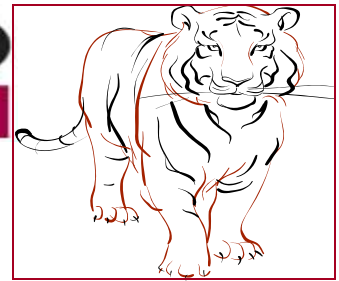


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A Message from our Chairman

As the latest edition of the BEF newsletter hits the presses, winter is definitely upon us. The East Coast has been dealing with snow and ice storms on a regular basis. The Midwest has seen record low temperatures and even the West Coast has been experiencing a seasonably cool winter. Well the good news is our furry friend Punxsutawney Phil predicts that spring is near! If the cold weather and snow have given you cabin fever there is no better way to get out and celebrate Spring than with over 300 former classmates, teachers and BEF supporters.

On Saturday, April 16, 2011 the BEF will celebrate Bloomfield High School's Centennial anniversary. If you have already purchased a ticket I would like to thank you for your support. If you have yet to buy a ticket, what are you waiting for? This event is shaping up to be a once in a lifetime experience that you won't want to miss. Not only will you be attending a first class event, but all proceeds from the event will help the BEF continue to support the various programs, grants, and scholarships that we provide to our Bloomfield Public School students. If you would like more information on this event, or would like to see who has already confirmed their attendance, please visit our website at: www.Bloomfielddeducationalfoundation.org.

I look forward to warmer weather and seeing you at our Centennial celebration on April 16th!

Sincerely,
Mike Scurman '96, Chairman

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Kids Helping Kids

The Bloomfield Educational Foundation will be celebrating Bloomfield High School's Centennial Anniversary on Saturday April 16, 2011 at the Villa on Route 46 in Mountain Lakes, N. J.

Under the direction of BHS teacher, Theresa Montanino, twenty eight members of the senior class sold Yankee Candles commemorating this celebration of the 100th anniversary and chose to



donate the proceeds to the Educational Foundation. This contribution will be used to fund an initiative that will allow each member of the junior class to take the PSAT's, next year at no cost to the student.

Principal Chris Jennings praised the partnership of students and the BEF in their "efforts to show all students that higher education is possible." Ms. Montanino, who is also a member of the Centennial Committee, stated that "the success of the sale is a true testament to the pride and enthusiasm of Bloomfield students".

Please join the large gathering of Bengals who will be enjoying the Centennial Celebration at the lavish cocktail hour and dinner that will feature open bar, Viennese Table and entertainment. Arrangements have been made for those who wish to stay overnight. Reservations are quickly filling up so please go to our website at www.bloomfielddeducationalfoundation.org. to sign up.

The Bloomfield Educational Foundation established as a 501(c) (3) organization is dedicated to enhancing the educational experience for all Bloomfield students.

Save-the-Date

Sunset Classic 5
Mile Race to Benefit
the VEST Program.

June 30, 2011

Kids Sprints at 6PM

1 Mile Fun Run

at 6:30PM

5 Mile Road Race at

7PM

Location:

Foley Field/Memorial Pk.

For more information:

www.sunsetclassic.org

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF HAROLD ITKIN who have continued to generously donate to the memorial fund established in memory of Sidney M. Itkin. To date, donations from family and friends of Sydney, total over \$10,000! This money will be given out in the form of a college scholarship to a football player who has been deemed the most dedicated— not to the smartest, or to the most talented, but to the player that never gave up, gave it his all and went the extra mile time and time again. We are very grateful to Howard that we will be able to bestow such a scholarship onto a deserving candidate. *Submitted by: Howard*

With Thanks from a Teacher Grant Recipient:

Dear BEF:

Carteret School's fourth, fifth and sixth grade self-contained classes were able to enjoy an "indoor field trip" to the Solar System this month.

The children had a truly fantastic time! They were greeted outside the eleven foot wide inflated planetarium dome set up in the gymnasium by Mr. Richard Gamba, an employee of StarTellers, Inc.; a company based out of Hazlet, NJ and partnered with Novins Planetarium. This company offers astronomy educators with over 30 years of experience in amateur astronomy and planetarium education. StarTellers allows students to experience a world beyond their own using digital technology to explore galaxies, the solar system, and the sun. The program was entitled "A Walk Through the Solar System" (intended for grades 5-8) and covered NJCCCS's 5.9.6 A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, 5.7.6.A3, 6.64C1, 5.98.B1. 5.2 8A1.

I was able to participate during the fifth graders time in the planetarium, and it was great. The kids loved it and were constantly gasping and "wowing" at the graphics and the presenter's knowledge of the subject. Mr. Gamba gave every student a StarTellers necklace, and later in the hallways, I saw and heard students reflecting on their own experiences with adjectives such as awesome, cool, and fun, while showing off their necklaces. Every child signed a thank you note to Mr. Gamba later in the week, and the teachers complimented him as they left the planetarium. I heard nothing but rave reviews!

I want to truly thank the entire Bloomfield Educational Foundation for issuing me a five hundred dollar grant to help fund this enlightening, standard based, "awesome" assembly.

With gratitude,

*Amanda E. DeSimone
Carteret Elementary School
Special Education Teacher*

Exciting Grant News!

Many areas of the Brookdale curriculum are presently being supplemented by programs that are funded through grant monies.

Currently, the First Grade students are using 10 handheld Teachermate computers in their classrooms. A \$1000.00 grant from the Bloomfield Educational Foundation (BEF) helped to fund this project. The computers have games and activities that align to the reading and math text book series and supplement weekly lessons.

