

2024 IMPACT REPORT



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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...



2024 was another banner year for the Governor Mifflin Education Foundation (GMEF), marked by our commitment to enhance educational experiences for our students. We proudly continued our support for the Summer Zone program, which held many course offerings and saw increased student participation, allowing learners to explore high-interest topics in a camp-like environment. Our Mifflin Reads program provided book bundles to inspire a love for reading throughout the year.

Our signature event, Night Out at LedgeRock, held in October, was a big success as we honored remarkable individuals, including our Distinguished Alumni, Dr. Pooja Lakshmin (Class of 2002), Mr. Ron Klee, our Community Impact Award winner, and Janemarie McKay, Educator Emeritus. Thanks to our generous sponsors and donors, we continued to fund innovative learning initiatives within our district. The GMEF Pickleball Classic was also a highlight, and we look forward to its growth alongside the sport's rising popularity.

None of this would have been achieved without the hard work and dedication of our Executive Director securing grants and donations by smartly expanding our funding sources and making our 2024 fundraising and friendraising events successful.

As GMEF continues to expand, we are thrilled to welcome new board members who bring fresh ideas and energy to our mission. Each event we host helps spread awareness of our initiatives, and I invite the community to join us in this vital work.

As a resident, GM graduate, and parent of both a GM graduate and a current student, I look forward to this growth so that GMEF can continue to support innovation and the overall learning experience of our students.

David A. Miller, Esq.
Board President
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A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...



2024 marked a momentous year for GMEF as we proudly celebrated three decades of supporting innovation in education. Thanks to the generous contributions from our donors, the efforts of the competitive Alumni Challenge (congratulations to the Class of 1987—three time champion), successful fundraisers, grants, and a remarkable 319% increase in EITC funding, we remained steadfast in our mission to support innovative initiatives, programs, and purchases within the Governor Mifflin School District.

We continued our partnerships with Community Aid and the Literacy Council of Reading Berks (WOW!), awarded scholarships to seven deserving seniors, and funded thirteen grants, while also receiving two substantial grants to bolster our efforts. Our commitment to our three-year Strategic Plan, which extends into 2026, continues to drive our initiatives. We successfully organized five fundraisers—our most ever—including a memorable event at GMACC with the Harlem Wizards. All proceeds from fundraising directly supported our mission of funding and enhancing educational projects, enabling our dedicated educators to offer students innovative, experiential, and future-focused learning experiences.

We are thankful for your ongoing support as a sponsor, donor, fundraiser attendee, or volunteer; your commitment has been pivotal to our achievements. As you review our accomplishments in 2024 and our aspirations for 2025, we thank you for joining us on this journey.

With gratitude,
Beth (Faust) Stanislawczyk
GMEF Executive Director
GM Class of 1987

Notable:

- 62% of GMEF Board of Directors are GM Alumni
- 100% of the GMEF Board of Directors made financial contributions in 2024

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Trout in the Classroom (TIC)

Funding from a GMEF grant, facilitated the culmination of the district's Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program, with a collaborative event where STROUD Water experts assisted students in assessing the health of Wyomissing Creek before the release of trout. Approximately 250 students from various grade levels engaged in hands-on learning across different stations focusing on ecosystems, water quality, habitats, and the study of micro/macroinvertebrates.

-submitted by Brecknock Innovation & Gifted Support Teacher, Tori Bilger



Planet Bee

A Mustang Mini-Grant aimed to establish a thriving beekeeping program at Brecknock Elementary by completing the setup of apiaries, including frames, foundation, and NUC bee colonies, while also providing mentorship for at least three teachers interested in beekeeping. In May, three hives were successfully established and thrived over the summer. The colonies focused on producing honey to sustain themselves through winter. The project hoped to cultivate an appreciation for bees and their ecological importance while providing valuable skills and knowledge to students and teachers alike.

- submitted by Mifflin Park Innovation & Gift Support Teacher, Mark Engle



Virtual Author Visit

GMEF funding enabled a virtual author visit from Ekiuwa Aire, who focused on pre-slavery African history. She taught students that Black culture has deep roots in rich African kingdoms, emphasizing themes like self-belief and resilience. Her engaging sessions helped students recognize the historical richness of Black culture. Additionally, as Ekiuwa read from her book, students tied the content to their writing unit by noting character traits and supporting their observations with evidence, enhancing their learning experience made possible through the grant funding.

