

The DSEF Phonathon is February 8th and 9th! This important fundraiser enables DSEF to provide a vast array of teacher-initiated grants to educators in all four of the Dover Sherborn Regional Schools.

Did you know that DSEF supports Green Technology?

“The Environmental Research, Science and Technology, and TV and Media classes at DSHS were awarded a DSEF grant to convert a diesel engine car into a vehicle that runs on vegetable oil,” explains Liz Friedman, a science teacher at the high school. “This project is important because it highlights a green alternative for engine fuel that can help lessen our dependence on nonrenewable resources like oil. Additionally, it helps promote eco-responsibility and sustainable thinking in the school and community. The project is currently underway, with the students diligently working to finish the car conversion process.”

DSEF also supports Interactive Whiteboard and LCD technology in the classrooms. Read on to learn how the teachers use this technology to enhance our children’s education.

“Thanks to the generosity of DSEF and POSITIVE, nearly every classroom in the middle school now has an Interactive Whiteboard and LCD projector”, states Keith Grove, who serves as the Technology Integrator at DSMS. “This technology enhances a teacher’s abilities by allowing them to structure their lessons digitally, increase the use of multimedia in lessons, provide more stimulating lessons, save classroom notes to be printed or uploaded to their wikis, and develop interactive lessons.”

“Furthermore, this technology has impacted students by raising interest and attentiveness. Students are more willing and able to come up to the board to demonstrate their thinking. They are more engaged, and pay attention for longer periods. This technology makes learning more fun.”

Gretchen M. Donohue, an English Teacher at DSHS adds. “I use the LCD projector in my English classroom every day. We use it in so many ways; such as looking at a full-color painting from MoMA to inspire our poems in Poetry Workshop, analyzing images as part of our Seeing Unit in AP Language and Composition, revising a paper as a class, or watching a quick clip of an author reading his or her work. The LCD makes it possible for my students to be inspired not only by our language but also by the visuals that are increasingly populating their (and our) world.”

Since 1984 the DSEF grant program has provided the school district nearly \$3,000,000 in awards. These funds have been used to enhance art, science, technology, athletics and cultural enrichment, as well as core curriculum in our schools.

DSEF is proud to support our schools! If you haven’t done so already, please consider supporting DSEF on February 8th and 9th during our annual fundraising phonathon.

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