



The Achiever

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Mini-Grants Approved

The Stonington Education Fund Board of Directors this fall approved \$3,764 in teacher Mini-Grants to fund 10 projects at four schools. The grants were recommended by the school district's Career Incentive Committee.

SEF annually earmarks about \$5,000 for teacher Mini-Grants and since its inception has funded nearly \$50,000 for these grants.

The projects are:

Stonington High School:

- \$320 to **Tim Chokas** to allow photography students to publish books of their photography work completed during a semester.



- \$363 to **Matt Peel**, for a GeoMet Art project. The project will allow students in geometry classes to design logos, transfer them to glass and write an analysis of the geometry-art connections.

- \$490 to **Tim Smith** to

create a physical and virtual news-room hub to connect and coordinate school newspaper activities for the newly revived student-produced paper called "Brown and White."

- \$500 to **Dennis Johnson**

to allow manufacturing technology students to build Adirondack chairs and picnic tables for the SHS courtyard.

- \$350 to **Tim Bousquet and Cathy Pellegrino** for a Global Positioning System project. This will allow special education students to complete mapping and letterboxing activities.

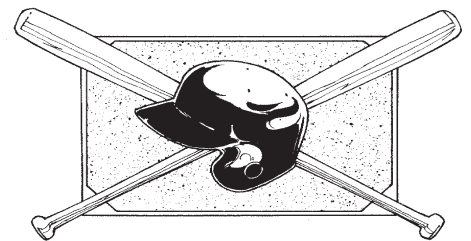
Pawcatuck Middle School:

- \$316 to **Annie**

O'Sullivan for a Play Ball project to allow students to participate in Socratic Seminars and become active members in a baseball simulation activity.

- \$400 to **Deidre Toole**

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Help Wanted

Would you like to be a part of an organization that has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit Stonington students?

The Stonington Education Fund needs you!

We are looking for:

-- People willing to serve on our Board of Directors, which meets once a month at Stonington High School.

Board members work on fundraisers, decide the direction of our non-profit organization and

tackle many other duties.

We also need:

-- People to help us reach out to Stonington High School alumni.

-- People who are skilled in the areas of fundraising and development. We'd like to seek larger grants and make connections with more potential donors.

-- People with special skills such as law, accounting, event planning and other areas.

Please call SEF President Paul Sartor at 536-0678 for more information.

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Teacher Mini-Grants Awarded

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for a peer mentoring program called Pawcatuck Pals that teams students in the TLC program with peer mentors.

Mystic Middle School:

- \$500 to **Natalee De-nard and Kathleen Derry** to allow students studying the Underground Railroad to create quilt squares of the type used to pass messages along the Railroad.

West Broad Street School:

- \$200 to **Melissa Rib-**

ner for a Recycle With Worms project. Students will maintain a worm bin that transforms leaves and food scraps into organic plant food.

- \$325 to **all WBSS teachers** to allow for an all-school presentation by the Science Center of Connecticut. The presentation is called Science Genie.

Apple Grant Awarded

Congratulations to Tim Flanagan and Grade 6 students at Pawcatuck Middle School.

Stonington Education Fund awarded them a \$3,953 Apple Grant for a project called "Teaching With iMovie."

The grant will pay to purchase Apple eMac computers with iMovie software, along with camcorders to allow students to create short movies in science and other areas.

Students will write scripts, film, edit, add special effects and share their finished products.



Did you know?

This newsletter and the Apple Grant criteria and application forms are available on Stonington Education Fund's website.

Please visit the site at:
www.stoningtoneducationfund.com.