-submitted by Mifflin Park Second Grade Teacher, Ryan Katzenmoyer



The Show Must Go On

GMEF proudly supported the arts by funding costumes for the GMHS Spring Swing production of *Six: Teen Edition*. Established in 1959, GMHS Spring Swing is the longest-running Broadway-style high school musical program in Pennsylvania and the second oldest on the East Coast, showcasing a rich tradition of performance and artistic expression. This contribution played a vital role in maintaining the program's legacy.

-submitted by GMHS Spring Swing Director, Alison Clark



Flexible Seating

In December, GMEF awarded a grant to enhance student engagement at GMMS by implementing flexible seating options. This initiative was intended to create an adaptable learning environment that meets the diverse needs of all students. Preliminary data from various class periods, both before and after adopting flexible seating, showed significant improvements in student focus, participation, and behavior. These findings highlight the benefits of flexible seating in promoting engagement and reducing distractions.

-submitted by GMMS Intervention Specialist, Rebecca Boyer

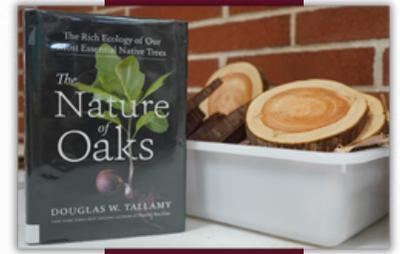


2024 GMEF GRANTS

The Nature of Oaks

Brecknock's Oak Tree Project, supported by a grant, enhances the science curriculum through hands-on learning. Students conducted a seed study to discover ideal plant growth locations and participated in a K'nex challenge to explore optimal soil types. The grant facilitated the purchase of oak trees, crucial for diverse ecosystems and various species. Students devised a plan to observe and compare the trees and their wildlife. They also had a brief Zoom session with Doug Tallamy, the inspiring author and entomologist. This initiative promotes environmental awareness, connects science units across grades, and enriches students' learning experiences while encouraging passion projects.

-submitted by Brecknock Elementary School Reading Specialist, Trisha Nierle



My Jersey - Your Impact

The GMSD 2024-2025 My Jersey Your Impact program, supported by the Governor Mifflin Education Foundation, successfully launched building-wide pep rallies and new keepsake T-shirts this fall. Over 40 teachers and staff were celebrated during Homecoming week, eliciting emotional responses as senior athletes shared the positive impact these educators have made. The T-shirts serve not only as lasting mementos but also as a visible reminder of their influence within the community. This initiative fostered pride among students, allowing them to express gratitude on a larger scale, and reinforced the enduring connection between students and their chosen teachers far beyond the event.

submitted by GMSD Athletic Director, John Guiseppa



ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY GRANTS

In 2024, the Governor Mifflin Education Foundation (GMEF) successfully facilitated two Access & Opportunity Grants aimed to provide students with access to educational experiences that could have a significant and lasting impact on their lives - experiences that may not have been possible without the financial support provided by GMEF.

One grant enabled a student to enroll in Alvernia University's Total Experience Learning Institute, where they studied sustainable energy in hopes of developing a cost-effective, environmentally friendly thermoelectric generator. The second grant provided financial assistance for a student to attend a summer program at one of our nation's military academies.

By providing access to these valuable experiences, GMEF not only enriched individual futures but also helped to foster a community of innovators and leaders ready to contribute meaningfully to society.

Journalists in Action

With a grant from GMEF, Journalism I students visited Swartz Farm, a local small-scale farming business. Prior to the visit, they participated in activities to explore resources and choose story topics related to the United Nations Global Goals. During the tour, led by Dennis and Alyssa Swartz, students conducted interviews and observed farm operations, enhancing their understanding of its community impact. This hands-on experience allowed them to gather firsthand information, develop reporting skills, and create articles on local economic impact and sustainable practices, ultimately providing valuable insights into the role of local businesses in promoting sustainability.

-submitted by GMHS Journalism teacher, Abby McKay



Empowering Musical Excellence

Governor Mifflin High School Indoor Percussion was the recipient of a grant that funded the purchase of a state-of-the-art competition mat. This essential equipment not only enhanced their performance aesthetics but also significantly impacted their ability to compete at a high level, supporting GMSD's talented musicians in their quest for a sixth consecutive region championship and the first Atlantic Coast Championship since 2019. The new mat also serves as a vital recruiting and retention tool, helping to attract and maintain the best musicians in the program.

