







# May/June 2014 GEF Green Apple Times



Kennedy Principal Tom Engel gets a surprise check from GEF to kick start the new 4K program.

# \$100,000 and Counting. WOW!!

Since our first grant handed out in 2011, we have now given more than \$100,000 to our five public schools. As you can see, each year our community gets more generous, allowing us to give back even more.

- 2014=\$30k
- 2013=\$26k
- 2012=\$25k
- 2011=\$12k
- Other Monies Raised Outside of Grant Process: \$9,500

**TOTAL:** \$102,500 given to the 5 public schools of Grafton through the Grafton Education Foundation.

So what will that money be used for next school year? 2014 Grants include:

- 1. Start up support for the new 4-year old kindergarten program.
- 2. A mobile indoor garden at GES.
- 3. A veteran appreciation field trip for Kennedy students.
- 4. 7th grade reading lounge.
- 5. GHS Manufacturing Lab upgrade.
- 6. Cameras for journalism students to revive the GHS school newspaper.
- 7. Sherlock Bones skeletal remains activity kit.

Thank you to all our supporters. You can donate to the Grafton Education Foundation anytime online. Click here to keep the momentum going!

# **Get Happy: Come Along on the GEF Prize Patrol**

Watch this Video of the 2014 GEF Prize Patrol in Action and Get Happy Knowing Your Support is Doing Cool Things!



## **Thank You First Bank Financial Centre**

GEF and District Staff were thrilled to get the support this year from one of Grafton's newest banks. Kris Barger from First Bank Financial Centre jumped on

board as a Soupor Bowl sponsor and helped us reach a new record for grants given to our schools. Stop in and say "Thanks for supporting Grafton schools!"



# **Changing of the Guard at GEF**



## Julia McNally Takes the Helm

For everything there is a season and at GEF's May board meeting it was time to welcome a new GEF President. Outgoing President Bob Hoffman presented his successor with the ultimate gavel of power: A GEF Green Apple on a stick!



It is with heartfelt appreciation that we bid adieu to **Bob Hoffman** as our president. For more than 5



years, Bob worked tirelessly to get the Grafton Education Foundation established. Bob built GEF from the ground up and Grafton owes him a debt of gratitude. We're so glad Bob will continue to grace us with his wisdom, retaining the title Past President.

#### 2014/2015 GEF Executive Committee

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