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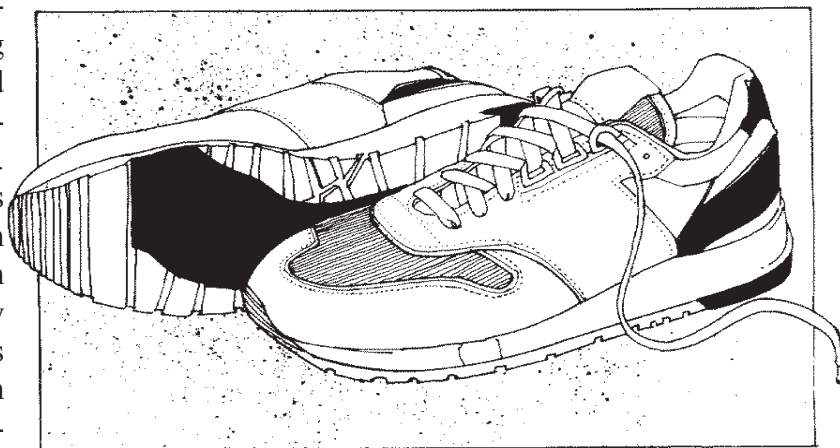
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SHS Training Room Outfitted: SEF/SHS Sports Boosters Raise Funds

After more than two years of fundraising, the Stonington High School Sports Boosters have decided to purchase a variety of weight-training and aerobic exercise machines to outfit the new training room at the expanded and renovated Stonington High School.

The Boosters had teamed up with Stonington Education Fund to raise money for this purpose as part of the Stonington High School Capital Campaign. The

Boosters raised more than \$20,000 and SEF provided \$5,000 to this portion of the campaign, which also is raising funds for music equipment and technology.



Equipment for the room has been ordered and should arrive soon.

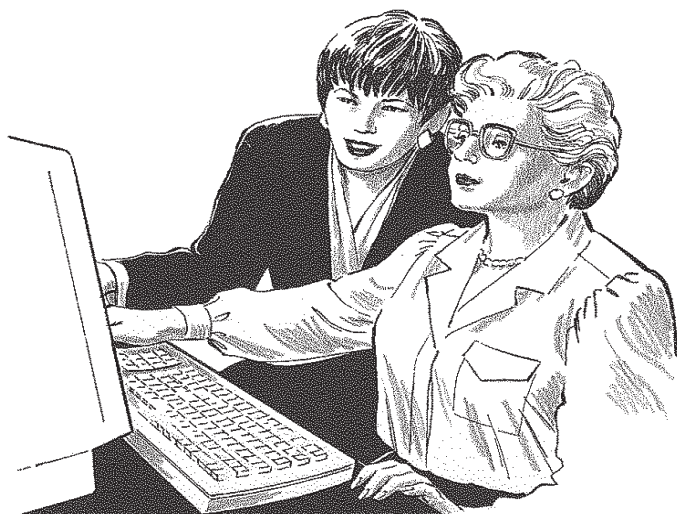
To help promote better physical fitness, an athletic training room was planned as part of the recently completed \$39 million Stonington High School building project.

Private donors provided money for the equipment. They will be recognized on a plaque located in the room.

SEF is pleased to have been a part of this important team effort to support fitness for our students.

Did you know?

Stonington Education Fund continues to raise money to outfit an interactive computer center at Stonington High School.



The Distance Learning center will allow both students and community members opportunities to take courses and participate in conferences not currently available locally.

Distance learning will allow all types of Stonington students opportunities for more independent learning, to reach out to teachers and students around the world and to expand their learning well beyond the confines of the school building.

About \$75,000 is needed to fully equip this room. To date, some \$11,000 has been raised.

**Save the date for:
Education Celebration
2006**

*Stonington Education Fund's
annual dinner-dance and silent auction,
the organization's largest annual fundraiser,
is scheduled
April 8, 2006.*

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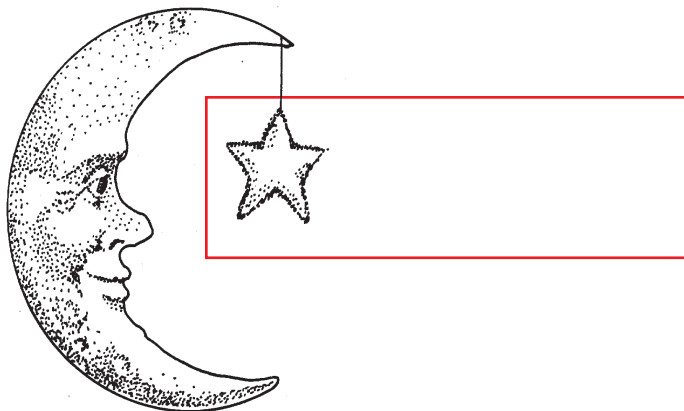
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