-submitted by GMHS Indoor Percussion Director, Joshua Underwood

Upgrades to Enhance TV Broadcasts

The GMMS TV Studio was awarded a grant, allowing for a significant upgrade to their broadcasting equipment. With the addition of new high-quality HD cameras, adapters, and specialized training, the AV Club students in 7th and 8th grades are now able to produce high-quality live broadcasts of morning announcements and special events, greatly enhancing the viewing experience for middle school students and parents. These upgrades enable the delivery of superior images and video in their daily multi-camera presentations, fostering community and engagement as students begin their day connected to the GMMS experience through their YouTube channel.

Watch them Online on You Tube @GMMS AV Club

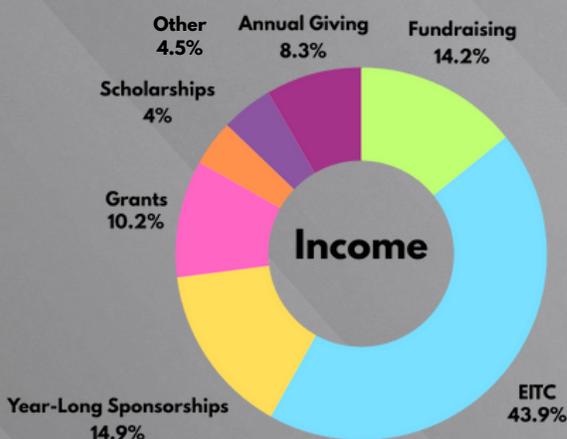
-submitted by GMMS TV Studio Directors, Stephanie Carter & Travis Williamson

Raising Hope

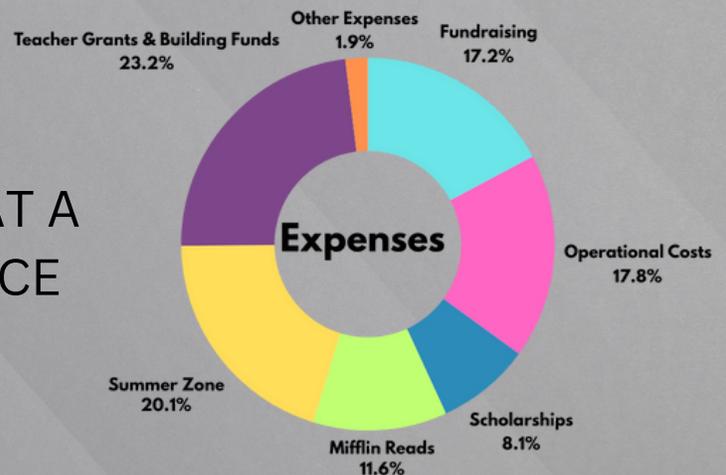
In November, Threads of Success received grant funding to support a t-shirt fundraiser during Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. This initiative was crucial as it directly supported Governor Mifflin students and families, including over 60 families qualified under the McKinney Vento Act and other students in need of basic resources. The t-shirts raised awareness about homelessness and hunger in the school community, educating peers and promoting support for Threads of Success, a student-led organization committed to providing essential resources such as food, clothing, and hygiene supplies. The funds generated from this initiative helped replenish inventory in the confidential space they have created for homeless and unaccompanied youth at the school, ensuring that all students had access to necessary support.

-submitted by GMHS Social Worker, Ashley Berg

In 2024, GMEF funded over \$16,000 in teacher driven grants, which are considered and awarded on a rolling basis throughout the school year.



2024 AT A
GLANCE



The signature programs that we support:



The Governor Mifflin Educational Foundation (GMEF) has effectively utilized funds from the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program and grants to enhance the educational experiences of Governor Mifflin School District (GMSD) students. A significant initiative, supported by both EITC and the Hiller Charitable Trust, is Mifflin's Summer Zone program. This innovative summer program provides students with robust educational opportunities in a camp-like environment, facilitated by GMSD teachers. Summer Zone focuses on engaging topics such as music, math, robotics, biology, physics, art, literacy, and digital technology, enabling students to explore learning beyond the traditional classroom. This past summer, GMEF funding allowed Governor Mifflin students to participate in 25 high-interest and challenging "Zones" at no cost, fostering curiosity and a love for learning during the summer months.

