundation has:

- Accepted donations of approximately \$18,000 from sponsors and community members
- Awarded over \$ 3,000 for equipment and materials to support new initiatives for both the community and teaching staff of Lyme and Old Lyme
- Developed by-laws and established itself as an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization supporting and enhancing public education in our community.
- Developed a brochure, web site, grant application process and launched in November 2006

This was made possible because of *YOUR* contributions. Thank you!

### Upcoming Events ...

- Grant Submission Deadlines — November 1, 2007, and May 1, 2008
- Golf Tournament — June 2008
- “A Day of Fun for Everyone” to celebrate the 1-year anniversary of the LOLEF — **November 17, 2-5 PM**, at the Lymes’ Youth Services Bureau, Lyme St., Old Lyme; Events/ activities for all ages are planned, see our website for details