



April 2014 GEF Green Apple Times



A Soupor Success

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 2014 GEF/US Bank Soupor Bowl a huge success! Whether you came to sample soup, bowl with friends, bid in the voice auction, donated goods, or purchased a Reverse Raffle ticket for a chance to win \$10,000-- WE THANK YOU!

All told we raised \$31,665 and collected 1,546 cans of soup for Family Sharing. That means we will be awarding \$30,000 in grants this year. (Stay tuned for more about that in May!)

But wait! There's more!

Thanks to our "Fund-a-Need" campaign \$1,350 was raised to help build 21st Century Classrooms next school year. Thanks to a matching grant from the Zaun Foundation, GEF will donate \$2,700 to the district to help pilot this new way of thinking about classroom space. Exciting stuff!

GEF Spring Children's Resale & Craft Fair



Shop or Sell? How about both!

- Saturday May 3 8am-2pm
- Grafton High School Cafeteria
- Free Admission



- Registration now open for sellers and vendors.
 - Sellers can drop and go! No need to be present to sell. GEF does all the work and sends you a check for your sold items!
 - Sound good? Start sorting your stuff and get all your [details here!](#)
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Three Cheers for...

Pam Wziarde

GEF Children's Resale & Craft Fair Queen

GEF: How long have you been involved with GEF?

Pam: About two years.

GEF: How old are your kids and where do they go to school?

Pam: 3rd grade & 6th grade at Kennedy & JLMS

GEF: Why do you volunteer?

Pam: I understand that a lot of things around the schools and within the community would cease to exist if it wasn't for the parents, teachers and other volunteers making the extra time and effort to make sure the kids have more chances and opportunities to learn and grow.

GEF: Tell us about the resale? What was your inspiration and how would you like to see it grow?

Pam: I used to shop at a similar sale since my oldest was born, and thought It would be great to bring that kind of sale to our area- make it simple to sell as a seller and give the buyers a big selection within each category. I would love to get to the point where we have a waiting line to get into the sale on Saturday mornings and a waiting list to be a seller at the sale.

GEF: What's the quirkiest thing you've sold in the GEF resale?

Pam: I personally don't have many quirky items to sell at this point, but there have been some items, toys especially, that bring back memories from when my kids were younger.

GEF: Craziest moment at a resale? Have you seen anyone fight over an item?

Pam: No fighting- but there have been looks of longing toward certain toys from children and a look of dread from the parents!

GEF: What's been your favorite grant funded by GEF?

Pam: I think the pottery wheels were a great idea- not only is it an interesting form to learn in art class, but it definitely helped the SuperBowl event!

GEF: Do you like the color green?

Pam: I do like green- actually debating painting my kitchen green right now!

GEF: What is your favorite type of apple?

Pam: I will go with the pink lady- with two boys in the house, I take the girl option more often than not!

GEF: What is life like being married to Andy Wiziarde?

Pam: No comment?! As a family we attend and participate in a lot of sporting events- so there is never a dull moment!

Girl Scouts Rock

GEF appreciates all our generous donors, but every now and then there's a donation that pulls at our heart strings.

A special shout out to Girl Scout Troop #8079--5th graders at GES (and 1 Woodview student!) who sent us a donation in honor of GHS art teacher Mrs. Gorra-Patek and GHS art student Julianne Seidl who helped the Girl Scouts learn about Italy during their Thinking Day event which explores a different country every year. To thank the presenters (who talked about their school trip to Italy) the troop donated some of their hard earned "cookie money" to GEF. Thanks to Troop Co-Leaders Karen Ruona and Joy Bloemer for setting such a great example of service for your girls!

Help Wanted: Webmaster and Others

Want to get involved with a super cool group of people working to make our Grafton schools top notch? Check us out! We'd love to grow our team. We are in immediate need of a webmaster but also have other opportunities.

Congratulations to Tammy Taylor, Kerry Feutz and Jennifer Teunissen for recently joining our board of directors!

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