Detectives at work during the 2024 Crime Scene Detective Zone



Mifflin Reads

Mifflin Reads initiative is designed to be a year-round effort helping to ensure that all students have access to books, regardless of socioeconomic status. The Governor Mifflin Education Foundation helps provide take-home book bundles for students and supports reading efforts throughout the district.

BOOK VENDING MACHINES

In 2021, the Governor Mifflin School District introduced book vending machines in all four elementary schools to enhance literacy. These machines offer students meaningful reading choices and the opportunity to take home books, nurturing a love for reading and building personal libraries. Thanks to a generous donation from the Fred and Bonnie Savage Foundation, the Governor Mifflin Education Foundation (GMEF) purchased books for the machines, promoting reading engagement across grade levels and reinforcing the idea that increased reading leads to improved skills. The Governor Mifflin community extends heartfelt thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Savage for their support in fostering a strong reading culture among students.

BOOK BUNDLES

In November, GMEF played a pivotal role in advancing literacy initiatives by supporting the distribution of BOOK BUNDLES. Partnering with the district's Reading Intervention Instructional Coaches, we helped to facilitate the purchase and distribution of age-appropriate books to over 800 K-6 students. This \$10,000 contribution provided access to engaging reading materials, promoting literacy at home and demonstrating GMEF's commitment to educational equity.

Why Reading at a Young Age Matters

The evidence is overwhelming. Introducing a child to reading gives them one of the most important personal habits they'll need to have a successful career and a happy, productive life.

"First, it is difficult to overstate the importance of getting children off to an early successful start in reading."
—What Reading Does for the Mind

15 minutes / day of independent reading can = **1 million+** words in a year.*



Children without basic literacy skills when they enter school are **3-4 times** more likely to drop out later.*



Reading to a child in an interactive style raises his or her IQ by over **6 points.***

Daily reading to children puts them almost **1 year** ahead of those who are not being read to.*



"For the majority of young people, enthusiastic and habitual reading is the single most predictive personal habit for the ability to achieve desirable life outcomes."*
—After School Library Brief

The U.S. Dept. of Education maintains that avid reading promotes:

- ✓ Speech
 - ✓ Confidence
 - ✓ Memorization
- #1 better skills acquisition #2 superior grades #3 a desirable life as measured by income, profession, employment

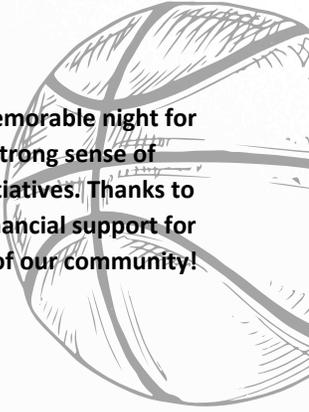
Good readers often have more financially rewarding jobs. They are **2.5x** more likely to earn \$850 or more a week.*

Children who read 3,000 words per day will be in the top 2% of standardized tests | Children who read 20 words per day will be in the bottom 2% of standardized tests

2024 Fundraisers & "Friend"raisers...

Harlem Wizards vs GMSD Staff

In January, the Harlem Wizards captivated our community during their visit to the new GMACC, creating a memorable night for over 1,000 attendees from Mustang Nation. The event was filled with dancing, cheering, laughter, and a strong sense of camaraderie as students, teachers, principals, and community members united in support of our district's initiatives. Thanks to everyone's participation, we successfully raised crucial funds for each of our six district buildings, ensuring financial support for deserving projects in need of funding. The energy and enthusiasm of the evening truly exemplified the spirit of our community!



A shout-out to our friends at New Castle Lawn and Landscape, Inc. for assisting with our Fall install! We are grateful for your support.



GMEF'S Commemorative Court

The Commemorative Court, situated by the flagpole in front of Governor Mifflin High School, offers a meaningful opportunity to honor recent graduates, alumni, current or former employees, volunteers, or residents through personalized bricks or pavers. This initiative not only celebrates connections to the Governor Mifflin community but also solidifies lasting ties with friends and family. Bricks and pavers are installed biannually in Spring and Fall, and in 2024, 20 new additions were added to the Commemorative Court!



