



Congratulations to Amanda Patino at Wisconsin Hills Middle School



Grimaldi's Pizza - Corners of Brookfield

Elmbrook Education Foundation

Ben Franklin once said, "An investment in education pays the best interest." At the Elmbrook Education Foundation, our passion is education. We know that an educated child can reach amazing heights! We also know that a strong community builds strong schools, just as strong schools build strong communities. Most of all, we know the Elmbrook School District has an incredible staff, and we are so grateful.

The second annual Thank You Thursday, in partnership with The Corners of Brookfield, kicked off in early February with 822 thank you nominations to our staff and educators! Each Thursday through March 17, we randomly picked 10 of those nominated to win a \$25 The Corners of Brookfield gift card. Our weekly winners were featured on social media and the marquees at The Corners.

Congratulations to Amanda Patino, Wisconsin Hills Middle School, as the Thank You Thursday spotlight staff member. Amanda received the highest number of nominations for her amazing work in the classroom and on the stage. Amanda was surprised at WHMS with balloons and a \$250 gift card to The Corners of Brookfield and was celebrated on the Corners marquees on Bluemound and I94.

To wrap up our Thank You Thursday initiative, on Thursday, March 10, all Elmbrook staff members were treated to lunch courtesy of the Elmbrook Education Foundation, The Corners of Brookfield, and Grimaldi's Pizza. A very special thank you to Grimaldi's Pizza - feeding 1,300 people is no small feat! Please show your support for those who support Elmbrook teachers by dining at Grimaldi's and shopping at The Corners.

Preparations have begun for the *seventh annual Elmbrook Education Foundation Circle of Friends* event, being held

Thursday, May 12, 2022, at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield from 4:30-7:00pm. Last year this event sold out with over 250 attendees. Proceeds from Circle of Friends will go towards future EEF grant requests. Each year, our grant application window opens on February 1 and is open to all teachers, students, or parents. Grants must support the Mission and Vision statements of the Elmbrook School District; promote innovation, educational excellence, and/or creativity; impact a significant number of students and/or staff; provide direct impact to students' education; establish long term benefit to the school district; exhibit the potential to be implemented district-wide.

Circle of Friends brings together students displaying innovation from their respective schools, area restaurants offering a diverse assortment of food for attendees, district musicians showcasing their many talents, and members of the Elmbrook school community who will be raising funds to benefit the district. Sponsorship opportunities are available! Register now at <https://COF22.givesmart.com>.

The eighth annual EEF Golf Open will take place at Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex on Tuesday, June 14, with proceeds benefiting the LAUNCH program in our high schools. LAUNCH brings professionals and students together to give those students real-life, profession-based experiences. What these students learn can never be taught in a classroom. These experiences give students an inside look at what their professional path may be in order to focus on that path in college, technical school, or in the workforce. For those businesses involved, they have established a connection with their future workforce. It's a win-win for all involved!

For more information on the Elmbrook Education Foundation or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact Beth Dobrzynski: ELMBROOKEducationFoundation@gmail.com.