Also, be on the lookout for our Sixth Grade students snapping photos with digital cameras! These cameras were very recently purchased through funds the BEF. The Sixth Grade teachers plan to use the cameras with their students during the second half of the school year.

Thanks to the Bloomfield Educational Foundation for helping to provide our Brookdale students with many exciting learning opportunities!

Bloomfield High School Centennial Celebration Update

Ticket sales have been brisk to the 100th anniversary celebration of Bloomfield High School, with new reservations arriving almost daily! In addition to dancing and visiting with old friends, the committee is hard at work on a Silent Auction, which will be filled with one of a kind items, a visit to Madame Tussauds Wax Museum NYC, and packages from Rutgers Women's Basketball VIP Package, Belmont VIP, the NY Giants, the NY Jets, the NJ Nets, and the NY Knicks, a Football Hall of Fame Jim Brown Jersey, a Football Hall of Fame Jerry Rice Jersey, plus an NFL VIP Workshop for Women. Many wonderful items have also been donated by local merchants such as Bobbi Brown Makeup, Anthony's Cheesecake gift certificate, a certificate from Jim's Super Service Lube & Oil as well as Starbucks and a gift certificate to Advanced Aesthetics Plastic Surgery. This is just a partial list of what guests can expect the night of the Centennial.

Mike Scurman and members of the BEF Board as well as friends of BHS have been hard at work compiling information for the 100 Year History of BHS commemorative book, which is sure to delight all graduates and will be on sale at the dinner for \$10 each. Special thanks to Mark Scurman '75, for producing this keepsake for BEF and BHS.



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EVENT INFORMATION

The Bloomfield Educational Foundation Annual Dinner Celebrates Bloomfield High School's Centennial Anniversary

Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 6:30-10:30 P.M.

The Villa, Route 46 East, Mountain Lakes, NJ

Ticket includes a lavish cocktail hour and buffet dinner, open bar, Viennese hour, and entertainment! For those of you who may be staying overnight we have arranged a special block of rooms at Fairfield Inn & Suites, 3535 Rt. 46 @ Cherry Hill Rd. Parsippany, NJ 07054, 973-263-0095, FAX 973-263-6133, www.marriott.comEWPPP, Event name Bloomfield Educational Foundation. Contact name: Rob Gail. Room rate is \$74.00 per night including complimentary breakfast and shuttle service to and from The Villa. Please spread the word to classmates, friends and family as quickly as possible since reservations are filling in quickly and we have limited space. A note to the men that jackets are required.

Go to www.bloomfieldeducationalfoundation.com to see who from your class has signed up so far!

REGISTRATION AND TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

Tickets are \$125 each.

Name _____ Number of tickets purchased: _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email Address _____ Telephone _____

PURCHASE AN AD IN THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PROGRAM

- Inside cover: \$1500 Full Page: \$500 Half Page: \$250 Quarter Page: \$125 Patron: \$50

I would like my ad to read as follows (or enclose artwork)

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Total number of tickets to be purchased: _____ x \$125 each

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Ad(s) purchased at: _____ Total Amount Due for Tickets and Ads: \$ _____

Check # _____ Credit Card Visa Mastercard

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code #: _____

Billing Address: _____

Signature: _____

Mail this form with payment or fax credit card information to:
BEF PO Box 327, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 Fax: 973-403-9174 or
Or visit www.bloomfieldeducationalfoundation.org to pay online.

Questions: Call 973-403-0032 or email centennial@bloomfield.k12.nj.us - BEF is a registered 501-c-3 charity.

BEF and George L. Daudelin Foundation Team Up To Support BHS Music



The BEF recently received a grant request from John Pierce, Supervisor of the Bloomfield High School Fine Arts Department in an attempt to complete their music lab. A portion of the high school's technology budget was used for furniture, computers, 5 keyboards, interfaces and the wiring of each lab station but unfortunately the funds ran out before they could purchase the remaining five keyboards needed to complete the music lab. While the BEF was willing to contribute a portion of the funds needed, the budget did not allow funding for the entire project. Fortunately for the BEF, BHS and our music students, Annette & George Daudlein donated the remaining money needed to complete the music lab. Pictured here are a few of the keyboards and stations that were purchased. "While the BEF tries to contribute to as many worth while requests as possible, there are just some requests that go beyond our budget capabilities" said Mike

Scurman. "In light of the struggling economy, we have been seeking partnerships with organizations such as the ROCHE Foundation and the elementary home and school associations and we've been very successful. I know the George L Daudelin Scholarship Fund is geared towards music so it was no surprise that they were quick to contribute." Scurman added, "It is new partnerships like this that will allow us to make an immediate impact on the learning process."



Meet the Super Bowl Raffle Winner

James Lombard of Bloomfield beat the odds and won the fabulous trip for two to the Super Bowl in Dallas. His prize included round trip airfare from Newark Airport, deluxe accommodations for four nights and a rental car. He and his wife are pictured here at the big game, with BEF Board member, Marva Hanks, Marva's husband, former NFL player, Merton Hanks, and their daughters, Milan and Maya. Congratulations, James and thank you for supporting the BEF. Thank you also to everyone who purchased a ticket and helped us raise over \$21,000 for the Bloomfield schools. Special thanks to BEF Board member, Marva Hanks and her husband, Marvin Hanks, who so generously donated the tickets to the Super Bowl Game, making this raffle a reality for BEF!

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