Feeling nostalgic or looking for a unique gift... order your brick or paver today!

GMEF Pickleball Classic

In June, GMEF successfully hosted the GMEF Pickleball Classic, attracting over 60 registered participants along with numerous community members who came out as spectators and volunteers. The event not only showcased the excitement of pickleball but also included a "learn to play" session held a few weeks prior, giving new "picklers" the chance to experience the fastest-growing sport in America. The overall enthusiasm and participation made the event a resounding success, furthering our commitment to engaging the community in fun and entertaining ways.

Congratulations to our 2024 WINNERS!
and a big THANK YOU to all of our participants!



Mustang Mixer

To kick off the new school year, GMEF hosted a mixer at Paolo's, celebrating shared memories and experiences from Governor Mifflin. Open to not just alumni but all friends of Mustang Nation, attendees enjoyed connecting over past and present stories. Each participant received a classic Mustang insulated tumbler as a keepsake. The event was further highlighted by receiving a thumbs up from our 1,000th Facebook follower. As the second annual event, it continues to gain traction, and we eagerly anticipate expanding it even further in 2025.



To keep up with GMEF, be the first to know about fun events we are planning, and to see the impact that we are making, please follow us on Facebook at: [GMEducationFoundation](#)

NYC Bus Trip

On December 7th, GMEF organized a fully booked bus trip to New York City for the second consecutive year. Participants had the freedom to explore the city at their leisure—whether it was sightseeing, holiday shopping, enjoying festive attractions, or catching a performance!

All proceeds supported GMEF Scholarships.



Night Out at LedgeRock Golf Club

In October, the Governor Mifflin Education Foundation (GMEF) hosted its annual Night Out at LedgeRock Golf Club, an event dedicated to recognizing and celebrating individuals who bring honor and credit to the Governor Mifflin School District. The Inspiration Awards highlighted the exceptional contributions of those who impact our community and serve as role models, fostering inspiration among our students. This gathering not only acknowledged outstanding achievements but also strengthened the bonds within our educational community.



This year's honorees were:
Educator Emeritus:
Mrs. Janemarie (Burger) McKay
Community Impact Award Winner:
Mr. Ronald Klee
Distinguished Alumni:
Dr. Pooja Lakshmin, Class of 2002
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Thank you to our 2024 Night Out Sponsor...

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The memorable night was filled with friends and fun and featured music by Scotti Mann, a fantastic raffle and a silent auction, along with the ever-popular wine pull. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the over 200 guests who attended, as their support is vital to our mission of funding and promoting projects, programs, and initiatives within the Governor Mifflin School District.

For biographies of former selections and information on how to submit nominations for our Distinguished Alumni, Community Impact Award, or Educator Emeritus Recognition, please visit our website at:
<https://www.gmsd.org/governor-mifflin-education-foundation>.

Proceeds from GMEF fundraisers support our mission, which is grounded in funding and supporting innovative programs, projects, purchases, and initiatives in the Governor Mifflin School District.



GMEF

INSPIRATION AWARDS

Recognizing and celebrating those who bring honor and credit to the Governor Mifflin School District, impact our community, and create inspiration for our students!

Nominations:

Applications will be accepted through June 30th. Nomination forms will be reviewed by a committee comprised of Foundation members and school district representatives. To expedite the review process, please ensure this application is as thorough and as detailed as possible.

Nomination Form:

<https://bit.ly/GMEFinspirationawards>



Selections:

One or more award winners will be selected and announced in August.

Recognition:

Recipients will be honored in the Fall at our annual Night Out at LedgeRock Golf Club.

Questions:

Beth Stanislawczyk, Executive Director
beth.stanislawczyk@gmsd.org

Distinguished Alumni:

This category recognizes alumni who have made significant achievements in their respective professional field and/or a legacy of service they have impressed on their community.

Criteria considerations for candidates:

- Graduated at least 15 years prior to the nomination (required)
- A consistent history of personal commitment to outstanding character, scholarship, leadership, and service within their professional field
- Contributions to their respective field in an exemplary and demonstrable manner
- Exemplary community service in a variety of areas evidenced by strong documentation, letters of recommendations, and other service awards
- Participation in a single exceptional achievement and/or humanitarian effort

Community Impact:

This category recognizes individuals who have made a significant impact on the Governor Mifflin School District and/or the Greater Governor Mifflin Community with their legacy of service. Individuals nominated do not need to be Governor Mifflin alumni. Criteria considerations for candidates:

- A strong service background to Greater Governor Mifflin Community
- A history of generously donating their time and talent to social programs, non-profit organizations, and/or community activities

Educator Emeritus:

This category recognizes retired Governor Mifflin educators who have made a significant impact to the Governor Mifflin School District. Individuals nominated do not need to be Governor Mifflin alumni. Criteria considerations for candidates:

- A proven commitment to Governor Mifflin students and education
- Submissions of 2+ nominations received from students, colleagues, and/or community members (required)

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EITC Funding:

Governor Mifflin Education Foundation is an approved participant in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program which awards tax credits up to 90% to approved businesses and individuals. EITC funding supports innovative initiatives, programs, and purchases in our schools.

For more information on participating in EITC, email Beth Stanislawczyk at beth.stanislawczyk@gmsd.org.

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Governor Mifflin School District WINS! For the past several years, GMEF has utilized funds received from the EITC to provide Mifflin's Summer Zone free of charge to families. With an increase in funding this year, we are thrilled to expand our offerings and introduce new initiatives that will further benefit the Governor Mifflin School District!



Grants Received:

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Professional Development - TExPL



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Mifflin Summer Zone

Albright College Total Experience Learning Masters of Innovation & Entrepreneurship Program

The support from our generous donors has made a remarkable difference in professional development within our district, allowing us to sponsor five educators to pursue a Master's Certificate of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Education at Alvernia University. This 12-credit certificate program, offered at the Total Experience Learning Center, typically takes about a year to complete.

The significance of this program extends beyond individual educators; it enriches the educational landscape as a whole. Total Experience Learning (TExPL) Professional Development provides dynamic opportunities that enhance instructional practices and foster student engagement. By revitalizing the curriculum, this initiative supports effective teaching methods leading to positive student growth.

TExPL is designed to create a personalized learning experience, encouraging educators to engage in meaningful activities and collaborate with peers. Through reflection on their learning, educators can set professional goals that directly impact their teaching practices. Ultimately, this program empowers educators to refine their methods, yielding a positive influence on student learning outcomes and contributing to a vibrant educational environment in our district.



Through hands-on learning, real-world problem-solving, & collaboration, students gain essential life skills that enhance their futures & communities. Together, we're empowering the next generation to discover their passion, build careers, and thrive!

TExPL Donors:
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John ('65) & Karen Scholl



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Staff members were able to wear jeans to work every other Friday in exchange for their Jeans Day donations. We extend our gratitude to the following donors who generously contributed to the Staff Campaign through this opportunity...



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Staff Stampede to Benefit Grants

Contributions from the Staff Stampede, along with support from the GMEF's Annual Giving Campaign, help fund teacher-driven grants within the Governor Mifflin School District. Teachers can apply for Mustang Mini-Grants of up to \$1,500 to support impactful programs, projects, or purchases for student learning. In 2024, larger requests were made available through the THINK BIG! grant program. Additionally, GMSD staff members may apply for Access & Opportunity Grants to benefit students facing financial hardships, ensuring they have access to enriching educational experiences that may not otherwise be available.

In 2024, GMEF financially supported eight Mustang Mini-Grants, three Think BIG! Grants, and two Access & Opportunity Grants!

A big thank you to the following staff members who contributed to the Staff Stampede through an outright contribution or through payroll deduction:

Amy Diggan
Sue Hepner
Lisa (Templin) Hess '92
Gwen Keiffer-Blatt
Laura (Gudikunst) Kline '07
Alexandria (Burkhart) McNabb '01
Jen (Satz) Pleam '92
Jaclyn Posa

Emily Rouch
Lisa Smith
Elaine Snyder '90
Cynthia Stevens
Stephanie Stubbs
Marcy Sweigart
Sue Wentling



Congratulations to our 2024 Scholarship Recipients:

For more information on GMEF scholarship management, please email
Beth Stanislawczyk, Executive Director at beth.stanislawczyk@gmsd.org.

The Linn Family Scholarship - \$1,000/yr for 4 years

Nolan Morris

The Linn Family Scholarship is sponsored by the family of former GM teacher, head football coach, and Athletic Director, Ray W. Linn. It is awarded to a student-athlete who was a varsity letter winner and has demonstrated financial need. The recipient must be planning to attend a four-year college/university for a degree in education.



The Eric Steven Pfisterer Memorial Award - \$2,000

Braeden Ruth

The "Family" of Eric Pfisterer sponsors this scholarship which is awarded to a graduating senior who has excelled, strived, and persevered in spite of having some form of hardship or disability. The recipient must be continuing their education at a college/university or trade school.



GMEF "STEAM" Scholarships

Carter Adams - \$2,000 Recipient

Sara DeLoretta - \$1,500 Recipient

This GMEF sponsored scholarship will be awarded to a Governor Mifflin graduating senior who is planning to further their education through trades/skills training OR at a college/university in a STEAM-related discipline (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Math). This could include a secondary education major with a STEAM concentration. The recipient must have a GPA of 3.0 or greater.



The Lucy J. Faust Nursing Scholarship - \$1,000

Hailey Webster

Members of the Faust family annually sponsor the Lucy J. Faust Nursing Scholarship which is awarded to a student entering an accredited nursing program at a nursing school or a college/university. The recipient must be involved in at least one extra-curricular activity and have a GPA of 3.33 or greater.



The Jonathan Fordyce Meter Scholarship Fund - \$750

Madelyn Ross

Sponsored by the Meter and Cannon families, and in memory of Jonathan Meter, this scholarship is awarded to a student-athlete with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who has demonstrated a commitment to community service.



Betty McComsey Music Scholarship - \$500

Frianna Farfan

Established by the Sea and Johnson families, The Betty McComsey Music Scholarship is awarded yearly to a student who demonstrates enthusiasm and leadership and has a desire to continue playing beyond high school.



The Nancy Brady Leadership Fund

Governor Mifflin SGA Alumni are collaborating with GMEF, GMHS, and GMMS to ensure that the legacy of long-time SGA advisor, Mrs. Nancy Brady, lives on through Governor Mifflin Students for years to come. In the spirit of Mrs. Brady's legacy, the mission of the fund is to support impactful, innovative, and inspirational programs and activities for the students of Governor Mifflin Middle and High Schools. During her time at Governor Mifflin, Mrs. Brady challenged student leaders to develop activities that would be fun, meaningful, and memorable across the student body. Her unique and groundbreaking leadership-focused initiatives were recognized not only within our local community, but also across the state and on a national level. Priority will be given to funding activities with a broad-reaching impact, such as bringing motivational speakers to the Mifflin campus or sponsoring Spirit Week programs inclusive of all students. In support for leadership development, students may also apply for grants or scholarships to help offset travel or registration expenses for leadership conferences and experiences. With your assistance, we can help Mrs. Brady's legacy live on and continue to inspire Mifflin students for many years to come.

To make a contribution to the Nancy Brady Leadership Fund, please use the QR code to your right.



Save the dates...

**2025 GMEF
Events**



GMEF Pickleball "Learn to Play"
5.3.2025

GMEF Pickleball Classic
5.17.2025

GMEF Summer Scramble & Social @ Chapel Hill Golf Course
8.2.2025

Night Out at LedgeRock & Inspiration Award Recognition
10.23.2025

NYC Bus Trip
12.6.2025

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Lisa Peterson '85
Dan '90 & Erin (McComsey) '93 Sea
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Marc Stanislawczyk '90
Cynthia Stevens
Stephanie Stubbs
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Why give...



Whether you are a GM Alumni or a friend of Mustang Nation, your generous support plays a crucial role in advancing our mission to fund projects, programs, and initiatives within the Governor Mifflin School District. These contributions enable our educators to provide students with innovative and experiential and future-focused educational experiences. We invite everyone connected to Governor Mifflin to consider making a contribution in 2025. Together, let's continue to make a meaningful impact on our students and their educational journey! With your help we can continue to provide excellent educational experiences and make a tremendous difference in a child's life as we strive to make Governor Mifflin School District a place where everyone loves to teach and learn!

Each year, we track and total alumni donations to celebrate the most impactful graduating class. In 2024, we saw participation from 22 different classes. For the third consecutive year, the Class of 1987 has emerged as the leader! Congratulations to the Class of 1987, our three-time champions of the Alumni Challenge!

Because of generous support from donors, we have been able to provide...

- Book Bundles for over 800 students
- Summer Zone tuition for hundreds of participants
- equipment and supplies for the GMIS Learning Lab
- state-of-the-art upgrades to the GMMS TV Studio
- a sizeable contribution toward Cumru's Strider Bike Program
- support for the Victory Garden at the Updike House & Museum
- scholarships for deserving seniors
- tournament registration fees for the GMIS Vex Robotics Team
- archival supplies for the GMHS to preserve GMSD historical finds
- financing for Mifflin Park's Community Garden
- college application fees for students in need
- Trout in the Classroom support
- funding to support homelessness & hunger awareness

Please use the QR code above to make a donation! Donations can also be mailed to:
Governor Mifflin Education Foundation
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The Governor Mifflin Education is a 501(c)(3) organization and your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Mifflin Memorial Arboretum

In 2024, Senior Garrett Hyneman spearheaded a student-driven initiative to create the Mifflin Memorial Arboretum, aimed at enhancing greenery and providing shade to our campuses. By donating \$250, individuals can honor someone special with a dedicated tree, while contributions of any amount are welcome to support this meaningful project. Garrett collaborated with the Operations Department, the GMSD School Board, and Shillington Borough to identify suitable locations for planting trees, which will be tended to by various school clubs and student volunteers over the years. Additionally, he is partnered with the Governor Mifflin Education Foundation to raise funds, with plans to recognize donors through engraved bricks placed at the base of each tree. Those interested in supporting the arboretum and learning more about the project can visit: <https://givebutter.com/MifflinMemorialArboretum>



In August, we launched an exciting #clearthelist campaign, with over 70 GM educators sharing their classroom wish lists on our Facebook page. This enabled Mustang Nation to step in and help out! We randomly awarded five lucky educators \$100 Amazon gift cards, and everyone else received a \$25 gift card to kick off the school year. The incredible support from our community truly showcased the strength of Mustang Nation in enhancing resources for our teachers.

Congratulations to the 2024 \$100 winners:

Sandra Roeder (Special Education, High School)

McKenna Ryan (5th grade, GMIS)

Ashley Smith (1st grade, Mifflin Park)

Christine Stulak (School Psychologist, High School)

Kelly Zweizig (Kindergarten, Brecknock)

#clearthelist



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Based upon our contributions,
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and families in our district.



Word of the Week

Hobnob (verb)

Brought to you by:



Looking to boost your vocabulary...

In 2024, GMEF continued its collaboration with the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks bringing the Word of the Week (WOW!) initiative to our school community. Each week, a new and impactful vocabulary word was introduced and visible on the district digiboard and shared in every school building. Coming soon, WOWs! will also make their way into local businesses, restaurants, and offices!



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END OF SUMMER SCRAMBLE AND SOCIAL



August 2, 2025

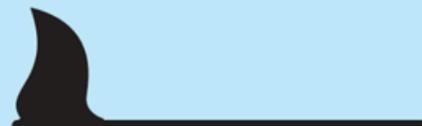
SCRAMBLE:

- \$100 / PERSON
 - SHOTGUN START AT 1PM
 - PINT GLASS OR INSULATED CUP FOR FIRST 100 REGISTERED
 - HOLE-IN-ONE & OTHER COURSE CONTESTS
 - SOCIAL INCLUDED IN COST
 - MUCH MORE TO COME...
- 



Registration
Opens
June 1st

SOCIAL:

- \$30 / PERSON
 - DOORS OPEN AT 5PM
 - BBQ STYLE BUFFET
 - LIVE MUSIC
 - CASH BAR
 - RAFFLES
 - GIVEAWAYS
- 



-GM STAFF RECOGNITION AT EACH HOLE
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MISSION

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VISION

The future of any community is found in the classrooms of today. The Governor Mifflin Education Foundation (GMEF) is committed to partnering with the school district, community, and other Governor Mifflin stakeholders in assuring that all students are afforded engaging and robust educational opportunities.



Great efforts have been taken to ensure the accuracy of this report. If there is an error, please accept our apologies and contact Executive Director, Beth Stanislawczyk, so accurate information can be documented. Thank you.